



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

3922 Old Buckingham Road

In the Heart of the Courthouse Village

(804) 598-3098      *Newsletter March 15, 2021*

*From the Pastor...*

**PYAA Ponytails and Coaching Outside the Box**

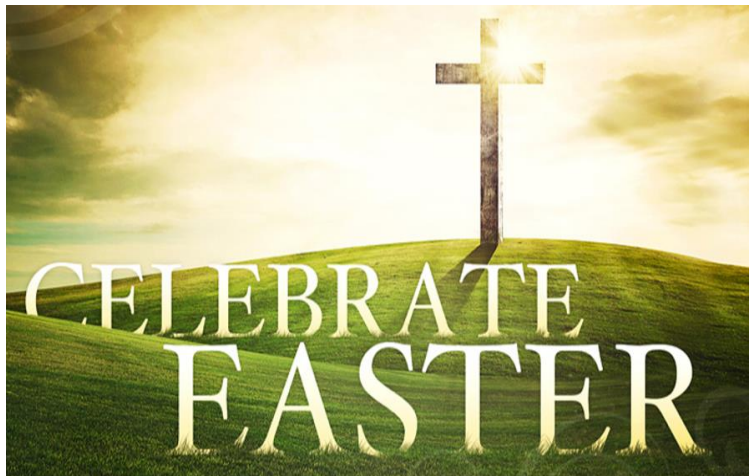
My youngest daughter loves softball. She loves the practices, the uniforms, the friendships, and the games. She also loves winning, and since she has been on some good teams with good coaches, she has done a lot of winning. Laura has a drive to be better, and through this winter we have even hired an excellent hitting coach who has given her weekly lessons. Beverley and I also have loved watching her and her teams play, it is a wonderful way to spend an evening or a Saturday. We are not like some softball families who eat, sleep, and breath softball, but we really enjoy it.

Last weekend was the beginning of the PYAA Spring season, and we were overjoyed to be back out at the Turner Field Complex for try outs/evaluations. I was sitting beside the field with the other parents when Rudy, the PYAA commissioner came over to talk with us. “We have 20 12u girls (Ponytails), and we *can* just do one team. Or, we could have two ponytails teams, but we don’t have another coach.” If anyone would do this, let us know. As I sat there I felt like it was one of those old timey alter calls in a Baptist Church. “Will someone come forward?” I thought about it, and I decided to “walk the aisle” and “answer the call.”

I have a great assistant coach who has a daughter on our team who attends our VBS. Also, Matt and Alyssa O’Quinn are helping with our team. We’ve started practicing, and our games start in April. It is a great group of girls who work hard, and I already knew several of them from children’s events at May Memorial. (Continued on Page 2)

*Easter Worship on  
Sunday April 4*

May Memorial will hold two worship services on this day. One at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. Reservations are encouraged. In between the two services there will be a Children's Egg Hunt.



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I know that I will enjoy coaching these girls this season. I'm glad I can do this with Laura, I enjoy being outside, and I love softball. But there is another reason, and the other reason is why I liken that commissioner's speech to a Baptist Alter Call.

I am convinced that the most important call we experience as Christians is NOT to be inside our building, secluded and apart from our community. I love us being together, praying, reading scripture, singing hymns, etc. It is wonderful, a little slice of heaven. But I think the best image of the church is not of the church "gathered" inside of a building, but a church sent into the world. And for me this is a way I can be sent into our community.

Over the next few months, I will have the opportunity to build relationships with a team of middle school girls and their families that I pray God will use for something more than softball. I pray this is an opportunity to be a good example for Jesus and for May Memorial Church. Even though I haven't said anything about it, they know that I'm the pastor at May Memorial, and I pray that God's gentle Spirit will use this opportunity.

I must tell you that I am a little (a lot?) anxious about coaching softball. Matt O'Quinn is helping get things going and I'm learning a lot from him. For me this is really stepping outside of the box. But I believe that is what God calls me and you to do. Take a risk. Step outside of the box. Be the church *sent*, not just the church *gathered*. God did not create the community for the Church. God created the Church for the community. May we find new ways to open doors that we may follow where God leads us. And may Laura continue to be on a winning team.

## ***Connecting to God...Worship***



### ***Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday***

Please join us this Sunday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place. A called business meeting will follow this service. If you are planning to attend worship would you let us know by leaving a reservation at 598-3098. Thank you.



### ***Virtual Choir Rehearsal***

#### **Virtual Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.**

After nearly a year away from choral music, this option serves as a way to connect choir members, and make music from the safety and comfort of one's own home.

Click on this Zoom link to join on Tuesday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330233432>



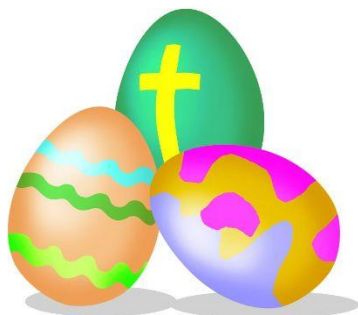
### ***Small Ensembles Practice***

The choir small ensembles will meet at 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday at the church. Contact Andrew Snead if you would like to join!

## *Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship*

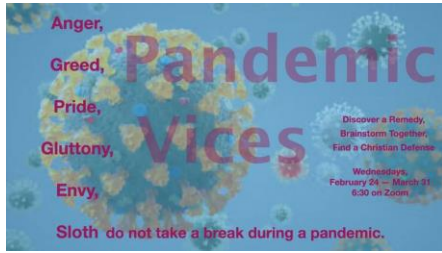


Above: Youth Mission Madness was this past Saturday and Sunday



### *Children's Egg Hunt!*

On Easter Sunday, April 4, the children will have an Easter egg hunt following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.



## *Wednesday Night Gathering*

### *“The Pandemic Vices”*

*by Bob Kruschwitz*

*Wednesdays on Zoom, 6:30*

Those distortions of love, the capital vices or deadly sins, don't take a vacation during a pandemic. Instead, they change their wily attacks our lives. Things like anger, greed, gluttony, envy, vainglory, and acedia (or sloth) manifest in new ways during times of anxiety and loneliness.

On each of the six Wednesday nights of Lent, we'll explore one of the vices and examine how it manifests during the pandemic. And drawing from a figure in the Christian tradition, we'll discover a remedy and brainstorm together our defense.

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



### *Sunday School - The Letter of James*

Join us by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for seven thematic studies in James. Or watch these discussions on the May Memorial YouTube channel at your convenience.

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



### *Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting*

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun! Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link, then follow the directions by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2770321474>

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

## *Connecting to the World...Missions*



### *Easter Goodie Bags for Homebound...*

...and those not feeling comfortable to return to church just yet. From March 8 through 28 we will be collecting the following for a small goodie bag:

Peeps in the 4 pack only (larger packs won't fit in the bag)

Starburst jelly beans in snack size zip lock bags

Small Chocolate Bunny or Lamb

Cookies individually wrapped

Hard butterscotch candy individually wrapped

Any type of individually wrapped treat or candy will be welcome

## *Announcements*

### **Called Church Business Meeting**

A business meeting has been called by the Online Ministry Team and the Finance Committee for Sunday, March 21 at the conclusion of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to entertain a motion to upgrade our equipment so that: 1) Sanctuary services will be able to be viewed in the fellowship hall by way of a screen(s), and 2) our Sanctuary services will be better presented online for those who view and worship from home.

### **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. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey at [prlindsey1@verizon.net](mailto:prlindsey1@verizon.net) or by phone 598-3038.

Scholarship Committee

Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Jackie Lindsey, Juston Sanudo

**For Our Homebound Members** - DVD's of our worship services will be available soon for our homebound members. If you want to receive one each week please let the church office know. If you do not have a DVD player, one of our deacons will provide one and set it up if needed.

**Easter Lilies** - The May Memorial Family will be taking orders for Easter lilies. Each lily is \$14.00. Payment is expected when you order. Please make out your check to May Memorial Baptist Church. You may mail to May Memorial Baptist Church at P. O. Box 56, Powhatan, VA 23139. You may also place in the offering plate, deliver to the finance office or place in the brass box outside the church office.

**Please act quickly. We need all orders and payment by March 22.**

Thank you.

## *March Birthdays*

15 - Anne Gillespie  
16 - Lyle Saxton  
17- Sharon Labons  
17 - Billy Kruschwitz

20 - Jackie Lindsey  
26 - Jay Givens  
29 - Beverley Edwards  
29 - Marshall Ware  
29 - Les Miller

## *Financial Information*

### **Our Gifts to our Lord Week of March 14, 2021**

Regular Offering	\$ 19,881.64
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	449.00
Total	\$ 20,375.64

## May Memorial's Prayer List 3/15/21

### CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden  
Joann Cole  
Bob Cox  
Paula Duncan  
Nick Elam  
Ester Fitch and Family  
Bea & Rick Gallier  
Bill Ketron  
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 CONTACT LIST:

- 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
- Earl and Janice Worsham, 18507 Harrison's Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother  
Lacie Baggett  
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
Ami Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
Stuart Yeorge  
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law  
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo  
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter  
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  
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister  
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt  
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law  
Teresa Fields  
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz  
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's  
Mike Davidson  
Randy Blackwell  
Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis  
Ruth Boatwright  
Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards mother  
Sandra Williams, family member of Carol & Irvin Wms  
Randy Kope, Grandson of Les and Diane Miller  
Michael Bryant, friend of David & Constance Deal  
James Carwile — Esther Fitch  
Clyde Martin — Esther Fitch  
Randolph Martin — Esther Fitch  
Carol Cardwell, friend of Williams'  
Calvin Harris - brother of Carol Williams  
Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister  
Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother  
Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother  
Amy Mitchiner, Debbie Mottley's daughter