

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, March 8
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, March 10
10:00 a.m. COPC 10-2
12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle
7:00 p.m. Backpacks at Aerations Plus

Wednesday, March 11
10:00 a.m. COPC 10-2
4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids
5:45 p.m. Mid-Week Meal
6:30 p.m. Business Mtg
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, March 12
10:00 a.m. St. Patrick's Day Decorating

Friday, March 13
10:00 a.m. COPC 10-2

Ashley Edwards,
Youth/Children's Minister
Joan Maples,
Minister of Music
Mary Ellen Balarzs, Organist
Michael Edwards, Pastor
(804) 922-0101
Church Office:
(804) 598-3098

Quarterly Business Meeting - Wednesday- 6:30 in the Gathering Room. Please send reports to Cindy Wilkinson or the church office.

Join us on Wednesday Nights: Soul Searching for Lent
(resumes March 18) 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.

WMU Rachael Circle Meeting - Tuesday at 12 noon in the Phoenix classroom. All Ladies are welcome to join us. Bring a sack lunch.

Men's Breakfast - Save the date - March 19.

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. 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.



MARCH 8, 2020

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Welcome	Michael Edwards
Prelude <i>O God, Thou Faithful God</i>	Johannes Brahms
* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 121) I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. We look not only to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth, For God is found among us. Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ’s name, God is here among us. Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community. Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.	Wyatt O’Quinn
* Hymn of Praise No. 44 <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	DIX Conrad Kocher
Confession of Sin Call to Confession Corporate Prayer of Confession Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen Silent Confession	Michael Edwards
Congregational Response <i>Lord, Have Mercy</i>	SINGAPURA Swee Hong Lim
<p>Lord, have mer - cy.</p> <p>Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.</p>	
Assurance of Forgiveness	

The Community Proclaims and Hears God’s Word

Children’s Sermon	Joan Maples
Children are invited to move to the front of the sanctuary as all sing <i>Jesus Loves the Little Children.</i> After the <i>Doxology</i> , children ages 3 through Kindergarten who remained in worship with their families may exit for Extended Session. <i>Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world- red, brown, yellow, black, and white, they are precious in his sight! Jesus loves the little children of the world.</i>	
Prayers of the People Sharing of Prayer Concerns Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer	Michael Edwards and Wyatt O’Quinn
* Stewardship Hymn No. 383 <i>We Are God’s People</i>	SYMPHONY Johannes Brahms
Worship in Stewardship Offertory Prayer Offertory Anthem <i>Be Still and Know</i> * <i>Doxology</i> No. 253	Gerald Hagen Adult Choir Ruth Elaine Schram OLD 100 TH (ALTERED)
Old Testament Reading <i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>	Kayla Tibbs
Solo <i>Born Again</i>	Scott Richards
Gospel Reading <i>John 3:1-17</i>	Kayla Tibbs
Sermon	Michael Edwards
<i>The Community Responds to God’s Word</i>	
* Hymn of Response No. 346 <i>He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands</i>	WHOLE WORLD African-American Spiritual
<i>The Community Departs for Ministry</i>	
* Announcements for the Week	Michael Edwards
* Benediction	Michael Edwards
* Postlude <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Carol Williams arr. Tornquist

* Please stand as you are able.

Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed by Gwen and Gerald Hagen to the Glory of God.

Announcements:

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Concert - March 15th. 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/ person, \$25.00/family. Sign up below. Promotional materials are available in the Commons Area to help you invite friends and family.

CALLING ALL LEPRECHAUNS AND HAPPY VOLUNTEERS...
We need some help making this year’s St. Patrick’s day event the best mission to bring our community neighbors to our beautiful church. Please email debelam1@aol.com or call her at 804-397-5375. Together we can make a difference and show God's Love to each other and our neighbors. Here are the teams:

****DECORATING TEAM** - Meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am. We have all of the supplies, we just need willing hands and happy smiles.

****FOOD PREPARATION TEAM**
Shepherd’s Pie - bring to the kitchen by 4:00 p.m.
Corn Bread - we need at least 90 servings of corn bread
Soda Bread - we need a volunteer to provide this bread
Dessert Assortment - "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 10:00 am to finish cleaning up if needed.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner - Sunday, March 15th
5:00 p.m.
Corned Beef and Cabbage, Shepherds Pie, Corn Bread, Soda Bread.
Specialty desserts. Cost \$8.00/person, \$25.00/family.
Make your reservation, before March 11

Name: _____ # Adults ____ #Children ____

Names of visitors in your group : _____

Wednesday Night Dinner - benefits the Youth Group
Join us for Supper @ 5:45 this Wednesday, March 11

***Karl’s Beef Vegetable Stew (gluten free), Rolls and Desserts.
Chicken Nuggets for Kids.***
Please note family name below. \$20 max per family.

\$6 Adult _____ \$4 Children _____