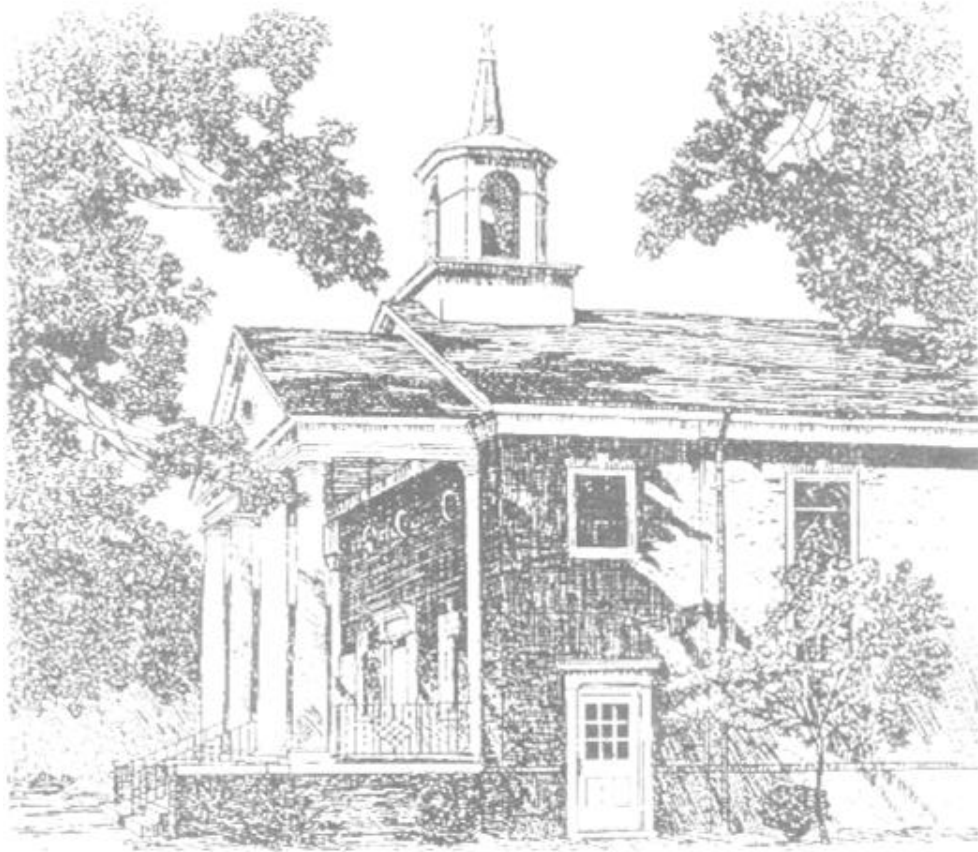


# May Memorial Baptist Church



*April 25, 2021  
11:00 a.m.*

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

# *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*The Pearl of Greatest Price*

Peter Edison

Michael Shea

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Congregational Call to Worship

Ashley Edwards

The Lord is my Shepherd

**I shall not want**

I seek the grace of God

**and my cup runneth over**

I seek the will of God

**and my cup runneth over**

I seek the strength of God

**and my cup runneth over**

How generous is God's love

**so much the world cannot contain it**

The Lord is my Shepherd

**and I lack nothing**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 54

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Chisholm

\* Invocation

Michael Edwards

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

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

(As *Jesus Love Me* is sung, 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

Michael Edwards

\* Offertory Hymn No. 61

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

William Bradbury

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Gary Cowles

\* *Doxology No. 253*

\* Offertory Prayer

Michael Edwards

Scripture Reading  
***1 John 3:16-24***

Heather Schmitz

Choir Anthem  
***Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You***

Jay Althouse

Psalmody  
**Psalm 23**

Andrew Snead

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Gospel Reading  
***John 10:11-18***

Heather Schmitz

Sermon  
***Who is Your Shepherd?***

Michael Edwards

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

\* Hymn

***Gentle Shepherd***

William Gaither

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
for we need you to help us find our way.**

**Gentle Shepherd come and feed us,  
for we need your strength from day to day.**

**There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;  
gentle Shepherd come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

### ***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\* Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

***Declaration***

Peter Edison

Fenton Groden

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\*Please stand as you are able

**Worship Ministry – New Practice Time: 5:00 p.m.** The choir has changed practice time to accommodate more people. Now is a great time to join the choir! New members are welcome!

**One Day Mission Project** - On Saturday, May 8 we will go to Meno to bundle firewood that will be sold to Bear Creek Lake State Park. This work will help fund the Meno, a Christian residential community for those affected by drug and alcohol addiction. We will meet at the church at 8:30 and return by 3:00. Lunch will be provided. To sign up call or email the church office.

**Habitat for Humanity** is collecting "gently used" appliances such as refrigerators, clothes washers, dryers and stoves. Also dining room and bedroom furniture (no mattresses), and cabinets. They will pick up the items. Call for a pick up: 804-594-7009.

**Spring Bible Study** – (This week Bible study will only be offered at 6:30 p.m.) 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, 11:00 a.m. at the church, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame!** In the Newsletter each week we will be including the (close and home) games for the children and youth at May Memorial over the next couple of months. If you would like to go to a game and cheer on our students, they would love to see and hear you cheering them on!

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

#### **Sunday, April 25**

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship, Extended Session  
5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

#### **Tuesday, April 27**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, April 28**

3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice

#### **Saturday, May 1**

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

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

June – Family Pool Party

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

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

*Michael Edwards, Pastor (804) 922-0101*

*Peter Edison, Organist*

*Trish Hutchinson, Financial Secretary*

*Ashley Edwards, Minister of Youth/Children*

*Diana Schmitz, Church Secretary*

*Andrew Snead, Minister of Music*