

**May Memorial**

**Baptist Church**



*A Warm Welcome to our Newest Member!*

Mary Ellen Balarzs joined with May Memorial on April 18! After retiring from the Organist position she wanted to continue at May Memorial and we are happy she did.

**From the Pastor...“Them”**

Several weeks ago in Sunday School one of the class members told the story about her encounter with a person she invited to church. If I remember correctly, she was at a garage sale, and while she was looking over the items for sale she struck up a conversation with the woman hosting the Saturday morning sale. After a few minutes the conversation turned to church, or religion, or spiritual things. The Sunday School Class Member took the opportunity to invite the woman to May Memorial. The woman replied that she had tried church before, but when she had gone she was not accepted or welcomed. She did not feel any sense of hospitality. She never explicitly said the reason for this, but somehow it was believed that it was connected to her many tattoos. “Well,” the Sunday School Class Member responded, “I just don’t think you would feel that way at May Memorial. They are a very welcoming people.”

I’ve thought about this story since it was told in Sunday School, and it was on my mind yesterday during my sermon. Yesterday we focused on the story of the deacon Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. The Ethiopian Eunuch, for many reasons, was one of “them” to Philip. And yet the Spirit led Philip to encounter and share God’s love with him. Even though he was one of “them.”

In my sermon I never said who “them” is. That is because I don’t know who it may be for you. For each one of us it may be different, or, we may share the same perspective. We may have some “thems” as a church, not unanimously, but generally. But whoever your “them” is, the Spirit is continuously calling us to share God’s with, well, them.

I love the Baptist Will Campbell. He was a preacher, college chaplain at Ole Miss, and author. His novel *Brother to a Dragonfly* is a great read, and he was pastor to the likes of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, and Studs Terkel. Campbell carried the title “Bootleg Preacher,” and he did not fit in the “Baptist Preacher Box” in any (continued on page 2...)

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normal sense of the image. But Campbell preached that Jesus calls us to love all people, not just those we agree with. Campbell marched for civil rights alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., and he was also a friend to many KKK leaders. He was criticized for his associations, and he would reply that “you have to love them all.”

That is what we are called to do, to allow that line between “us” and “them” to fade so that we may share God’s love with all that the Spirit leads us to.

## Connecting to God...Worship



### *Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday*

Please join us this Sunday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.

## Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



### *Rachael Circle Social!*

Nancy Wood is inviting everyone to her home for a “Meeting on the Porch” on May 11th at noon. Bring your favorite appetizer to share (home made or store bought, doesn’t matter) and we will eat and meet... lemonade provided. We have a few things to decide for next year as this is normally our last meeting until next September. Officers, summer projects and any new ideas..etc..

All Ladies are welcome to join us!



### *Choir Practice*

The choir will now meet on Wednesdays  
**at 5:00 p.m.**

Now is a great time to join the choir!  
New members are welcome!



**Kingdom Kids...  
IN PERSON!!!  
3:30-5:00 Wednesdays  
at the church!**

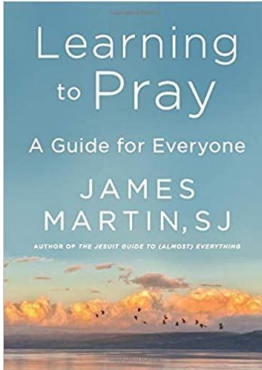


### *Sunday School*

We are studying *The Letter to the Romans*, which has been called the Apostle Paul's masterpiece.

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



### *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 11:00 a.m. at the church**

*(we are not meeting on Zoom this week at 6:30 p.m.)*

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



### ***An Exciting Summer Planned for Children and Youth!***

***June - Family Pool Party***

***July - Youth Pool Party***

***June 13-18 Youth Passport Greensboro College***

***July 19-22 Outdoor VBS***

***Youth Beach day in July!***

*For Questions or to sign up for camp, contact Ashley Edwards..*

## **Connecting to the World...Missions - 2 opportunities on Saturday**



**One Day Mission Project - On Saturday, May 8** we will go to Meno to bundle firewood that will be sold to Bear Creek Lake State Park. This work will help fund the Meno, a Christian residential community for those affected by drug and alcohol addiction. We will meet at the church at 8:30 and return by 3:00. Lunch will be provided. To sign up call or email the church office.

**Hope House Walk - May 8 - In the Village of Powhatan**  
against domestic violence.

**Walk Against Domestic Violence**  
**Sponsored by Powhatan UMC for**  
**Hope House of Powhatan**



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS INCREASING.**

Some sources indicate that there has been as much as an 80 percent rise in domestic violence within the past year.

**EVENT DETAILS:**

- Gather by 10:30am at Powhatan UMC
- The walk route...through downtown Powhatan to Scottsville circle and back.
- Social distancing guidelines will be followed... (masks, distancing etc.)
- Water will be provided for walkers.
- Drivers will be provided for those who wish to leave the walk before completion
- At the conclusion of the walk everyone is invited to bring a bag lunch to the Church for a picnic on the lawn! (Bring a chair)

Additional places of refuge are needed to accommodate this rising crisis.

Join us on May 8th, from 11am—12pm as we walk in our community to raise awareness of domestic violence across the country.

This crisis affects many. We encourage people of **all ages** to participate.

**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
**Join us!**

**Let's walk to end Domestic Violence!**



**Free will donations will be appreciated and will go to Hope House of Powhatan!**



**Social Services Emergency Housing**

The Rachael Circle will be collecting items for the Powhatan Social Services Emergency Home. This is a project led by Renee VanNatter at the Social Services office.

**Needs:** \*Paper plates and plastic utensils, \*Bottled water and non- perishable food items  
\*Twin mattress and pillow covers, \*Gift cards to Walmart and Sheetz

The Coalition of Churches would like to invite you to attend the event that the Pipe Hitters Motorcycle Union is having at Lonesome Dove. The event is open to the public. During this event, a car will be presented to a veteran. This is being done by Vehicles for Veterans. V4V is run by a 100% disabled veteran. He refurbishes cars and gives them to a veteran. We will have food, raffles, vendors, a band and of course horses during this event. Hope to see you at "The Dove"

## PIPE HITTERS UNION MOTORCYCLE CLUB

### Helping Veterans Ride Again Poker Chip Run



Supporting Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center



BAND

50/50

MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

### Steel Horse Harley Davidson

11501 Hull Street Road  
Midlothian, Virginia 23112  
Registration 9:00 to 10:30am

SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLE ITEMS



Pipe Hitters Union Motorcycle Club are proud to support the Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center in Powhatan Virginia. The mission of the center is to provide a safe, relaxing, and peaceful place for Veterans with special needs and disabilities to receive the benefits of therapeutic riding and equine related activities at no cost to the Veteran. Please join us at our fundraiser supporting Lonesome Dove so they may continue to serve and provide programs for our Veterans with disabilities and special needs.

Last stop will be onsite at the Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center where you will enjoy some live entertainment, food, and raffle drawings. Please take some time and tour the facility while you are onsite and see how Lonesome Dove serve our Veterans.

## Announcements



### Audio/Visual (A/V) Volunteers Needed

As you pray for May Memorial this week, please ask the Lord to stir the hearts of individuals to volunteer for the Audio Visual Team. Individuals willing to explore the possibility of serving one Sunday a month as a sound board or computer technician are asked to share their interest with [Diana](#) in the church office (804-598-3098). Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity for some in our congregation to become providers rather than consumers...

Joy Sanudo, Billy Kruschwitz  
A/V Team Leaders



*Take Me Out to the Ballgame!*

We will be including the (close and home) games for the children and youth at May Memorial over the next couple of months. If you would like to go to a game and cheer on our students they would love to see and hear you cheering them on! .

**Wednesday, May 5, 4:30 p.m.** – Powhatan Middle School  
Middle School Baseball  
Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

**Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.** – Home at Powhatan  
PHS JV Lacrosse Team  
Sarah Seaman  
(there is an entry fee\*\* see note below.)

**Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.** – Pitt Field (3834 Old Buckingham Road)  
Powhatan Herricanes (Coached by Michael Edwards)  
Laura Edwards

**Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.** – Turner Field (3849 Old Buckingham Road)  
Powhatan Debs (Coached by Matt O’Quinn)  
Alyssa O’Quinn

**Saturday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.** – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)  
Warriors  
Graham Bilthuis

**Wednesday, May 12, 4:30 p.m.** – Powhatan Middle School  
Middle School Baseball  
Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

**Saturday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.** – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)  
Warriors  
Graham Bilthuis

\*\* (there is an entry fee which, for home games and away games against Midlothian, are managed through [gofan.co](http://gofan.co) (not .com) and aren't available for purchase until game day.)

# Thank you

*Our family would like to thank everyone at May Memorial for all of their love, support and prayers for Fran and us over these last few years. It has meant so much to us. ~ Jeff O'Donnell*

## May Memorial's Prayer List 5/3/21

### CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden  
Jan Boswell  
Joann Cole  
Bob Cox  
Paula Duncan  
Nick Elam  
Ester Fitch and Family  
Bea & Rick Gallier  
Audrey Johnston  
Amy Karnolt  
Bill Ketron  
Paul Lindsey  
Alice Miller  
Judy Potter  
Shirley Stephens  
David & Susan Terry  
Earl & Janice Worsham

### MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent Templeton, Quint Sutton,  
David Brizendine, Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Sutton,  
Justin Donnaton, 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

The church office makes every effort to keep the list current. Please let us know any updates or if a name can be removed.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

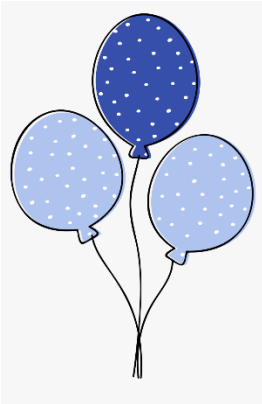
Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother  
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
Ami Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law  
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo  
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter  
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis  
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law  
Janie Dean  
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons  
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  
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz  
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's  
Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis  
Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards's 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  
Mavis Martin, sister-in-law of Esther Fitch  
Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister  
Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother  
Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother  
Amy Mitchiner, Debbie Mottley's daughter  
Heather King – Annie Sparrow  
Charlie Bennett, son of Nancy Richards  
Calvin Harris, brother of Carol Williams  
Judy Ketron's mother, Freda  
Pat Lewis – Carol Gregg  
Stephen Kendal – Carol Gregg  
Tommy Hawthorn  
Donna Waller, friend of Snead DeNoon  
Fred Blevins – Janet Allen  
Jerry Hayden – Janet Allen  
Gail Harris - Carol Williams  
Kristina Easter – Louise Poore  
Family of Fran O'Donnell

# May Birthdays



2 - Jim Madures  
5 - Scott Richards  
9 - Conley Bodsford  
10 - Lee Howard

12 - David Terry  
14 - Jason Young  
16 - Haley O'Donnell  
17 - Kenneth Carter



## It's a Boy!

We celebrate with Willie and Lydia Ferebee at the birth of their son, Parker Thomas Ferebee. Mom and baby are doing well. We rejoice with the family, especially the proud new grandparents, Jeff and Lisa O'Donnell.

A Warm Welcome to Naomi Ellis!  
Daughter of David and Jamie Ellis.



## Financial Information

### Our Gifts to our Lord Week of May 2, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 5,814.59
A Time to Build	100.00
Building Fund	200.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,229.59</b>

Building Fund in Honor of Gerald Hagen  
Snead DeNoon