

May Memorial Baptist Church

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

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History to Teach and a Story to Live

There are two stories told at Monticello. Beverley and I participated in this first-hand last summer when we took Laura and a friend for a day at Jefferson's amazing home. The first story is told inside the house. For us it was told by a wonderful young woman, an undergraduate at William and Mary who was spending her summer giving the planned presentation to groups she guided through each room at Monticello. She told of Jefferson's contribution to Religious Freedom, his service as American President, his intellectual power,

his creative inventions, and his letter writing. It is an amazing story about an amazing man, and that tour reflects JFK's statement when hosting the Western Hemisphere's Nobel Prize winners at the White House: I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House, with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone.

The other story is told along Mulberry Row, the path lined by shops that kept Monticello operating. That story is about the enslaved human beings who spent their lives as property of another person. It is a story about Sally Hemmings, the enslaved woman who was Jefferson's mistress, or as the Monticello website names her, his concubine. Whatever she is labeled, it is agreed that under no circumstances is the sexual relationship between a slave holder and an enslaved female ever truly consensual. It is a true story, and it is hard to hear. The woman who led this tour at Monticello was not a college student with a great summer job, but was a historian from UVA. Beverley and I were glad that Laura and Maggie were on the hillside playing during most of that presentation, because the violence and cruelty of that story is hard to hear.

Both stories are true, and to understand the history of Jefferson one has to hear both. You don't understand those stories, especially the Mulberry Row story, by looking at the monument of Jefferson at the visitor's center. It takes more than that. You must go up the hill and listen to the story to understand the history.

One of the amazing things about scripture is what the writers and editors didn't leave out. There are some unsavory stories of sin and violence in the Bible, but they were left in. Stories of sexual violence and deceit and murder. Stories of marital unfaithfulness and bribery and abuse. But they are included. Because to understand the story, we need both sides.

As God's people we are invited to hear and understand both sides of the story. At Monticello, and in scripture. Because in hearing the whole story we are called to live into the story of what God is doing in the world. There is a long, over-arching story where we discover God at work redeeming all things to Himself, and we are called to join with God in the work of that story. We know how it ends, with humankind being freed and redeemed and adopted into God's family. When all things shall be made new. And that is the story that we are called to understand, but most importantly, to live into.



Mark your calendars!
MMBC 2020 Virtual VBS
will be July 6-10

Weird Animals - VBS Our first choice would, of course, be to meet together in person for VBS, we know that the safest option for this year

will be to proceed with an online alternative. We are excited to be able to bring a virtual version of Weird Animals VBS to your homes so that your kids can still participate in this wonderful church event. Even though things look really different right now, we are already looking forward to everything God will do in and through this ministry this year! More details to come!

Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children's Minister

Kingdom Kids *meeting on ZOOM!!*

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

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

Mid-Week Gathering this Week:

The May Memorial Gathering Room

Join us for The Gathering Room on Zoom this Wednesday night. Click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open. Be sure your camera and microphone are turned on! You can click on the link anytime this week to be sure it will work. If you experience problems [email](#) or call Pastor Michael at (804) 922-0101.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 around 6:25 p.m.

Enter this code: 286 978 612

Church Wide Zoom Sunday School:

Sunday Morning, 9:45

Bob Kruschwitz will lead a church-wide Sunday School lesson this coming Sunday morning at 9:45.

Click the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174870259>

and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open. Be sure your camera and microphone are turned on! If you experience problems email or call Pastor Michael at (804) 922-0101.

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

Connecting to the World...Missions

Helping Amelia Nursing Home

The WMU Rachael Circle has initiated a hygiene collection for the Amelia Nursing Home. A bin will be in the church foyer. If anyone would like to donate, these are the items we need:

Hand Sanitizer (any size bottles)

Clorox Wipes

Lysol

Face Masks

Any questions, contact Diana Schmitz at maymem@verizon.net or (804) 598-3098

Thank you!



Announcements

From Nancy Alexander:

Winfred Taylor has about 500 sweet potato plants he would like to give away.

If you are interested, call him at 804-928-1859. Thank you.

Prayer List June 8, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Margaret Carter
Bob Cosby
Bob Cox
Snead DeNoon
Lee Duncan
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Jeanan Krueger
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Jeff Spoon
David&Susan
Terry
Frances Tilman
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, (currently at Kirk and Peggy Johnston's home) 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

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
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's
Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis
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
Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father
Scott Richards' parents
Lennox Family
Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith
Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt
Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's
Logan Cook, grandson of Wilford and Linda Poore.
Tim Martindale, friend of Bob & Vicki Kruschwitz
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Gwen Lunford, Lester Oberg's sister.
Debbie, Vicki Kruschwitz' sister

Tentative Schedule

Birthdays

Sundays:

8:45 a.m. A Virtual Worship Service will be shared on Utube Premier.

Will be accessible after that on website and through email

9:45 a.m. Zoom Sunday School

5:30 p.m. Zoom Soul Food

Wednesdays:

3:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

6:30 p.m. Zoom Mid-Week Gathering

June

9- Jim Blandford

9 - Christina Fredette

13 - Irma Alvis

13 - Doug Bradbury

15 - Paul Lindsey

17- Michelle Smith

19 - Sarah Seaman

21 - Eric Jordan

21 - Lindsey Jordan

22 - Omri Ware

24- Nancy Richards

27 - Francis Winall

28 - Chris Goodwyn

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of June 7:

Regular Offering \$ 5,518.64

Special Offering 200.00

(Playground Equipment)

Total 5,718.64



E-Giving

You may contribute to missions through May Memorial's e-giving site. [CLICK HERE](#) to access that website.