

May Memorial Baptist Church

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

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Ministry with Individuals with Autism

Last week I attended a Middle District Pastor's Continuing Education Luncheon. These events are held monthly, and most of the time the topic and presenters are right on point. Last week's topic concerned how churches can welcome individuals and families who are living with a wide range of special needs, specifically Autism. It is estimated that about one in sixty children today are diagnosed with Autism, and for males that number is about one in forty.

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Connecting to God...Worship



Join us for an

Ash Wednesday Service

February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



L: Children's Mission Day - packing gift bags for residents of Amelia Nursing Home. R: Saturday night fun with Youth at Drive Shack





The Rachael Circle who prepared the Sweet Heart Potato Bar last Wednesday.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Dinners

- 2-26 - No Meal – Ash Wednesday Worship
- 3-4 – “Stan Cakes” by the Pancake Guy
- 3-11 – Beef Stew by Karl & Diana Schmitz
- 3-18 - Hot Dog Bar by the Youth
- 3-25 - Ham Dinner by the Mid-Week Meal Team



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

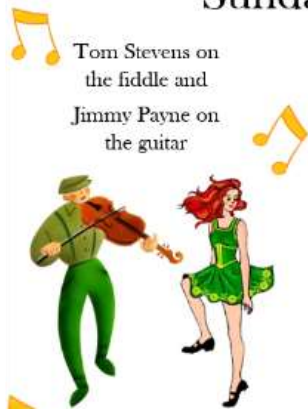
You are invited to join for breakfast on Thursday morning at 8:30 at County Seat. This will be a good time of fellowship with other men in the church. It is ok to join us even if you have not made a reservation.



Kingdom Kids making Samson and his hair!
Join us every Wednesday after school for fun, Bible lessons, food and fun!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert

At May Memorial Baptist Church
Sunday, March 15



The special St. Patrick's meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Concert at 6:15 p.m. Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as Shepherds Pie and Soda Bread

Cost: \$8.00 per person. \$25.00 max per family.

Invite your friends and family! Flyers and cards are available at the church!

Reserve by March 11

CALLING ALL LEPRECHAUNS AND HAPPY VOLUNTEERS...

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Open House and Dinner is quickly approaching. WE NEED SOME HELP MAKING THIS EVENT THE BEST MISSION TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY NEIGHBORS TO OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. Debbie Howard and I have been planning. Thank heavens for Ashley Edwards, who has agreed to help manage the serving of food to our guests with the help of our amazing Youth Team members. Bob Cox and Judy Boelt will be receiving guests at 4:15 pm in the Commons Area and dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Our concert will begin at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary with introduction by Jeff O'Donnell.

DECORATING TEAM

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am to transform our Fellowship to an Irish Wonderland. We have all of the supplies, we just need willing hands and happy smiles.

FOOD PREPARATION TEAM

We are so blessed that Beth and Scott Goodwyn are preparing the corned beef and cabbage again this year.

Shepherd's Pie - We need to ask that anyone who is making Shepherd's Pie bring it to the kitchen by 4:00 pm. We are asking some of the volunteers who made a Shepherd's Pie last year to put their aprons on and help us out again this year:

Nancy Wood, Michael Edwards, Patsy Goodwyn, Sandra Cowles, Nancy Flower, Becky Thomas And any other members who would like to make a dish for us to serve.

Scotch Eggs - Debbie Howard has volunteered to make 150 servings of this Irish Treat.

Breads Assortment -

Corn Bread - we need at least 90 servings of corn bread

Soda Bread - we need a volunteer to provide this bread

Blueberry Scones - Debbie Howard has volunteered to make 48 servings (continued next page....)

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Dessert Assortment

Last year we had so many wonderful members bring an assortment of cookies, brownies, mini tarts and other "pick up" desserts. We placed an assortment of different items on plates and had them placed at each place before the dinner began. We need lots of volunteers to bring a package or two of this type desserts so we would like to follow our plan from last year. We decided that cakes and pies are very labor intensive and prefer to stick to the "pick up" type desserts.

CLEAN UP TEAM

We need volunteers to help with putting our Fellowship Hall back into service after this event. We plan to meet back at Church on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00am to finish cleaning up if needed.

If you have any questions or plan to provide food items or man power on our St. Patrick's Celebration Team, please email me at debelam1@aol.com or call me at 804-397-5375. Together we can make a difference and show God's Love to each other and our neighbors.

Thank you, Debbie Elam. Hospitality Committee



Family Game Night!

Saturday, 2/29 from 6-7:30

for ALL AGES!

A fun time for families to gather and play games with young and old.

A \$5 donation is suggested to cover pizza and snacks.

Announcements



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. You may download the form to print here: [SCHOLARSHIP FORM.](#)

From the Pastor

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It is also estimated that the number of children with sensory issues is nearly one in twelve. Last week's speaker has an adult son with Autism. She started her career as a special education teacher in Chesterfield County Schools, but now she serves in Virginia for the Federal Government helping families with special needs children. She shared that although she grew up in the church, the child of a Children's Minister, as her son was diagnosed and her family began dealing with issues related to his diagnosis, she became distant from the church.

One of the pastors asked the presenter "what could your church have done to help you stay connected when you began dealing with your son's diagnosis?" Her reply was not confusing or detailed or difficult. She said that she would have loved to be asked "what can we do for your son and your family?" She said looking back that is all it would have taken. People thought if they mentioned his diagnosis it would be painful or difficult for her and her husband, but she said it would have meant the world to her. She knew her son was Autistic, and to know that her church family would welcome them in spite of his struggle would have made the difference.

Several years ago there was a family with an Autistic child worshiping and serving with us at May Memorial. The family had two sons, and tragically the dad had terminal cancer. The family worshiped with us for a couple of years, and finally, toward the end of the dad's cancer battle, moved to North Carolina to be closer to family. I remember as time came close for the youth to go to Passport camp, the mom and dad signed their two boys up to go. One without special needs and one with Autism. There was never much said about that potentially difficult situation. An adult at May Memorial found out about it, and she stepped up to go with the youth and give 100% of her time to supervising that young man. She made sure he was where he needed to be, and most importantly, that he didn't wander off. The youth went to camp and had a great week. It was a great opportunity for an Autistic young man who could have easily been denied a week a camp because of his disability. But for a May Memorial member who gave her time.

I thank God for this woman and her willingness to do what she did. It was a blessing to a family who were experiencing a very hard time...an Autistic son and a dad with terminal cancer. What a blessing it was for them.

Prayer List February 17, 2020
For any changes, please contact Diana at 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Shirley Reynolds
Sandy Shelton
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, Breeden, Caleb
Hammer,
Kris Curtis

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 in Salisbury, 14001 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian, 23113

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Stephen Breeden, Son of Martha Oberg
Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, friend of Juli Garrett
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 Jeanan Krueger
Janie Dean
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons
Mike Vidra
Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father
Scott Richards' parents
Family of Gene Krueger
Jimmy & Mary Lee Conner, brother to Esther Fitch

Weekly Schedule

Birthdays

Wednesday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Powhatan Women's Club
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

Thursday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at
County Seat

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

Deacon Retreat

Sunday, February 23

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

February

17-Judy Martin
23-Lester Oberg
25-Hunter Smith

March

4-Amy Johnston
5-Jane Ware
6-Cheryl Vrooman
9-Bob Cox
10-Tom Seaman
11-Carol Williams
12-Erin Johnston
13-Stuart Matthews
13-Joan Cosby
13- Cindy Wilkinson
13-Mason Lloyd
15-Anne Gillespie

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

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord for February 16, 2020

Attendance: Worship 105, Sunday School 77

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| Regular Offering | \$ 16,701.00 |
| Building Fund | 200.00 |
| Easter | |
| Lilies | 24.00 |

Total Giving For Period: \$ 16,925.00

Building Fund In Memory of Gail DeNoon

Snead DeNoon