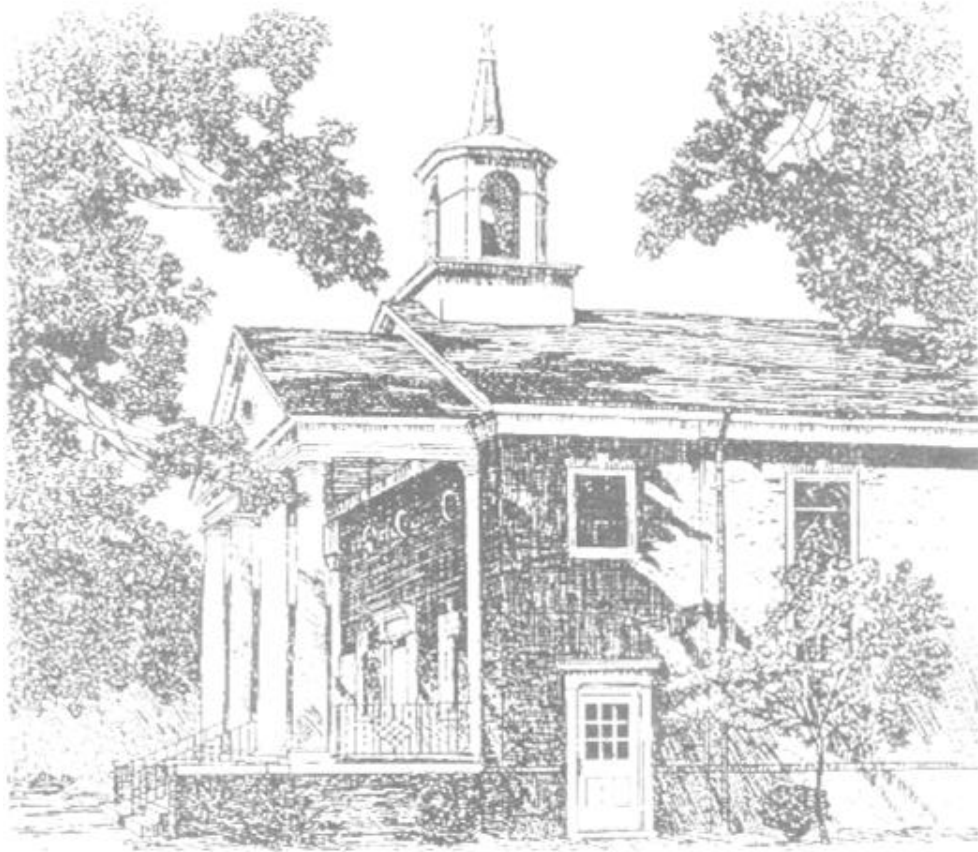


# May Memorial Baptist Church



*April 11, 2021  
11:00 a.m.*

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

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

# *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*Larghetto*

Peter Edison

Louis Spohr

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Congregational Call to Worship

Volunteer

When we are confused

**Lord, give us peace.**

When we are afraid

**Lord, give us peace.**

When we are lost in grief

**Lord, give us peace.**

**O God, meet us in this room**

**And grant us peace!**

Hymn of Praise No. 216

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Charles Wesley

\* Invocation

Volunteer

Kind and Loving God, You are greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

You are the Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, we ask that You breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

You speak with a still, small voice, and we ask for You to speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our community, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. **Amen.**

## *The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word*

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

(The children will come down to the front during the children's sermon. After the sermon, they will follow Ashley out for extended session.)

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Volunteer

Offertory Hymn No. 499

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Robert Cull

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Michael Edwards

\* *Doxology No. 253*

Offertory Prayer

Volunteer

Holy God, we continue to hold on to the celebration and triumph of Easter. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we affirm again the Resurrection power that we have seen in our lives, and so we say again, "Alleluia!" In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!

Gospel Reading

Michael Edwards

*John 21:1-19*

Choir Anthem

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser

Sermon

Michael Edwards

*The God of Second Chances*

### *The Community Responds to God's Word*

Hymn No. 210

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

William Featherston

### *The Community Departs for Ministry*

Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

*Recessional in A Minor*

Peter Edison

Lani Smith

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\* Please stand as you are able.

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**Spring Bible Study** – Transformed by Prayer. We will follow the recent book by James Martin, Learning to Pray. It is not required that you purchase the book, but it will guide our topics in discussions when we gather. Wednesdays beginning April 14, 11:00 a.m. at the church, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

**Sunday School** - We will begin a study of The Letter to the Romans, which has been called the Apostle Paul's masterpiece. The Apostle weaves so many themes together that reading the letter "sometimes feels like being swept along in a small boat on a swirling, bubbling river...and we need to hold on tight if we're going to stay on board" N. T. Wright observes. That's because Paul is introducing "God who unveils his power and grace through the good news about Jesus. And, as Paul insists again and again, this power and grace is available for everyone who believes."

**Small Mission Project for April:** Social Services Emergency Housing - The Rachael Circle will be collecting items for the Powhatan Social Services Emergency Home. This is a project led by Renee VanNatter at the Social Services office. Needs: \*Paper plates and plastic utensils \*Bottled water and non- perishable food items \*Twin mattress and pillow covers \*Gift cards to Walmart and Sheetz

**Sanctuary Flowers** - If you would like to place flowers for an upcoming Sunday service, please let the church office know which date and we will place you on the flower calendar. Thank you.

### **This Week at May Memorial**

#### **Sunday, April 11**

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Extended Session  
(no youth soul food)

#### **Tuesday, April 13**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, April 14**

11:00 a.m. Spring Bible Study  
4:00 p.m. Choir Ensembles  
4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

#### **Saturday, April 17**

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

### **Upcoming Children's Events**

June 6 – Family Pool Party  
June 16-19 Passport Kids, Eagle Eyrie

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

June 12 – Youth Pool Party  
June 13-18 Passport Camp,  
Greensboro College