

May Memorial Baptist Church

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*Reaching.....Teaching...Touching...
in the Heart of Powhatan*

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It was Wednesday, November 8, 2008 when I walked to my table at McDonalds to have a quick breakfast before starting my workday. It was the day after the presidential election, and at a nearby table the previous day's election was the topic of conversation. "Well, it looks like we have a N for president now. I never thought I'd see it." To say that the statement was offensive is an understatement, but I also must admit that it was not surprising...(continued on page 3)



The youth served up a wonderful Wednesday night dinner and the children enjoy another fun and edible craft during Kingdom Kids.



The children meet each Wednesday after school.
Join us!



Saturday

Sound System Training
See page 4 for details

Sunday

Parents of Youth and Children
Meeting at 12:30





Continuing this week ...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 on Wednesday nights for this wonderful study.



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 form will be in Sunday's bulletin.



Wednesday Night Dinners

January 29 – Spaghetti Dinner, by the Mid-Week Meal Team
 February 5 – Pot Luck
 February 12- Sweet Heart Potato Bar

**St. Patrick's Day
 Dinner and Concert**



At May Memorial Baptist Church
 Sunday, March 15

Tom Stevens on the fiddle and Jimmy Payne on the guitar



RIGHTS OF MAN

The special St. Patrick's meal will begin at 5:00 pm and Concert at 6:15 pm
 Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as Shepherd's Pie and Soda Bread. Cost \$8.00 per person. \$25.00 max per family. Make your reservation by March 11 by calling the church office at (804) 598-3098 or emailing: maymem@verizon.net and reference "ST PATS"



Would you be willing to help us? We need people to make: Shepherd's Pie, Corn Bread, Soda Bread Desserts - St. Patrick's Cookies, Cupcakes - brownies, individual items we can put on a dessert plate. **If you can help with these food items, please let us know when you make your reservation. Thank you!**

Connecting to the World...Missions



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.

From the Pastor

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I was sitting in an elementary school classroom in 1981 when a Christian African-American police officer entered the school's office to enroll her son in kindergarten for the following year. She was taken into the pastor's study where he explained to her that because of the school's "Christian" convictions they did not allow black students. He told her that he hoped she understood why they would not allow her child the same opportunity for education that virtually every other race received. Indian students, Chinese students, and Pilipino students were all allowed to attend and learn beside white students, but black students would find no welcome.

Mary (not her real name) was an elderly member of the first congregation I served as pastor. She was a seemingly pleasant and sweet lady who had a beauty shop in the front room of her home for years. She was a children's Sunday School teacher and a faithful church member. When I knew her Mary suffered from rheumatoid arthritis, and I would frequently talk to her and visit her in her home. On one such visit she told me that the Saturday before she was passing by the church just as a wedding was ending. The happy bride and groom were walking out onto the sidewalk, the birdseed was being thrown into the air, and the photographer was capturing the happy moment in pictures. There was one problem, the couple were African-Americans. "Michael, I can't believe we are letting Ns get married in our church now!" This was in 2005.

The sin of racism is still alive. One does not have to look far in our culture to find quiet and not-so-quiet examples of how it still exists in the minds and souls of individuals and institutions. Racism still surfaces in discrimination of minorities, and racism still surfaces in the way we look at mixed-race couples. This past year has exhibited many high-profile racial stories that are turned into political talking points, but underneath the 24-hour news channels racism is still real and it still pervades our world.

I can think of nothing that Jesus addressed more in words and actions than the sin of racism. Talking to the Samaritan woman at the well. Telling the story of the good Samaritan. Pointing out that the only leper who returned to give thanks for his healing was a Samaritan. In all of these are stories we see again and again that our Lord did not adhere to the prejudices of his day but showed the value, equality, and goodness of every person, regardless of their race.

Over the past few years members of May Memorial have demonstrated great love and cooperation as we have worshiped together with our African American sisters and brothers at Thanksgiving and during the Holy Week services at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. One cannot be present at these services and not see the joy and love that exists among all of the worshipers as we worship together, black and white, old and young. It is a glimpse and taste of God's heavenly kingdom that re-orders our sinful world according to God's dream for humankind.

On this Martin Luther King Jr. day let's all decide that we will do our part to drive this injustice from our community. While we may not be able to affect broad sweeping action or reform, we can begin with ourselves. Don't listen to a racial joke or keep silent when a racial slur is used. Have the courage of Jesus and call wrong wrong and allow God's kingdom to shine a little brighter in our world.

Announcements



The Closet Team

The Deacons added a new team at their January meeting: **The Closet Team**. This team has the mission of "battling cluttered closets" and clearing storage spaces to keep things neat and orderly. If you are the person in your family that everyone accuses of throwing things out too quickly, this team is for you! This team will work once or twice a year. The Closet Team is a part of the stewardship ministry of May Memorial Church, because keeping our building and spaces orderly and clutter free is being good stewards of what God has given us. Contact the Church Office, Pastor Michael, or Deacon Chair Ed Utt if you would like to be a part of this team.



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.



Sound System Training

There will be a training session for the church's sound system on Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. The training will be in the balcony. A technician from Tri-Tronics (the company that installed the system) will lead the session. Everyone who operates the sound system is encouraged to attend. If you are interested in becoming a part of this team you are welcome to attend as well.

New - Featuring Youth and Children!

We are starting a new Newsletter column featuring the activities our youth and children are participating in in the community. Does your child have a softball game? Music recital? In a play or musical? Art show? Awards program? Cross country? Please let the church office so we can include in the newsletter so others in the church can attend. Please let us know the details: location, time, cost of admission, etc. The deadline for submissions for Monday's Newsletter is the previous Thursday at noon. You can call the church office (598-3098) or email maymem@verizon.net.



Prayer List January 20, 2020
For any changes, please contact Diana at (804) 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Margaret Carter
Don Fitch
Nancy Flower
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Shirley Reynolds
Jeff Spoon
David&Susan
Terry
Nancy Wilkinson
Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent
Templeton, Quint
Sutton, David
Brizendine, Jeremiah
Clift, Nelson Sutton,
Justin Donnavon, Austin
Breedon, Caleb
Hammer

HOMEBOUND:

Janice Worsham, 2041 Rocky Ford Road
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, The Crossing at Bon Air, 9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Room 202, Richmond,23235
Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
Jim Pinkley, Chesterfield Woods
Shirley Reynolds, Spring Arbor assisted living facility.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Stephen Breedon, Son of Martha Oberg
Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, friend of Juli Garrett
Bob Tiller, Jeanne Matthews brother
Suzi and Steve McClung
Dee Hubbard, friend of Snead DeNoon
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy&Juston Sanudo
Clyde Martin, brother of Esther Fitch
Jeff Crews, Susie Brock's brother-in-law
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter
Bobby Wells, Gladys Rabon's sister
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's
Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis
Chris Elam, Nick's son
Gene Gwaltney
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
Jodi Erpelding, friend of Gene and Jeanan
Krueger
Janie Dean
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons

Weekly Schedule

Birthdays

Tuesday, January 21

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 22

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.
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 24

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Parents Meeting
5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

January

21 Jane Duncan
22-Sandra Cowles
24 - Dianne Blandford
29- H.C. Smith
29-Anna Edwards
30-Carla Crump
31-Daisy Osborne

February

2-Don Fitch
8-Rudy Potter
8-Ed Utt
9-Carolyn Roberts
10-Juli Garrett
10-Mike Koelzer
15-Debbie Mottley
17-Judy Martin
23-Lester Oberg
25-Hunter Smith

(Please contact [Diana](#) in the church office if your name is missing.)

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord for January 19, 2020

Attendance: Worship 116, Sunday School 68

Regular Offering	\$ 6,148.50
Building Fund	200.00
Scholarships	2,000.00
Total Giving For Period:	\$ 8,348.50

Scholarship Fund

In memory of

Dr. Ernie Rigney, Jr.,
nephew of Francis Shelton

Francis and Sandy Shelton