

# May Memorial Baptist Church

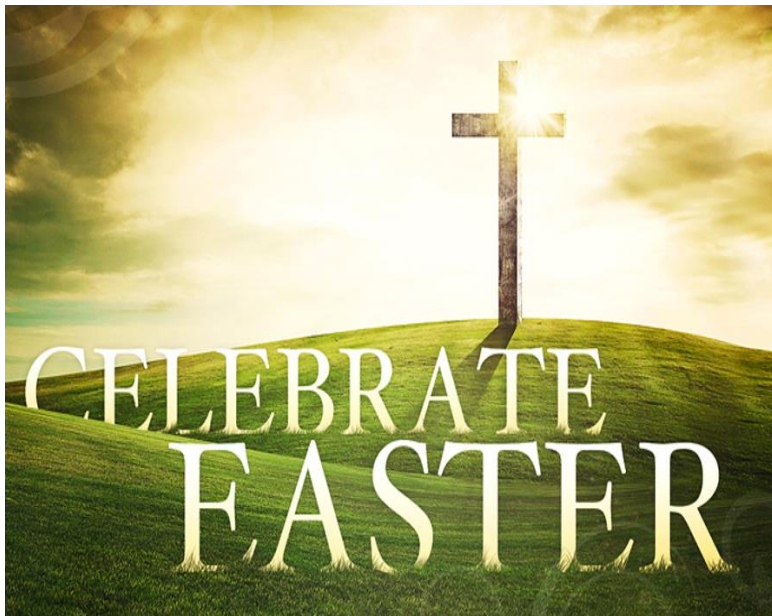


*Reaching...Teaching...Touching...in the Heart of  
Powhatan*

3922 Old Buckingham Road

Newsletter 3-30-21

In the Heart of the Courthouse Village



***Maundy Thursday Worship***

***April 1 at 7:00 p.m.***

***Easter Worship on Sunday***

***April 4***

Both services will be in our Sanctuary  
May Memorial will hold two worship  
services on Easter Sunday. One at 9:00  
a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. Extended  
Session will be offered during the 11:00  
a.m. service, but not the 9:00 a.m. service.

***From the Pastor... Keep Christ in ~~Christmas~~ Easter?*** I really tried to do it this year but I was not very successful. Several months ago I decided that *this* year I was not going to call our Christian religious celebration of Resurrection "easter," but I found it too difficult and on several occasions ended up using the "E" word. I failed for a couple of reasons, the first of which was the strange looks I would get when I referred to April 4 as "Resurrection Sunday." Pragmatism was another reason that my resolution failed. "fill out this form to give a lily on 'Resurrection Day'" is just not as clear of an announcement as "Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary." (continued on page 2)



## ***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.

## ***From the Pastor...continued***

It was around the second century when Christians made the decision to join the celebration of Christ's resurrection with the culture around them. Our word Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Eostre, the name for the Germanic pagan goddess of springtime which was celebrated as winter passed and the earth warmed. I'm not sure if it was an evangelistic purpose or that the culture became so overwhelming that the Church decided to accept the name of a pagan deity for its resurrection festival, but it stuck. Today Easter is a cultural holiday which brings in the fertility symbols of eggs and bunnies and it seems that we fail to ask what these fun names and practices have to do with resurrection. Along with the springtime "birds and bees," our culture is flooded by symbols of natural birth and reproduction, all of which are natural and joyful, but they have nothing to do with resurrection.

Eggs and fertility and flowers and rabbits (and people) reproducing are natural occurrences. The weather warms and sap rises in trees and everything seems to come to life. As wonderful and beautiful as it all is, it is all natural. All of these occurrences make sense. They can be explained by tried and proved methods and we understand. These things can be tested and measured and repeated. Resurrection, on the other hand, is totally unnatural. You can't Google resurrection and get a scientific explanation. A body goes into a tomb and it is there to stay. Death is final, complete, the end.

And yet this Sunday people around the world will flock to the Church to celebrate an unnatural occurrence. Resurrection is not natural; it is not tested and provable. Resurrection is not Eostre.

With only a week left, I offer a last-minute invitation. This Sunday, celebrate Resurrection Day. Make a distinction between the fertility celebration happening all around us and be willing to point out that we are celebrating something different. I am always amazed at the number of protests and the amount of anger around the trend to leave "Merry Christmas" for the more acceptable "happy holidays." Christian's voices are so loud with the insistence to "keep Christ in Christmas," and yet when we come to our Resurrection celebration we so easily take the cultures pagan term. To some it is just a word, but maybe a slight shift with this word would help us remember that what we celebrate is un-natural, incomprehensible, and life changing. What we celebrate is the last word, the final word, even in the face of death, and that word is resurrection.

Happy Resurrection Day!

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



### *Choir Practices This Week*

**Thursday** Choir Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday** Service at 7:00 p.m.



## ***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.

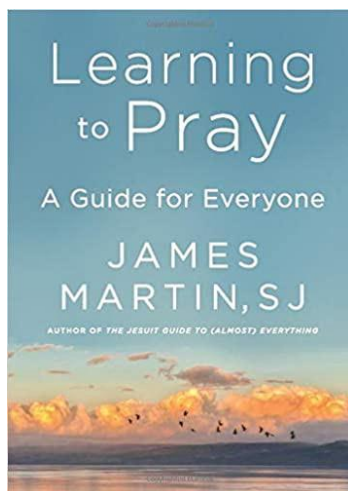
(Youtube channel can be reached by [clicking here](#))

To join the Zoom session at 9:15 a.m. Click the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174870259> and Zoom

Sunday School will automatically open. To join by

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

[Click Here](#) to view the Sunday School Zoom session for March 28, 2021



## ***Spring Bible Study***

**Spring Bible Study** – Transformed by Prayer. We will follow the recent book by James Martin, *Learning to Pray*. It is not required that you purchase the book, but it will guide our topics in discussions when we gather. Wednesdays beginning April 14, 11:00 a.m. at the church, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. 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



## ***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

## Announcements



### Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers for an upcoming Sunday service, please let the church office know which date and we will place you on the flower calendar.

Thank you.

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### March/April

#### Birthdays



26 - Jay Givens

29 - Beverley Edwards

29 - Marshall Ware

29 - Les Miller

4 - Shirley Stephens

5 - Eric Mead

6 - Amanda Seaman

10 - Judy Potter

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## Financial Information



### Our Gifts to our Lord Week of March 28, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 4,358.00
A Time to Build	415.00
Easter Lilies	14.00
Scholarships	25.00
Buildings and Grounds	100.00
Total	\$ 4,912.00

## May Memorial's Prayer List 3/30/21

### CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden  
 Jan Boswell  
 Joann Cole  
 Bob Cox  
 Paula Duncan (home)  
 Nick Elam  
 Ester Fitch and Family  
 Bea & Rick Gallier  
 Amy Karnolt  
 Bill Ketron  
 Paul Lindsey  
 Fran O'Donnell  
 Judy Potter  
 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'  
 Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister  
 Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother  
 Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother  
 Amy Mitchiner, Debbie Mottley's daughter  
 Carson Mead McDonald  
 Heather King – Annie Sparrow  
 Charlie Bennett, son of Nancy Richards