

May Memorial Baptist Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
April 28th, 2024

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God works outside the boundaries that humans set up for each other. The Ethiopian represents a world where people are not locked into areas, a world where the gospel message is not locked into areas either. The Ethiopian represents a world where the gospel message can move to people anywhere and any people can move to God at any time.

--Brian Blount

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music Sandra Parker
Welcome and Announcements Michael Edwards
Mission Announcement Sarah Seaman
Introit *Gather Us In* Voices of Unity

Ensemble:
Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

All:
**Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

*Call to Worship (based on John 15)

Kay Firda

We delight ourselves in the presence of Christ and his love for all creation.

Let us open our hearts to receive Christ's abundant love.

Christ calls us to see him as the vine and for us to become the branches.

Let us seek to produce much fruit in God's Garden where all are welcome.

Come, let us worship the Master Gardener, Creator of all that was, is and forever will be.

Let us worship God together. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 227

Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

*Invocation

Carlisle Davidhizar

Three Cents a Meal Offering

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the Children's Sermon.
After the Offertory Prayer, the children will go to Children's Church.)

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn No. 489

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Ed Utt
Giving of Tithes and Offering		
Music During Offering		Sandra Parker
* Doxology No. 253		OLD 100 TH (Altered)
Scripture Reading	<i>1 John 4:7-21</i>	Michael Edwards
Anthem	<i>Psalm 150</i>	Voices of Unity
Scripture Reading	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>	Maryvel Firda
Sermon	<i>Included</i>	Michael Edwards
* Hymn No. 546	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>	SAFETY
<p>During the Hymn of Response, we invite you to publicly profess your belief in Jesus Christ. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive believer's baptism. You may also respond by moving your membership to this church on a promise of a letter, or you may respond by re-dedicating yourself to Christ. The pastor will be available for prayer and consultation and would welcome your response.</p>		
* Benediction		Michael Edwards
* Benediction Music	<i>The Blessing</i>	Voices of Unity
* Postlude		Stuart Joerg

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Nick and Debbie Elam in honor of our Associate Pastor Carlisle Davidhizar and her family.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

So that we can get to know you, please complete the following and place it in the offering plate later in worship.

Guest Information

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Ages (circle) 0-12, 13-18, 19-35, 36-55, 56+

This Week at May Memorial:
Sunday, April 28
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Children's Church
Coalition Power Show
Tuesday, April 30
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
Wednesday, May 1
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry
4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids
5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal
6:15 p.m. Bingo Night
6:15 p.m. Youth Soul Food
Thursday, May 2
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday, May 4
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

May Memorial Staff

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Announcements

Jewelry Sale – May 5 to 8. Great idea for Mother's day gifts! The Rachael Circle will be accepting donations of jewelry on or before SUNDAY APRIL 28TH. This would be costume jewelry that you no longer wear that is in good condition. A donation box will be in the church office.

Intergenerational Mini Golf - Calling all children of God who like to mini golf! Sunday, May 19th we'll meet at the Windy Hill Sports Complex for snacks, fellowship, and a round of mini golf together. Cost is \$10. All ages welcome. Let Carlisle know if you're interested!

Books and Banter - May Memorial's Book Club is now reading *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Our next meeting is May 15 at 11:00 a.m. at The County Seat

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5th and 6th. We are partnering with Bridging RVA to prepare lunches and gifts for delivery to Powhatan Teachers. See Michael if you would like to help.

Sight and Sound Theater Trip - Senior Adult Trip to Sight and Sound Theater. August 5-6. We'll leave August 5th at 9:00, travel to Lancaster, see the Daniel Show on Tuesday, and come back home. Price and details coming soon. Contact Carlisle to sign up.

Intergenerational Mission Trip to Southwest Virginia. July 21-26th. Join us for 5 days of mission work to Virginia's Appalachian region. All ages and ability levels welcome! Price and details coming soon. Let Carlisle know if you are interested!

Vacation Bible School – Camp Create! June 10-13, 9:00 a.m. to noon. God is Creative and So Am I! We will build on our colorful, creative themes from last year. New stories and projects. Ages 4 to completed 5th grade.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs –

May 1, Baptist Bingo!

May 8, Greece Pilgrimage Travel Story by Group Members

May 15, *Name that Tune* by Stuart Joerg

May 22, *The Journey for Justice* by local author Sandra Rose Morris Kemp

Wednesday Night Meal – May 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Amish Haystack Dinner, Salad, and Shortcake Bar
After dinner we will have Baptist Bingo.

\$6 Adult/\$4 Child, \$20 Family Maximum
Pay at the meal with cash, check, or Venmo.

Name _____ # Adults _____ # Children _____

Prayer Request

Please add the following person to the May Memorial Prayer List:

May Memorial is a wonderful church family that provides opportunities for people of all ages to pursue their faith story through Worship, Spiritual Formation, Missions, and Fellowship.

We welcome children of all ages in worship with their families. There is a nursery provided as well as children's church. All our children's workers have undergone screening and background checks.

We thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray for God's blessing on you and your family.