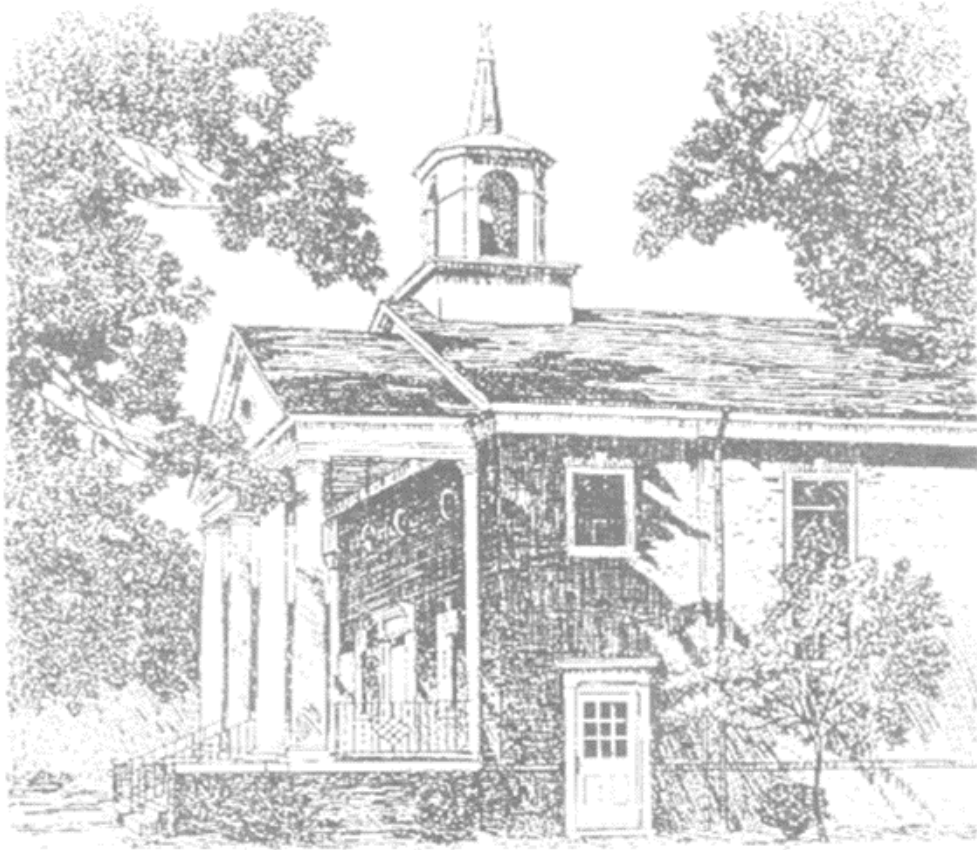


# May Memorial Baptist Church



*August 22, 2021  
11:00 a.m.*

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

## *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*I Must Tell Jesus*

Peter Edison  
by Robert J. Hughes

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Call to Worship

Michael Edwards

We gather to worship with many needs,  
We gather from many different places.

Some are ready to shout:

**“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD...”**

Some echo the psalmist’s anguish:

**“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD,  
hear my voice.”**

Some are looking for guidance and direction from the Word of God:

**“More to be desired is God’s Word than gold...  
sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”**

Some long passionately to be close to God:

**“As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God...”**

God stands ready and able to respond to our needs.

In that assurance, let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise No. 469

*Revive Us Again*

by William P. Mackay

\* Invocation

Michael Edwards

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

Three Cents a Meal Offering

Michael Edwards

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front during the children’s sermon. After the children’s sermon, the children will remain in worship and follow Debbie Elam out for Extended Session after the Doxology.)

Blessing of the Backpacks

Michael Edwards and  
Andrew Snead

\* Hymn No. 268

*The Love of Christ Who Died for Me*

by Timothy Dudley-Smith

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

\* Offertory Prayer

Scott Richards

Giving of Tithes and Offering

\* *Doxology No. 253*

New Testament Reading

Andrew Snead

*James 1:17-27*

Choir Anthem

*With All My Heart*

by Joel Raney

Gospel Lesson

Michael Edwards

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Sermon

Michael Edwards

*Tradition*

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

\* Hymn of Response No. 52

*He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*

by Joseph H. Gilmore

## *The Community Departs for Ministry*

\* Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

*Tocata in C Major*

Peter Edison

by Domenico Zipoli

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\* Please stand as you are able.

### *Sanctuary Flowers*

*The flowers are placed by Mary Ellen Balarzs to the Glory of God.*

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

*Peter Edison, Organist. Ashley Edwards, Minister of Youth/Children*

*Andrew Snead, Minister of Music. Trish Hutchinson, Financial Secretary*

*Diana Schmitz, Church Secretary -- (804) 598-3098*

**May Memorial Team Signup Has Begun** - The May Memorial Ministry Teams under the ministries of: Missions, Hospitality, Stewardship, Spiritual Formation and Worship are now forming. There is now a sign up board in the Commons Area. If you were on a team last year and want to remain on that team or to change to a different team, you may either sign up on the board at church, or contact Debbie Elam at [debelam1@aol.com](mailto:debelam1@aol.com) or call her at (804) 397-5375.

**Wednesday Night Activities Returning in September!** - Starting September 1, we will be gathering together each Wednesday night for children's programs, choir practice, fellowship, food, and Bible study. Desserts and Discussions and meals will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**An Evening with Paul Armstrong-Wednesday, September 15.** This will be the first in our "third Wednesday" nights, beginning with a wonderful meal and followed by an engaging program for Church and Community.

**Ladies Bible Study** – Begins September 7 each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. through Dec. 7- Discussing Jennifer Rothschild's "The Shepherd with Me" Psalm 23, For details please contact Sandra Cowles at 376-7901 or [sandra.cowles@aol.com](mailto:sandra.cowles@aol.com). Registration forms are in the Commons Area.

**Salt Shakers Event – September 26** - You're invited to join with our Salt-Shakers evening to meet new friends and connect with old friends outside the walls of MMBC. This is an event for adults (couples, singles, married, divorced) to fellowship with each other over a meal in a casual, off-site setting. Sign up begins soon!

**Backpacks of Love** - Backpacks of Love will be starting up again as school begins. We don't have an exact time or day yet. If you want to be a part of the team, please contact the church office or Jesse Bilthuis.

**Rachael Circle Meeting** – The WMU Rachael Circle will have their first meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Open Door Classroom. All Ladies are welcome to join!

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

#### **Sunday, August 22**

9:45 a.m. Koinonia Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

#### **Wednesday, August 25**

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### **Upcoming Church Events**

- September 1 – *Desserts and Discussion*
- September 12 – All Church Breakfast by the Baptist Men
- September 20 – Leadership Training with Central VA Baptist Ministries
- September 26 – *Salt Shakers*

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

September 1 – Kingdom Kids begins.

3:30 – 5:00 at the church

See Ashley for more details

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

September 5 – Youth Soul Food begins.

5:30 – 7:00 at the Youth House

See Ashley for more details