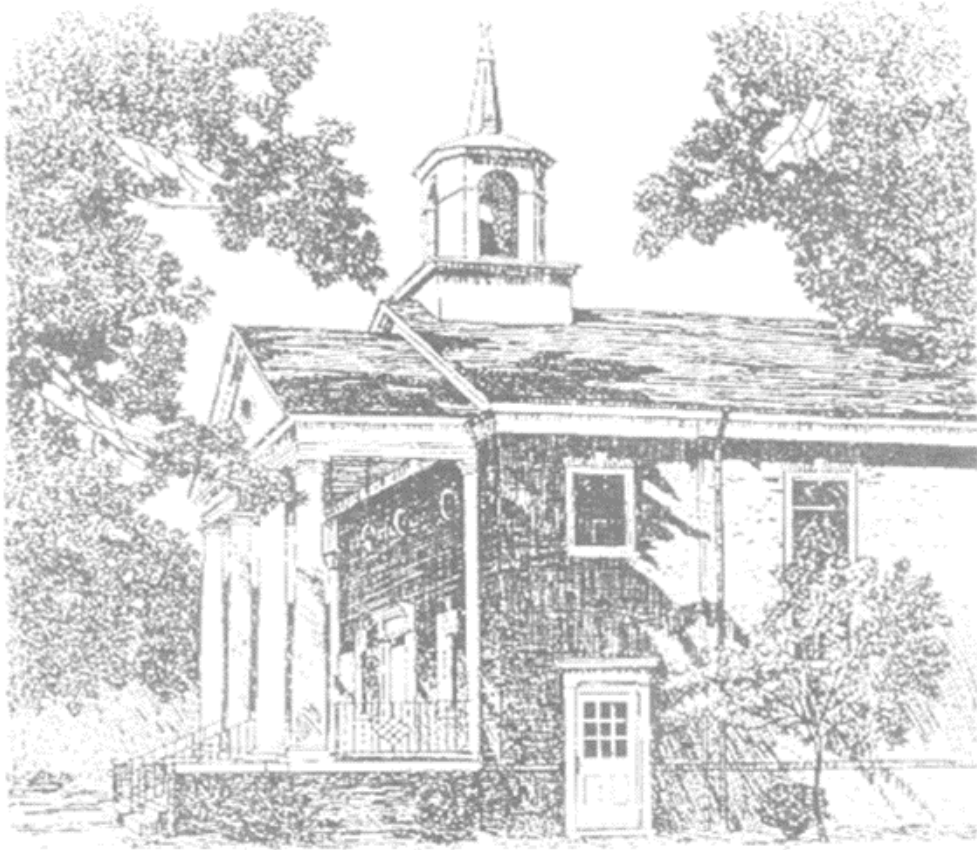


May Memorial Baptist Church



*September 5, 2021
11:00 a.m.*

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude

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Peter Edison

By Cesar Cui

Greeting and Announcements

Juston Sanudo

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 36)

Ashley Edwards

How priceless is your love, O God!

Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house;

You give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with God is the well of life,

And in God's light, we see the light.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise No. 334

Blessed Assurance

by Fanny Crosby

* Invocation

Andrew Snead

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Children's Sermon

Ashley 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 Ashley out for Extended Session after the Doxology.)

Worship Ministry Announcement

Jason Young

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Debbie Elam

* Hymn No. 547

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

by Charles H. Gabriel

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Prayer

Judy Boelt

Giving of Tithes and Offering

* *Doxology No. 253*

Choir Anthem

Sermon

Lee Ellison

The Time Is Now! John 12:31 and 2 Corinthians 6:2

The Community Responds to God's Word

* Hymn of Response No. 305

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

by Garo Christians

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Benediction

Lee Ellison

* Postlude

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Peter Edison
by H. Heidler

* Please stand as you are able.

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers are placed by Gerald and Gwen Hagen in memory of
Horace and Tom Lucas, Gwen's father and brother on their birthdays.*

Our guest preacher is Rev. Lee Ellison. Lee has served as pastor in Virginia Baptist churches for 42 years and retired from full-time ministry in 2020, having most recently served as pastor of Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Moseley, VA. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary and has been active in both our local and state Baptist associations on many levels. He and his wife, Debbie, have three children and three grandchildren.

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

The Men's Breakfast has been cancelled. The church Leadership Team has concerns about having an event where a large contingency of folks will be crowded together indoors partaking of food. The All-Church breakfast that was planned for September 12th is such an event, and regrettably will be canceled until a future date can be determined. ~ Leadership Team, MMBC

COVID Practices at May Memorial

Because of the increased COVID cases in our community, the Leadership Council (Pastor, Ministerial Staff, Deacon Chair, Treasurer, President of Board of Directors, Clerk, and two at-large members) offer the following guidance for our church.

1. While masks are optional at May Memorial for individuals who are fully vaccinated, our children are safer when we wear masks. Please consider wearing a mask.
2. If you work with children, please wear a mask.
3. If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask.
4. Children (ages 5-11), because they are not eligible for a vaccine, will be asked to wear masks when participating in children's activities (Extended Session, Kingdom Kids, Children's Sermon).
5. According to the CDC, responsible steps toward ending and controlling the pandemic is to wear a mask in public places indoors and get vaccinated.

We will have our first "**Desserts and Discussion**" on **Wednesday, September 8** and we will begin in Genesis 1. Join us for a sweet treat and good conversation about the importance of our origin stories. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Open Door classroom.

Salt Shakers--Sunday, September 26--Sign Up Now! - You're invited to join our Salt-Shakers evening to meet new friends and connect with old friends outside the walls of MMBC. This event is open to all couples, singles, married or divorced. The evening will begin at 5:00 pm at the home of Nancy and Bob Wood for a social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer (your choice) to share. Later, groups will move to other homes in the community for dessert. **Please sign up before Tuesday, September 21st.** If you have any questions contact Michael at (804) 922-0101. Please fill out the enclosed reservation card.

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

Ice Cream Social and an Evening of Storytelling – Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 The ice cream is provided by Powhatan Snack Shack. Donations will be accepted for ice cream. The story is brought to us by Paul Armstrong of the Richmond Storytelling Alliance. Bring a lawn chair!

This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, September 5

- 9:45 a.m. Koinonia Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Extended Session
- 3:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

Tuesday, September 7

- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, September 8

- 3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids
- 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Desserts & Discussion