

**Welcome to May Memorial Baptist Church!**

May Memorial is a wonderful church family that provides opportunities for people of all ages to nurture their faith and pursue their faith story through worship, Sunday School, youth (6th through 12th grade) and children's (infants through 5th grade) programs, adult choir, mission groups, and Bible study.

The Sunday worship schedule and weekly events are printed in the bulletin. If this is your first visit or you are a returning guest, we welcome you!

Restrooms are located through the doors beside the organ. Once in the hall, go down the steps to the right and the bathrooms will be directly in front of you. A water fountain is available in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Ushers are nearby to provide any assistance or information you may need. The pastor would like to meet you following the service. He will be at the door in the Narthex.

At May Memorial, we welcome children of all ages to worship with their families. There is a nursery available for children who are 4 and under. All of our friendly nursery volunteers are fully background-checked. The nursery is located behind the sanctuary through the doors behind the organ. Children who are in Kindergarten and up to 5th grade are welcome to exit the service for Children's Church at the time indicated.

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

**Welcome to our Guests!**

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

**Guest Information**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group(s):  13-18  19-25  26-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

**Our Staff:**

**Michael Edwards**

*Pastor*

**Carlisle Davidhizar**

*Associate Pastor*

**Stuart Joerg**

*Organist and*

*Director of Music*

**Sandra Parker**

*Pianist and*

*Choral Accompanist*

**Diana Schmitz**

*Church Secretary*

**Trish Hutchinson**

*Financial Secretary*

**Arlie Thomas**

*Facilities Coordinator*

**Clara James**

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**Announcements:**

**Your One...**Did you know that many people who are invited to a worship service will actually go? The power of a simple invitation is difficult to overstate. This year we, as a church family, will prayerfully consider one person we can invite to our Easter Sunday worship service, and then we will invite them! Our first step is to consider who "your one" is. A neighbor? Cashier at grocery store? Waiter? Mailman? Friend? Begin praying today who "your one" is! Who knows, maybe God will use you and a simple invitation to bring a person (or family) into God's family here at May Memorial.

**Scholarships**—It's time to submit applications for the 2023-24 school year MMBC Scholarship. Application forms, are available online and there are some on the magazine rack in the Commons Area, should be submitted with any required attachments no later than March 31, 2023 to the church office. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey, prlindsey1@verizon.net or 804-598-3038.

**Children and Youth Mini Golf and Lunch**—March 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Windy Hill Sport Complex, Midlothian. Cost for lunch and golf is \$10.00. RSVP to Carlisle a.s.a.p. Parents and friends welcome!

**Quarterly Business Meeting—Wednesday, March 8.** Please send reports to Cindy Wilkinson or the church office. Thank you.

**Rachael Circle Luncheon—Thursday, March 9.** More information will be in next week's bulletin.

**New Ladies Bible Study**—based on Melissa Spoelstra's Bible study book: *Isaiah*—will begin Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. and go through May 9. Registration fee is \$25.00 and includes study book. To sign up, please contact Jeanne Gibree at (401) 932-8214.

**The Table**—On Sunday, May 7 May Memorial will begin a new worship service that will meet each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Some of the words that our deacons are using to describe this service are...Early!...Bible-Based...Casual...Liturgically-Sound ...Thoughtful...Dynamic...Fresh Music...Hopeful...Contemplative.

The deacons, after much conversation, made the decision to move forward with this exciting new opportunity for our community. Nothing will change at the eleven o'clock service.

You can do two things as we move toward the launch of this new service:

First, pray. Pray that God will use this opportunity to draw people to Himself and the Church.

Second, consider attending The Table to help our church get it off the ground. Even if you prefer and will continue attending the eleven o'clock service, will you be one of the people who attends for a while to give it a good start?

# May Memorial Baptist Church



## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 26, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

*This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!*

## The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude Sandra Parker and Stuart Joerg

Welcome Michael Edwards

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession Michael Edwards

Silent Confession

Community Confession:

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.*

Assurance of Forgiveness Michael Edwards

\* Sung Response:

G Am D7 Gsus G C  
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

\* Hymn of Praise No. 16 LYONS  
*O Worship the King*

\* Invocation Carlisle Davidhizar

## The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Children's Sermon Carlisle Davidhizar  
and Three Cents a Meal Offering  
*Boxing the Alleluias*

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the children's sermon. After the Doxology, children are invited to leave the sanctuary on the right hand side to go to Children's Church.)

Prayers of the People  
Sharing of Prayer Requests  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer Michael Edwards  
The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that  
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.*

\* Offertory Hymn No. 292 ST. MARGARET  
*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me God*

Worship in Stewardship  
Offertory Prayer Christina Fredette  
Giving of Tithes and Offering

\* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> (ALTERED)

Old Testament Reading Carlisle Davidhizar  
*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

Anthem Adult Choir  
*Grace Alone*

Gospel Reading Michael Edwards  
*Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon Michael Edwards  
*Playing at Faith*

## The Community Responds to God's Word

\* Hymn No. 297 ELLERS  
*Search Me, O God*

## The Community Departs for Ministry

\* Benediction Michael Edwards

\* Announcements Carlisle Davidhizar

\* Postlude Stuart Joerg

\* Please stand as you are able.

### Upcoming Worship Services

**Palm Sunday Worship**  
April 2, worship at 11:00 a.m.  
and includes Children's Church

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

**Resurrection Sunday Worship**  
April 9, Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Children's Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

### This Week at May Memorial

**Sunday, February 26**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Children's Church

**Wednesday, March 1**  
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Team  
3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
5:00 p.m. Church Meal  
5:45 p.m. Bible Study  
5:45 p.m. Youth Soul Food

**Tuesday, February 28**  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

**Thursday, March 2**  
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday, March 4**  
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry  
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

### Wednesday Night Dinner

*March 1 at 5:00 p.m.*

*Cheese Soufflé with Stewed Tomatoes,  
Green Beans, and Boston Cream Pie*

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_