

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 are encouraged to stay with their families to participate in community worship. Children's activity bags with coloring and puzzles are available in the narthex and outside of the office across from the nursery.

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

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Announcements:

Children and Youth Mini Golf and Lunch—Today 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!

Baptism—Next Sunday is a baptism service during which Graham Bilthuis will receive Christian Baptism.

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.

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

Rachael Circle Luncheon—Thursday, March 9. The ladies will meet at Three Crosses Distilling Company for a meeting and lunch at noon.

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.

Upcoming Worship Services: Palm Sunday Worship, April 2, worship at 11:00 a.m. **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.

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?

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THE SECOND SUNDAY

IN LENT

Sunday, March 5, 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

* Call to Worship Carlisle Davidhizar

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or earth,

For God is found among us.

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

God is here among us.

Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
the God of People, the God of Community.

Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.

Let us worship together in faith.

* Hymn of Praise No. 14 LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* Invocation Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Children's Sermon Carlisle Davidhizar

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the children's sermon. After the children's sermon, they are invited to sit with their families and participate in worship with their children's bulletins.)

* Offertory Hymn No. 416 OLIVET
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Worship in Stewardship
Offertory Prayer Jeanan Krueger

Giving of Tithes and Offering
* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100TH (ALTERED)

Gospel Lesson Michael Edwards
John 3:1-17

Anthem Adult Choir
Assurance

Sermon Michael Edwards
The Biggest Question

The Community Responds to God's Word

* Hymn No. 146 PATRICIA
O How He Loves You and Me

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer (Ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Benediction Michael Edwards

* Announcements Carlisle Davidhizar

* Congregational Response
Blest Be the Tie

* Postlude Stuart Joerg

* Please stand as you are able.

This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, March 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

1:00 p.m. Children & Youth

Mini-Golf & Lunch

3:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 6

9:30 a.m. Powhatan Women's Club

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

1:00 p.m. Caregiver support group

6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds

Wednesday, March 8

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Team

10:00 a.m. Powhatan Women's Club

3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids

5:00 p.m. Church Meal

5:45 p.m. Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Saturday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

Wednesday Night Dinner

*March 8 - Stuffed Shells, Green Salad,
and Brownie Sundae Bar*

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

Name: _____ # Adults _____ # Children _____