

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. We do provide a nursery for infants through the age of two. The nursery is located behind the sanctuary and to your left at the very end of the hall. We also have volunteers available in the classroom directly behind the sanctuary for children who are three and older but not yet in kindergarten. During the Doxology, all children are invited to exit the sanctuary with the Children's Minister. At that time, Extended Session (3 years - Kindergarten) and Children's Church (1st - 4th grade) begins. On the first Sunday of each month, there is no Children's Church.

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.

Connection Card

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Age Group(s): __13-18 __19-25 __26-35 __36-45 __46-55 __56-65 __65+

This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, January 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

Tuesday, January 14

10:00 a.m. COPC office

open to 2pm

12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle

Meeting

7:00 p.m. Backpacks of

Love at Aerations

Wednesday, January 15

10:00 a.m. COPC office

open to 2pm

10:00 a.m. Powhatan

Women's Club

4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids

5:45 p.m. Mid-Week Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, January 17

10:00 a.m. COPC office

open to 2 pm

Saturday, January 18

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry

Ministry

WMU Rachael Circle Meeting – All ladies are welcome to join us at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 at the church.

Winter Bible Study - Beginning Wednesday, our Wednesday night adult Bible Study will be "Being a Good Neighbor: The Faith of Mr. Rogers." This will be a lighthearted and fun study of the Christian themes found in the teachings and practices of TV's Fred Rogers. Join us for this wonderful study.

Youth and Children's Parents Meeting - Ashley Edwards will meet with the parents at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 19.

Children's Missions Day - mark your calendars for Saturday, February 15. The Children will be participating in WMU's Children's Missions Day RIGHT HERE in Powhatan. More details coming soon! See Ashley Edwards if you have any questions.

Coalition of Powhatan Churches Volunteer Opportunity

Would you be willing to staff the COPC office in the May Memorial Youth House one Wednesday per month? You would answer the COPC phone and forward messages to the COPC leaders. If you are interested, see Pastor Michael.

Attention Men! - You are invited to join for breakfast on Thursday, February 20 at 8:30 at County Seat. This will be a good time of fellowship with other men in the church. RSVP to the church office so we can make a reservation for our group. A signup will be in the bulletin in future weeks.

MMBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the MMBC scholarships for the 2020-21 school year are available in the church office. Completed applications with required attachments should be returned to the church office no later than March 31, 2020 for consideration by the scholarship team. Previous scholarship recipients do not need to include attachments but should update the application form. If you have questions, please contact Jackie Lindsey, team leader, at prlindsey1@verizon.net or 804-598-3038. The Koinonia Class will be sponsoring the Wednesday night meal on January 22nd to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Donations to this fund are welcomed at any time as it is entirely supported through donations.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert - Please see tomorrow's *Newsletter* or our website for all the details about the event which will take place on March 15th here at the church.

Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children's Minister

Joan Maples, Minister of Music

Mary Ellen Balarzs, Organist

Michael Edwards, Pastor (804) 922-0101

Church Office (804) 598-3098

Website: maymemorialchurch.org

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January 12, 2020

“YOU ARE MY CHILD, MY BELOVED”

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Welcome and Announcements	Michael Edwards
Prelude <i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	Sophie Edwards, violin J.S. Bach
* Call to Worship Come, all who are gathered to worship God: Give our God glory and strength! Let us sing to God the glory of God’s name Worship God in holy splendor! The voice of our God is over the waters. The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.	Caddy Firda
* Hymn of Praise No 362 <i>Baptized in Water</i>	BUNESSAN Traditional Gaelic Tune
* Invocation	Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God’s Word

Children’s Sermon Children are invited to move to the front of the sanctuary as all sing <i>Jesus Loves the Little Children.</i> Children will remain for the service.	Ashley Edwards
Old Testament Reading <i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i>	Samantha Flippo
* Stewardship Hymn <i>Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters</i>	BEACH SPRING Attr. B.F. White; Text: Ruth Duck

***Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,
newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people,
raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.***

***O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Re-create us; God, transform!***

Worship in Stewardship Offertory Prayer Offertory <i>The Wonder of Christmas</i> * <i>Doxology</i> No. 253	Scott Richards Adult Choir Joseph M. Martin/ADESTE FIDELES OLD 100 TH (ALTERED)
Gospel Reading <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	Ethan Brantley
Sermon <i>Guess How Much I Love You</i>	Michael Edwards

The Community Responds to God’s Word

* Hymn of Response No. 243 <i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	MANNA Doris Akers, arr. Kurt Kaiser
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Christian Baptism

Congregational Prayer	Ashley Edwards
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In the beginning, O God, your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen.

We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains our life. For your creation of the creeks and streams that flow in our county. For the James and Appomattox Rivers, and for the Chesapeake Bay.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the water of the flood; and by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning.

We thank you for new beginnings.

You led Israel through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

We give you thanks for the gift of freedom and the gift of the land.

In the water of the Jordan our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit; by the baptism of his death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.

We give you thanks for our own baptism and the gift of eternal life.

The Lamb has come to lead us to springs of living water.

We give you thanks for the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

We pledge ourselves to be servants to others, to seek not our own good, but to care for the hungry and thirsty people of the world.

We renew our baptismal promises with you, O God, praying for the strength to be faithful in all things, to your glory and for the service of your people.

O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you have claimed us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.

Make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Make us places of refreshment. Root us and establish us in love, that with all your people, we may rightly and justly service you.

Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Candidate’s Profession of Faith and Baptism

***Zachary Bilthuis
Payton Sanudo***

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Parting Hymn No. 518 <i>Shall We Gather at the River</i> (St. 1, 4)	HANSON PLACE Robert Lowry
* Benediction	Michael Edwards
* Postlude <i>Postlude on Buinessan</i>	A. Royce Eckhardt

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in honor of Zachary Bilthuis in honor of his baptism by his family.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us for Supper @ 5:45 this Wednesday, January 15

Johns Bailey’s BBQ Chicken

Sponsored by the Youth Ministry
Proceeds support the Youth Ministry

Main Meal—\$6.00 Kid’s Meal—\$4.00

Name: _____ # Adults ____ #Children ____

Family Meals will not exceed \$20.00
First Time Visitors Eat Free.