



# May Memorial Baptist Church

Newsletter 1-25-21

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

3922 Old Buckingham Road

In the heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098

## From the Pastor: *Vivre Libre ou Mourir*

When it appears on license plates, *Vivre Libre ou Mourir* does not appear in French, but in English. And I have to admit, I like it so much better than “First in Flight” from North Carolina or “Virginia is for Lovers.” I still don’t know if I understand that one. The English translation of *Vivre Libre ou Mourir* appears on New Hampshire license plates, it is the state motto, and in New Hampshire it goes back to a toast sent by mail from the states favorite Revolutionary War son, John Stark. “Live Free or Die,” is the English translation, and it is the most recognizable of any state motto. It is noble, it is daring, and it sounds brave, because freedom is something we all cherish, we all yearn for, it is an ideal for which many have given their lives.

American freedom means many things to many people, and I don’t presume to be able to give a thorough account of everything American freedom entails. But Christian freedom, I do know something about that. And one of the most important things I know about freedom for Christians comes from 1 Corinthians.

“Am I free to eat meat ‘offered to idols’?” That is the question those Corinthian believers posed to the Apostle Paul, and his answer, well, it is surprising.

In that day, if you were invited to a fine meal there is a good chance that the lambchop you would be served would have been from an animal that was ritually slaughtered as an offering to a pagan “god.” Some Corinthian Christians thought eating a piece of meat that had been an offering to a pagan “god” amounted to “backsliding” into paganism or idol worship. The more informed Christians knew that an idol “is nothing,” it is no different than a block of wood or a piece of stone. Nothing in the meat was changed because of this.

Thus the question, “are we *free* to eat this meat,” or, is there something more important than freedom?

This Sunday I’ll tell you how Paul answered that question, and based on his answer I don’t know that Paul would have loved those New Hampshire license plates.

## May Memorial and COVID 19

In April the Board of Deacons appointed a Re-Gathering Team to guide May Memorial through the decisions dealing with our Church Family’s safety and COVID 19. The Team meets regularly and is made up of Gary Cowles, Chair, Michael Edwards, Dawana Sheppard, Ed Utt, Matt O’Quinn, Nancy Wood, Lisa O’Donnell, Debbie Howard, and Jay Givens.

[Frequently Asked Questions...](#) (continued on page 2)



## Wednesday Night Gathering on Zoom

Join us Wednesday Night for our mid-week gathering on Zoom. We will continue telling the stories of May Memorial’s stained glass windows. See page 3 for all the information!



## **May Memorial and Covid 19** (continued from page 1)

Frequently asked Questions:

**Is May Memorial Worshiping in the Sanctuary?** Yes! We are worshiping in our sanctuary and online each Sunday morning. Since regathering in August the Re-Gathering Team has cancelled sanctuary worship a couple of times because of increased cases of COVID 19 in our church family and COVID test results that were pending. Online worship has happened every Sunday.

**Will the Re-Gathering Team cancel sanctuary worship again?** No one knows the future, but the re-gathering team senses that sanctuary worship will not be canceled again.

**Are any safety precautions being observed in Worship?** Yes. We keep a distance of at least 6 feet and everyone is asked to wear a face covering. We also have found other ways to reduce the risk of transmission such as not passing objects from one person to another and refraining from congregational singing during this time.

**When will other church activities resume?** The Re-Gathering Team meets regularly to evaluate the COVID metrics, state guidelines, and our safety. As the numbers and positivity rate improve more and more activities will be “in-person” at May Memorial Church. In addition to in-person worship, we also are providing other “in-person” gatherings such as a nursery during worship, Children’s Extended Session meets during worship, and the youth meeting each Sunday evening. All of these “in-person” activities are following suggested and ordered guidelines.

**What if I don’t feel comfortable in a group of people?** You can join us for Sunday school each Sunday morning on Zoom at 9:15, online worship each Sunday at 10:30, view our “Sanctuary Worship” livestream at 11:00 (both of these are available after they “premiere”), and be a part of our midweek Wednesday night gathering on Zoom at 6:30. While we miss being physically together, these are all great ways to stay connected with God and God’s people at May Memorial. To find the Sunday worship services go to YouTube and put "May Memorial Baptist Church" in the search bar. You may also [CLICK HERE](#).

**What can I do to help us in regathering?** Be patient, wear a face-covering, and help the ushers by cooperating with our safety plan together. And, get your vaccine when available to you!

## **Connecting to God...Worship**



### ***Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday***

Please join us this Sunday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session. We also have a nursery. We will have safety measures in place.

If you are planning to attend would you let us know by leaving a reservation by calling (804) 598-3098 Thank you.



### ***Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom***

To join by phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259



### ***Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting***

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun! To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474





### *Youth Soul Food*

The youth meet each Sunday at 5:30 at the Youth House. All youth are welcome to join!



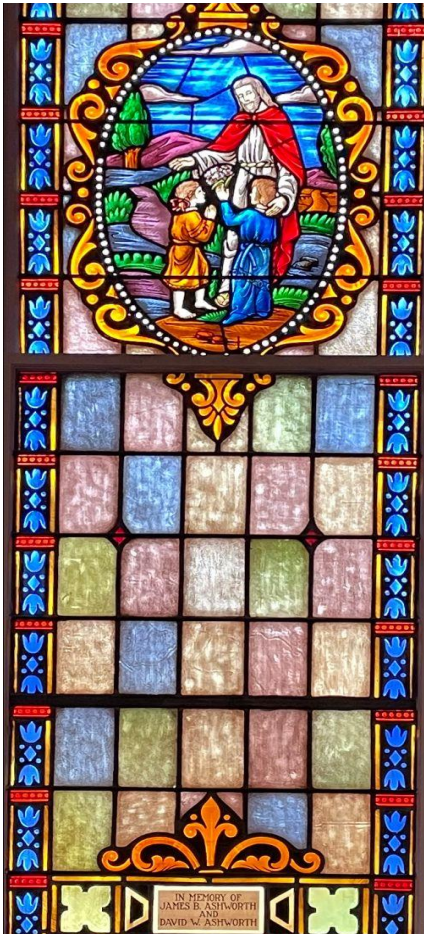
### *Youth Movie Night and Firepit Feb. 14*

The youth will get together at the Wood's home at 5:30 until 8 p.m. All youth are welcome to join!



### *Save the Date - Youth Mission Madness*

Mission Madness in a Box. March 13-14 More information coming later.



### *Wednesday Night Gathering on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.*

Join us Wednesday Night for our mid-week gathering. We will continue telling the stories of May Memorial's stained glass windows. This week we will look at three of the stories:

- The story of the Baptism of Jesus window,
- The story of James B. Ashworth and David W. Ashworth window, and
- The story of the Archer and Nora Worsham window.

We will read the Biblical story of Jesus' baptism, and Billy Boelt will tell the stories of those to whom the windows are dedicated to their memory.

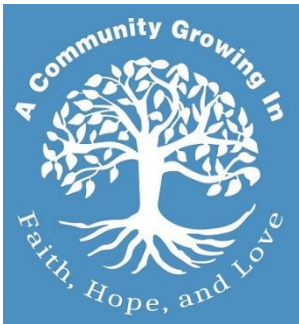
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# Announcements



**COVID Vaccine Phases** – Several May Memorial members have shared that they have signed up to be notified when they are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine. If you would like to sign up, you can call the Chesterfield Health District (Powhatan is in this district) at (804) 318-8207.



**Church Budget Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended August 31, 2020 and For the Quarter Ended**  
**November 30, 2020**

**Copies of the church budget statements will be available in the Commons Area. You may request a copy to be mailed to you by contacting Diana in the church office. Diana's number is (804) 598-3098**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2021**

Eligible high school seniors and past recipients can pick up an application at the church office to be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2021 for consideration by the Scholarship Committee. An application can be emailed to you if requested from the church office. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey at [prlindsey1@verizon.net](mailto:prlindsey1@verizon.net) or by phone 598-3038.

Scholarship Committee

Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Jackie Lindsey, Juston Sanudo

## **Thank you**

Dear May Memorial Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and love shown to me. It has been a tough year, but God is good!

Gladys Rabon



A special thank-you to Paul and Cheryl Vrooman for the donation of a beautiful desk to be used by our new Minister of Music. Thank you Paul and Cheryl!

## May Memorial's Prayer List 1/26/21

### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Barbara Barden  
 Joann Cole  
 Bob Cox  
 Snead DeNoon  
 Nick Elam  
 Ester Fitch and Family  
 Bea & Rick Gallier  
 Bill Ketron  
 Amy Karnolt  
 Paul Lindsey  
 Fran O'Donnell  
 Shirley Stephens  
 David & Susan Terry  
 Earl & Janice Worsham

### **MILITARY:**

Danny Myers, Brent Templeton, Quint Sutton,  
 David Brizendine, Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Sutton,  
 Justin Donnavon, Austin, Breeden, Caleb Hammer,  
 Adam and Hunter Mitchell, Conner Terrell

### **HOMEBOUND CONTACT LIST:**

- Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
- Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
- Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates
- Nancy Wilkinson, 2116 Eastwood Ridge Dr., Moseley, VA 23120
- Earl and Janice Worsham, 18507 Harrison's Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002

### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother  
 Lacie Baggett  
 Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
 Ami Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
 Stuart Yeorge  
 Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law  
 Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo  
 Clyde Martin, brother of Esther Fitch  
 Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter  
 Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law  
 Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis  
 Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law  
 Janie Dean  
 Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister  
 Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons  
 Lennox Family  
 Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith  
 Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt  
 Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's  
 Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister  
 Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller  
 Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike & Bernice Koelzer  
 Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt  
 Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law  
 Teresa Fields  
 Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister  
 Chuck Karnolt  
 Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz  
 Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's  
 Mike Davidson  
 Randy Blackwell  
 Family of Clifton Carter, brother of Gladys Rabon  
 Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis  
 Ruth Boatwright  
 Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards mother  
 Sandra Williams, family member of Carol & Irvin Wms

## January/February Birthdays



29 - H.C. Smith  
29 - Anna Edwards  
30 - Carla Crump  
February 8 - Rudy Potter  
8 - Ed Utt

10 - Juli Spoon  
10 - Mike Koelzer  
15 - Debbie Mottley  
17 - Judy Martin  
23 - Lester Oberg

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## Financial Information

### Our Gifts to our Lord Week of January 24, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 4,388.50
Scholarships	25.00
Special	20.00
Total	\$ 4,433.50