

**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 8**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
- Tuesday, December 10**  
10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2pm  
12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle Christmas Party off-site  
7:00 p.m. Backpacks of Love at Aerations
- Wednesday, December 11**  
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
- Thursday, December 12**  
11:00 a.m. Caring Ladies Brunch off-site
- Friday, December 13**  
10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 pm  
Private Wedding  
7:00 p.m. Phoenix Class Christmas Party off-site  
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. **Today is the deadline for orders.**

**Post Office** - The Youth sponsored post office will be located in the Commons Area for your convenience in distributing Christmas Cards to other friends and members. Open now until December 24th.

**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!

CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS! ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN!  
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tonight 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's 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!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

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

# May Memorial Baptist Church



December 8, 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!*

*The Community Gathers for Worship*

Welcome and Announcements Michael Edwards

Prelude  
*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* Johannes Brahms

\* Carol of Praise No. 77 HYFRYDOL  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Rowland H. Prichard

\* Invocation Michael Edwards

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace Snead DeNoon, Sue Featherston  
Stacey Skelton, and Kayla Tibbs

Reading  
  
Hymn No. 76 VENI EMMANUEL  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* John Mason Neale  
(The Candle is Lit as congregation sings v. 2)

Musical notation for the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". It includes four staves of music with lyrics in English and Welsh. The lyrics are: 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. The second staff continues with: Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here; far and nigh: in strength and 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,.

Unison Prayer:  
**Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,  
We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen**

*The Community Proclaims and Hears God’s Word*

Old Testament Reading Jake Blandford  
*Isaiah 11:1-10*

Children’s Pageant

\* Stewardship Carol No. 78 ES IST EIN ROS’  
*Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming* Geistliche Kirchengesaeng, 1599

Worship in Stewardship  
Offertory Prayer Ed Utt  
Trio Lisa Gregory, Scott Richards and Diana Schmitz  
*Instruments of Your Peace* Maranatha Music  
\* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> (ALTERED)

Anthem Adult Choir  
*Rejoice, All Ye Daughters* SANS DAY CAROL, arr. J.M. Martin

Gospel Reading  
*Luke 3:3-14*

Sermon Michael Edwards

*The Community Responds to God’s Word*

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

Musical notation for the Carol of Response "Light Dawns on a Weary World". It includes five staves of music with lyrics in English. The lyrics are: 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. The refrain is: 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.  
GIA Publications, c. 2001. Used with permission, ONE LICENSE #A-730194

*The Community Departs for Ministry*

\* Congregational Benediction

Take your encouragement from Christ,  
that your joy may be complete.  
**We will share in the Spirit;  
We will find consolation in love.**  
Practice a ministry of humility and compassion  
For God is at work in you, empowering you  
**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.  
We will lives worthy of the Gospel.  
We will go forth in hope and in peace.**

\* Postlude  
*Come Unto Him* G. F. Handel

\* Please stand as you are able.

*Sanctuary Flowers*  
*The flowers are placed by Dot Wilkins in memory of  
her daughter Terry Leigh and all her loved ones*

**Agape Feast at the Potters** - While being a student at Wake Forest College in Winston Salem, N.C., I learned of the Moravian Agape Feast or Love Feast. The Moravians had settled in 1753 in Salem, N.C. as a religious community. One of their Christmas traditions was this occasion, based on the Agape Feast of the early church. It was a time of fellowship for the Christian believer. The love feast sought to strengthen the bonds and spirit of harmony, goodwill, and congeniality of the members, as well as a time to forgive disputes and discord. Its intention was to create a time of love and fellowship. This practice has recently been revived and has become another way for us to celebrate the joy of our Savior in homes as the early Christians did. The food has been simplified to consist of sweet buns, cookies, and coffee. The purpose is to celebrate and enjoy Christmas fellowship. Judy and I want to try such a Christian time in our home. The refreshments will be simply Moravian cookies and Moravian sugar cake from a Salem bakery. In addition, there will be punch, coffee, and fresh fruit. Christmas music will be in the air and the fellowship will be up to each of us. We would love to have any of you including family and friends to come to our home following lunch between 1:30 and 3:30 on December 22 and share in this Agape Feast. Our address is 3581 Richards Run. ~ Rudy and Judy

*Wednesday Night Dinner*

Join us for Supper @ 5:45 this Wednesday, December 11

***Fried chicken, potato salad, sweet and sour green beans,  
rolls and dessert***

*(A gluten free meal will be provided)*

Sponsored by the Mid-Week Meal Team

Main Meal—\$6.00 Kid’s Meal—\$4.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_