

May Memorial Baptist Church

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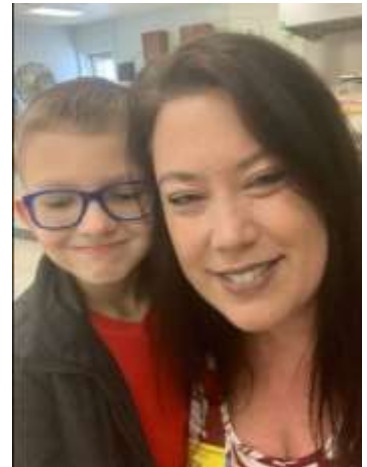
Reaching.....Teaching...Touching...in the Heart of Powhatan

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Last month my family and I took a “mini” vacation to Bath County. We enjoyed a couple of snowy days in the mountains, and we were blessed to be able to spend much of that time outside. One of the highlights of our trip was a hike with seven other people who were also visiting that beautiful corner of Virginia. It may be widely known, but Bath County is one of the only counties in Virginia without a traffic light. It is made up largely by the George Washington National Forest, and the unspoiled wilderness close to the West Virginia state line is a wonderful place....(continued on page 5)

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Spring has sprung! Mary Ellen Balarz', church organist's, beautiful orchids! She considers her flowers blessings from God! An afternoon with Kingdom Kids. Ashley Edwards, Youth and Children's minister has lunch with Brantley Turner.



FRONT PORCH THURSDAYS
You're invited!

Don't Miss Front Porch Thursdays!
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St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Register by Wednesday!
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St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert

At May Memorial Baptist Church
Sunday, March 15





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

We will be looking closely at Matthew 26-27 and considering those poignant encounter 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.

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 Shepherd's 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!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert



Make your reservations with the church office by March 11

CALLING ALL LEPRECHAUNS AND HAPPY VOLUNTEERS...

At May Memorial Baptist Church Sunday, March 15



Tom Stevens on the fiddle and Jimmy Payne on the guitar



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. Please email Debbie Elam at 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 - 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 help us out again this year and other members who would like to make a dish for us to serve.

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.



Save the Date

Thursday, March 19

Men's Breakfast

Don't Miss



FRONT PORCH THURSDAYS
You're invited!

Front Porch Thursdays at May Memorial

Four delightful Thursday mornings this Spring with friends, old and new, sharing hobbies, relaxing reflection, and prep for healthy living.

Thursday Mornings:
April 23, 2020, April 30, 2020
May 7, 2020 and May 14, 2020

Front Porch Thursdays - Introduction to the Vision

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.

Everyone is welcome!

Participants will enroll in short, 75-minute courses that meet for a few weeks. Course topics will range from learning new hobbies, to reflecting on shared books or current topics of interest, and learning skills related to joyful living in community.

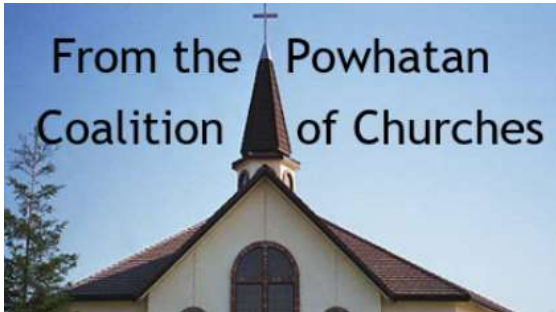
Most courses will meet on Thursday mornings either at 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. or at 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at May Memorial Baptist Church, "the church with the front porch" in Powhatan Court House, Virginia. Some courses may include short walking excursions or driving trips. Transportation will be in carpools 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

May Memorial Baptist Church office phone: 804-598-3098 email: maymem@verizon.net



**2020 Antique Power Show
Powhatan Coalition of Church**

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 directional signs (provided by Coalition), and to set up the entrance area. 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 volunteer 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.

Thank you

May Memorial Church,

I would like to thank you very much for catering the reception after my husband's funeral. It was a very nice reception and if its possible it added a little happiness to a terrible day.

Thank you again,

Stacey Elam

From the Pastor

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Our hike was up through the gorge following a stream that was fed by a hot spring that cascades between two high ridges. A van dropped us off deep in the forest, and we followed our guide, crisscrossing back and forth over the stream that cut its way through the landscape. Our guide pointed out the many native and unique plants and trees, he explained the formation of the Alleghany Mountains, and he showed us many ocean fossils in the plates of mountain rock that one time were ocean floor. He spoke strongly in favor of conservation, he found beauty in places that were not first apparent to his hikers, and he even taught me how to make a great whistle out of an acorn cap.

Our guide also told many stories about his life. Brian was in his 50's (I would guess), he was born in Upstate New York to a Native American father and French Canadian mother. He openly talked about his faith story and spiritual life, a mixture of Catholicism and Native-American Spirituality.



I was most interested in the story he told about when his family moved from Upstate New York to the Virginia Mountains. Brian was a young teenager, bi-racial, a “northerner,” and carrying a northern accent mixed with Canadian words and colloquialisms. His classmates at school told him that he didn’t “belong here,” and he could think of a hundred reasons he was right. He was miserable, and his family knew it. One summer morning he had gone with his dad to the local grocery store, a morning that he had been exceptionally mopey. His dad took him by the arm, walked him around behind their pickup truck in the parking lot. His dad pointed down to a dandelion that had grown up through the asphalt. That little flower was all alone in the middle of a sea of black pavement. His dad pointed to the flower and told him that sometimes we are planted in and grow up in a place we would never choose. But, you have to be strong, and remember that you are planted there for a reason.

Brian’s struggles didn’t immediately go away, but he began to see that God (or the Great Spirit as he would say) did plant him in that place for a reason. And over time, his life began to flourish in Bath County and western Virginia.

I was happy for my daughters to hear this story, because it is not easy being a teenager. At times teenagers find themselves in tough situations and must be strong and find meaning where it is not apparent. But the message is also true for adults, for me. God puts us in places for reasons we may never understand, and our calling is to be faithful, be strong, and look for ways to be God’s salt and light. Even when we are as alone as that lone dandelion in the middle of the asphalt parking lot.

Brian was a great tour guide, a knowledgeable naturalist, and a superb storyteller. It is amazing that when we keep our ears open we can hear many voices, including Gods.



The quarterly meeting is on Wednesday. Please send reports to Cindy Wilkinson or the church 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.



Easter Lilies

The May Memorial Family will be taking orders for Easter lilies. Each lily is **\$14.00**. Please include your check to May Memorial Baptist Church with your order form. The forms will be available at the church. **We need all orders and payment by April 5.** You may place in the offering plate, deliver to the church or finance office or place in the brass box outside the church office. **Thank you.**

Ride Assist Services

RAServices.PVA@gmail.com 804-698-0438



Sign Up as a Driver

- Join our team of Volunteer Drivers
- Accept Ride Requests based on your availability
- Give back & make an impact in our community

Register as a Rider

- Powhatan County Seniors age 60+
- Able to walk with aid of cane or walker
- Unable to drive for basic needs
- Request rides through Transportation Coordinator

Give the gift of a ride!



Please share this information from the Powhatan County Administrative Offices with those who may need the service.

Prayer List March 9, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Don Adkins
Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Fran O'Donnell
Lester Oberg
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
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
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

March**Tuesday, March 10**

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Backpacks of Love
 at Aerations Plus

Wednesday, March 11

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. Business Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12

10:00 a.m. Decorating for
 St. Patrick Day Dinner

Friday, March 13

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

Sunday, March 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 6:15 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Concert

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
 16-Lyle Saxton
 17-Sharon Samuels
 Labons
 17-Erin Claud
 17-Billy Kruschwitz
 20-Jackie Lindsey
 20-Graham Bilthuis
 21-Halona Samuel
 23- Joyce Smith
 26-Jay Givens
 27-Brent Gillespie
 30- Bob Cosby
 30-Mike Lindsey

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

Financial Information

The financial information for March 8 will be in next week's *Newsletter*.