

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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**

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**Announcements:**

**Your One...**

Did you know that many people who are invited to church will actually go? There is power in a simple invitation, especially when that invitation is to be a part of God's people. This spring we, as a church family, will prayerfully consider who is one person we can invite to worship on Easter Sunday.

Maybe it is your neighbor, or your mail carrier, or a waiter you've gotten to know, or a cashier at the grocery store, or a friend. Who is your one?

**March 19**—in worship we will write down the first name of "our one."

**March 26**—begin inviting "our ones" to worship on April 9

**April 9**—Resurrection Day! We will have a great day with our guests and following worship Pastor Michael and the deacons will follow up with our guests.

**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.

**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?

# May Memorial Baptist Church



## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 12, 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:



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to



God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.



We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

\* Hymn of Praise No. 383 SYMPHONY  
*We Are God's People*

\* Invocation Carlisle Davidhizar

## The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Scripture Reading Michael Edwards  
*Isaiah 43:1-7*

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 Doxology, children are invited to leave the sanctuary on the right hand side to go to Children's Church.)

Gospel Reading Michael Edwards  
*Matthew 3:13-17*

Sermon Michael Edwards  
*Finishing Your Baptism*

## The Community Responds to God's Word

Hymn No. 362 BUNESSAN  
*Baptized In Water*

Worship in Stewardship  
Offertory Prayer Gerald Hagen  
Giving of Tithes and Offering  
\* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> (ALTERED)

Men's Quartet Gabe Cosby, Les Miller  
*I Love You Lord* Ed Utt, Paul Vrooman

Baptismal Prayer Carlisle Davidhizar

We thank you, God, for water. By it you give life to plants, animals, and all humankind.

**We thank you that in the beginning your Spirit of creation moved over the face of the waters.**

We thank you for your rainbow covenant promise that emerged from the drowning flood waters.

**We thank you for safe passage of our ancestors through the Red Sea, passing from slavery to freedom.**

We thank you for quenching the thirst of our ancestors with water from the rock at Horeb.

**We thank you for the baptism of Jesus in the waters of the Jordan River.**

We thank you for Jesus who stilled raging water; who offered "living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life;" who washed the disciples' feet to signify their continuing vocation.

**We thank you, God, that you have led us by still waters.**

We thank you for the promise that one day justice will flow like waters, Righteousness like an everflowing stream.

**We thank you for creating us in the watery womb of our mothers and for recreating us in the watery womb of baptism, as we are "buried with Christ into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life." Amen.**

Candidate's Affirmation and Baptism

*Graham Bilthuis*

## The Community Departs for Ministry

\* Announcements Carlisle Davidhizar

\* Benediction Carlisle Davidhizar

\* Postlude Stuart Joerg

\* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed by Gwen and Gerald Hagen in memory of Janice Mitchell and Kaye Edwards.*

### This Week at May Memorial

#### Sunday, March 12

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

#### Tuesday, March 14

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
7:00 p.m. Backpacks of Love

#### Wednesday, March 15

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

#### Thursday, March 16

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

#### Saturday, March 17

Youth Mission Madness Weekend  
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry  
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

### *Wednesday Night Dinner*

*March 15 at 5:00 p.m.*

*Trout Amandine, Parsley Potatoes,  
Green Beans, and Banana Split Cake*

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

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