

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, December 1**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Deacons Meet
- Tuesday, December 3**
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2pm
- Wednesday, December 4**
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. Advent Service
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- Friday, December 6**
10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 pm
- Saturday, December 7**
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry
12:00 p.m. Koinonia Class Christmas Party off-site
3:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party Play Practice
- Ashley Edwards,
Youth/Children's Minister
Joan Maples,
Minister of Music
Mary Ellen Balarzs, Organist
Michael Edwards, Pastor
(804) 922-0101

Mid-Week Advent Services - During the season of Advent, you are invited to experience a quiet service of worship and prayer in the May Memorial sanctuary. These Advent services will be a way for you to focus your heart and mind on the true reality of the Advent season...That Christ is Coming! In all your preparing for Christmas, take this opportunity to prepare you spirit for the joyful celebration. The services will all be on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30. The Advent services will be in place of Wednesday night Bible Study during December.

Poinsettias - May Memorial places poinsettias in the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. It is time to order yours in memory or honor of a loved one. Cost: \$13.00 each. Payment is expected at the time of ordering, checks should be made out to May Memorial with "Poinsettias" in the memo line. The order forms are at the end of each pew. **The deadline for orders is early this year - December 8.**

Ladies Bible Study - Discussing Priscilla Shirer's "Voice of God", Beginning Tuesday, January 7th 2020 at 10:00 am thru March 31st at MMBC, For details and to register please contact Sandra at Sandra.cowles@aol.com Or call 804-376-7901. Meeting dates are January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 3, 17 & 31 Time: 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. Cost: \$20.00 for book. A registration form can be found at the church. REGISTRATION ENDS DEC. 16!

Children's Christmas Pageant UPDATE:
There will be a Cookie/Ornament Decorating Christmas Party and Pageant Rehearsal on Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. Our pageant will be on December 8! Your child can participate or just watch! If you would like more information please contact Ashley Edwards.

CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS! ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN!
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 8 at 5:30 p.m.

KOINONIA CLASS - December 7, 12:00 - 2:30 pm. Home of Juston & Joy Sanudo. 3843 Mapusche Trail (804) 393-0235. Cookout - bring a side dish. Bring a White elephant gift not to exceed \$20.00

PHOENIX CLASS - December 13 at 7pm. Home of Lee and Debbie Howard, 4271 Worsham Road, Powhatan. Please bring a dish to share!

WMU RACHAEL CIRCLE
December 10 at 12 noon. Home of Debbie and Russ Holland.

THE CARING HEART LADIES – will meet for their Christmas Brunch Thursday, December 12th at 11:00 o'clock. This will be at Gladys Rabon's home in Scottville. These ladies meet once a month for food, fellowship and to help with needs as we see them. We especially want to reach out to the widows at May Memorial. Ladies you are welcome to join us. Thank you, Gladys Rabon – 2104 Bienvenue Place 598-1683.

Season of Wonders -- Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas
by Joseph M. Martin. Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 11 AM
Come hear familiar tunes of the season combined with Joseph Martin's own compositions. Your Christmas worship will be enriched by songs of Christmas and scriptural reminders of the Wonder of Christmas!

Food Pantry Needs: The pantry is in real need of the following items through Christmas: Spam, Vienna sausages, Scalloped potatoes, Condiments, Sugar (5 lb)

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December 1, 2019

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Michael Edwards

Prelude Mary Ellen Balarzs & Carol Williams
Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Smith and Hustad

* Carol of Praise TEMPLE OF PEACE
Light Dawns on a Weary World William Rowan

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;

the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan. Text: Mary Louise Bringle, admin.
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* Invocation Michael Edwards

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope Billy and Judy Boelt
Reading
(The Candle is Lit as congregation sings v. 1)

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strengthand beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Unison Prayer:
Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories
to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Children's Sermon Ashley Edwards
Children are invited to move to the front of the sanctuary as all sing
Hymn No. 344 *Jesus Loves Me*. After the *Doxology*, children ages 3
through Kindergarten who remained in worship with their families
may exit for Extended Session.

Old Testament Reading Bob Kruschwitz
Isaiah 2:1-5

* Stewardship Carol No. 83 FESTAL SONG
Arise, Your Light Is Come William H. Walker

Worship in Stewardship
Offertory Prayer Juston Sanudo
Offertory Adult Choir
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Austrian Hymn, arr. Joseph M. Martin
* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100TH (ALTERED)
Gospel Reading Bob Kruschwitz
Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Michael Edwards

The Community Responds to God's Word

* Hymn of Response TASTE AND SEE
Taste and See James E. Moore, Jr.
(Joan Maples cantor; congregation refrain)

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer)
Sharing of Bread and Cup

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Congregational Benediction (see screens)

* Congregational Response No. 387 DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie J. G. Naegeli

* Postlude
O Come All Ye Faithful arr. Dick Torrans

* Please stand as you are able.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us for Supper @ 5:45 this Wednesday, December 4

BBQ Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Rolls

(A gluten free meal will be provided)

Sponsored by Beth Goodwyn and the Mid-Week Meal Team

Main Meal—\$6.00 Kid's Meal—\$4.00

Name: _____ # Adults ____ #Children ____

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