

# May Memorial Baptist Church

Reaching...Teaching...Touching in the Heart of Powhatan  
3922 Old Buckingham Road  
In the Heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098

*Newsletter January 6, 2021*



## *From the Pastor...Resolutions*

At one time I was a big fan of “New Year’s Resolutions.” Each year I, along with millions of other Americans, would make big plans for how my life was going to experience a major shift as the calendar rolled around to January 1. People do it every year. Resolve to lose weight, read more, quit smoking, quit drinking, go to church, meditate, save money, get out of debt. The list goes on and on, and these things are probably worthwhile. But it happens each year, the January 1 crowd at the health club is all but vanished well before Valentine’s Day.

Because for most of us, New Year’s Resolutions just don’t last. That is the first reason I no longer like them, but also, it seems that New Year’s Resolutions seem to cause us to imagine a new, different, totally “other” self that we want to become during the next year. We forget that we carry ourselves with us into the new year, and our current self is not somehow “less than” or not enough. Sure, there are things that I would like to change, but if I were able to make those changes, I would not somehow be more worthy or lovable to God.

With all of that said, Wendell Berry offers a “pleasingly unoriginal” formula for a good life, and as the new year approached last week, I considered these again:

Slow down.  
Pay attention.  
Do good work.  
Love your neighbors.  
Love your place.  
Stay in your place.  
Settle for less, enjoy it more.

Berry’s seven suggested practices don’t normally appear on the published lists of resolutions, and I don’t even think they would work as a resolution. They wouldn’t work well as a checklist. They actually remind me of Paul’s admonition in 1 Thessalonians, “aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands.” But Berry’s (and Paul’s) encourage practices that I would like to move into more deeply this year. Happy New Year!

## Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom

To join the Zoom session at 9:15 a.m

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



## Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



### *Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting*

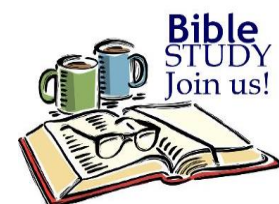
Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun! To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

### *Bible Study on Zoom - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*

To join us click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter this code: 286 978 612



## Thank you

May Memorial Family,

With deep appreciation we say thank you for the generous Christmas Gifts we were each given. We are grateful for the May Memorial Family and all of the kind ways you bless us through the year, especially with the gifts at Christmas.

Sincerely,

Michael, Ashley, Sandra, Diana, Tricia, and Arlie

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Dear Friends,

Imagine my surprise when I came home from my walk and found a gift from May Memorial. Thank you for thinking of me.

This year has been filled with challenges, and for those of us with chronic illnesses it has been extremely isolating. I am teaching from home, ordering groceries on-line, and watching church on my TV. Thank you for reaching out and letting me know that although you haven't seen my face in the building, I haven't been forgotten. I appreciate it more than you know!

Praying for God's richest blessings to be abundant in 2021!

With Love and Gratitude,

Carla Crump

## Prayer List 1/4/2021

### CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden  
Susie Brock  
Joann Cole  
Bob Cox  
Snead DeNoon  
Lee Duncan  
Nick Elam  
Ester Fitch and Family  
Bea & Rick Gallier  
Bill Ketron  
Bernice Koelzer  
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 PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

- Janice and Earl Worsham, Auburn Hill Senior Living, 5800 Harbour Ln, Midlothian, VA 23112
- 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

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother  
Lacie Baggett  
Libby 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  
Jeff Crews, Susie Brock's brother-in-law  
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  
Emily, Gene & Sandy Parker's daughter  
Chuck Karnolt  
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz  
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's  
Stephanie Prentice, Nancy Flower's granddaughter  
Stuart Howard and Bre  
Sue Ellen Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister  
Mike Davidson  
Randy Blackwell  
Family of Nelson Richards, Scott Richards' Father  
Family of Jim Pinkley  
Family of Fred Boatwright, Amy Potter's father  
Clifton Carter, brother of Gladys Rabon

# Announcements

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

### **Update from the Re-Gathering Team**

May Memorial will have an on-line only service this Sunday, January 10.

On Sunday, January 17, we will meet in the sanctuary again. More details of the regathering will be in next week's Newsletter.

### **Welcome to our new Organist - Peter Edison!**

Peter comes to us after several decades of experience as an organist across virtually all Protestant denominations.

Following a childhood in New York City in which he studied piano at the Julliard School, he elected not to pursue a concert career, and graduated with a BS in Political Science from the City College in New York. He then obtained a Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School. He was then hired by the US Civilian Aeronautics Board to become an aviation lawyer, which he did for 9 years. He then became a Federal Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration, specializing in Disability Law, based primarily in Nashville, TN. He worked as a Judge for 35 years or so. He and his wife of 52 years relocated to the eastern shore of Maryland to be closer to their Richmond based daughter and their now 3 grandchildren. They moved to the Richmond area 2 years ago because of the traffic between Maryland and Richmond, and now reside in a 55+ community in Glen Allen. They share their home with a mini-golden doodle named Dazzle. Their son lives outside Seattle, and is married to an ob/gyn. They have 2 teenaged children. Son Justin is completing work on an MA in education and hopes to be certified as a Middle School Math Teacher sometime later this year.

### **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. New applicants should allow ample time to complete the required attachments (letter of reference, essay.) Previous recipients of scholarships may complete the application form only and update as needed. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey at [prlindsey1@verizon.net](mailto:prlindsey1@verizon.net) or by phone 598-3038. Scholarship guidelines with additional information are available either from the church office or from Jackie Lindsey, committee chair. The Scholarship Fund is self-supporting and funded by contributions from members and church friends. Because church dinners with profits going to the fund are no longer possible, it is more important than ever that the fund is supported through contributions from members. Thank you for considering this worthy endeavor! Happy New Year!

Scholarship Committee

Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Jackie Lindsey, Juston Sanudo

# January Birthdays



2 - Linda Dail  
2 - Gwen Hagen  
4 - Linda Daniels  
6 - Audrey Johnston  
6 - Beth Goodwyn  
9 - Betty Jane Burruss  
9 - Caddy Firda  
11 - William Mottley

13 - Paul Vrooman  
17 - Cliff Miller  
18 - Janice Worsham  
21 - Jane Duncan  
22 - Sandra Cowles  
24 - Dianne Blandford  
29 - H.C. Smith  
29 - Anna Edwards  
30 - Carla Crump

## Financial Information

### Our Gifts to our Lord

#### Week of January 3, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 1,505.00
Scholarships	200.00
Total	\$ 1,705.00

#### Week of December 31, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 9,950.00
Special Offering	550.00
Total	\$10,500.00

#### Special Offering in Memory of Bob Cosby

#### Special Offering in Memory of Frances Tilman

#### Week of December 28, 2020

Regular Offering	\$6,922.50
A Time to Build	1,542.50
Memorials	100.00
Special Offering	220.00
Total	\$8,785.00

#### Memorials in Memory of Bob Cosby