

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, March 15**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Meal & Concert

**Tuesday, March 17**  
10:00 a.m. COPC 10-2  
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 18**  
9:30 a.m. Powhatan Women's Club  
10:00 a.m. COPC 10-2  
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, March 19**  
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
County Seat

**Friday, March 20**  
10:00 a.m. COPC 10-2

**Saturday, March 21**  
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

To help protect each other from the spread of germs the Leadership Council is asking that we follow the CDC recommendations and refrain from handshaking and hugging until the Corona Virus is no longer a threat. Bottles of hand sanitizer are also placed throughout the church for everyone's use.

**Join us on Wednesday Nights: Soul Searching for Lent**  
We will be looking closely at Matthew 26-27 and considering those poignant encounters Jesus experienced during the last days before the crucifixion. These stories will lead us to search our souls during the Lenten Season. Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 (following the meal) for a wonderful time of learning and formation.

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

**Don't Miss! Front Porch Thursdays at May Memorial**  
April 23, 2020, April 30, 2020  
May 7, 2020 and May 14, 2020

Front Porch Thursdays will be a delightful way to share with friends, old and new, some favorite pastimes, relaxing reflection, and preparation for healthy living.

Course opportunities will be either at 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. or at 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at May Memorial Baptist Church, "the church with the front porch" in Powhatan Court House, Virginia. Some courses may include short walking excursions or driving trips. Transportation will be in carpools from the church. Tuition will be \$10.00 to cover expenses for a shared mid-morning coffee break. A few courses may also have small fees for materials, as explained in the course descriptions. We will let you know as soon as the course information is available. For further information, please contact: Bob Kruschwitz phone: 254-723-5908, email: bobkruschwitz@gmail.com or the MMBC office.

**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. Donations to this fund are welcomed at any time as it is entirely supported through donations.

Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children's Minister  
Joan Maples, Minister of Music  
Mary Ellen Balarzs, Organist  
Michael Edwards, Pastor (804) 922-0101

# May Memorial Baptist Church



MARCH 15, 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

*The Community Gathers for Worship*

Welcome Michael Edwards

Prelude  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Charles Converse

Confession of Sin Michael Edwards  
Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people.  
For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives  
to our own hands alone,  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way  
when your response did not come soon enough  
or in the way we expected,  
**Grant us mercy, O God.**  
For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness  
that we have refused,  
**Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.**  
For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom,  
For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those  
who believe differently from us,  
**Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.**  
For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,  
and our indifference to the suffering round us,  
Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace;  
**Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.**  
**For Christ’s sake we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession  
Congregational Response SINGAPURA  
*Lord, Have Mercy* Swee Hong Lim

Musical notation for the congregational response "Lord, have mercy". It consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half). The second staff continues: D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half). The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the first staff.

Musical notation for the congregational response "Christ, have mercy". It consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half). The second staff continues: D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half). The lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us." are written below the first staff.

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Hymn of Praise No. 7 HYMN TO JOY  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Ludwig van Beethoven

\* Invocation Michael Edwards

*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  
***Jesus Loves the Little Children.*** After the *Doxology*, children ages 3  
through Kindergarten who remained in worship with their families may  
exit for Extended Session.

Prayers of the People  
Sharing of Prayer Concerns  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer Michael Edwards  
The Lord’s Prayer

\* Stewardship Hymn No. 307 WOODWORTH  
***Just As I Am*** (vv. 1, 3, 6) William B. Bradbury

Worship in Stewardship  
Offertory Prayer Gary Cowles  
Offertory Quartet Choir Men  
***Fill My Cup, Lord*** Richard Blanchard  
\* ***Doxology*** No. 253 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> (ALTERED)

Old Testament Reading Bob Kruschwitz  
***Exodus 17:1-7***

Anthem Adult Choir  
***There Is a Balm in Gilead*** arr. Robert Lau  
Gabe Cosby, soloist

Gospel Reading Bob Kruschwitz  
***John 4:5-41***

Sermon Michael Edwards  
***Unity in a Divided World***

*The Community Responds to God’s Word*

\* Hymn of Response No. 398 AUSTRIAN HYMN  
***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*** Franz Joseph Haydn

*The Community Departs for Ministry*

\* Announcements for the Week Michael Edwards  
\* Benediction Michael Edwards  
\* Postlude  
***Procession of Joy*** Hal Hopson

\* Please stand as you are able.

***Sanctuary Flowers***  
*The flowers are placed by Paul and Jackie Lindsey to the Glory of God.*

**2020 Antique Power Show - Powhatan Coalition of Churches**  
The 2020 Antique Power Show, sponsored by the Powhatan Coalition of Churches, will be held on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day. This will be the 3rd year of a 5-year commitment that May Memorial agreed to handle “event parking”. The proceeds from the Power Show will be use to benefit those in need in the Powhatan County community.

MMBC will need to have a team available on Friday, April 24 to set up designated parking areas (cones to be provided by VDOT), to set up di-  
rectional signs (provided by Coalition), and to set up the entrance ar-  
ea. On Saturday and Sunday 4 teams will be collecting donations (again  
this year entrance is by donation).

The MMBC Teams are shown as follows:

- Friday (Set up), April 24, 2:00-5:00 PM – 5-6 volunteers needed
- Saturday, April 25, 8:30 AM-Noon – 6 volunteers needed
- Saturday, April 25, Noon-4:00 PM – 6 volunteers needed
- Sunday, April 26, 9:00 AM-Noon - 3-4 volunteers needed
- Sunday, April 26, Noon-4:00 PM – 4 volunteers needed (this shift includes taking down signs, cones and any general cleanup).

Jay Givens will be coordinating the planning for this event. A sign-up  
sheet will be located on the table in the Commons Area, or you can vol-  
unteer by emailing Jay at 2085givens@comcast.net or by calling him at  
804-372-6790 (H) or 804-691-6302 (Cell). Please let Jay know if you  
have any questions.  
Thank you for helping May Memorial be a part of this important  
community event.

*Wednesday Night Dinner - Benefits the Youth Group*

Join us for Supper @ 5:45 this Wednesday, March 18

*Hot Dog Bar*

Sponsored by the Youth Department

Please note family name below. \$20 max. per family.

\$6 Adult \_\_\_\_\_ \$4 Children \_\_\_\_\_