

# May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter

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

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## **Papa Bears, Budgets, Giving, and Self-Employed Pastors**

Pastors lives in a strange world both financially and vocationally. Pastors, according to the Federal Government, are self-employed. I pay quarterly self-employment payments in addition to other taxes because of this designation from the Federal Government. There is also the sense in which it is God who calls men and women to the pastoral vocation, and it is our faith tradition that sets out the work and calling of the pastor. In many ways, a pastor does not work for the “local” church but works for God in that particular place.

But speaking practically, God does not miraculously drop pastor’s compensation out of heaven into a checking account (at least God has never done this for me). It is the local church who enters into a contract with a pastor and supports that pastor financially. And to offer another layer to this, the church is really supporting God’s work in their community by supporting the pastor, they are not simply “paying the preacher.” One final layer would be to add that giving is an act of worship and discipleship, not simply supporting the budget.

**All of this is a long-winded way to what I really want to say.**

Gerald Hagen, the church’s treasurer, will be quick to tell you in past years whenever we have experienced a snowstorm resulting in worship being cancelled for one, two, or three Sundays, it has been difficult for the church financially. So, in March, when we cancelled Sanctuary Worship for what would become twenty-one weeks, no one knew what would happen financially to May Memorial Church. I didn’t know what the upcoming months would look like for my family and me. Yes, we give to our church for God’s work in the community, but my livelihood also depends on MMBC.

What has happened has been nothing short of a miracle. Giving to MMBC over the past six months has exceeded what anyone could have expected. We are in uncharted territory in that our giving has exceeded our budget. And God’s work has continued in many familiar and new ways in our community. And God has taken care of my family and me. I’m grateful to God for this. And I’m grateful to you. (continued on page 2)



***Please join us for***

**Worship at 11:00**

***Sunday in the Sanctuary !***

**We are working to keep you safe.**



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It is in my DNA that a father and husband takes care of his family. I have even been called a “papa bear” before, and I take it as a compliment. My dad and Beverley’s dad are the strongest of examples to both Beverley and me that providing for and protecting our family is expected. It is planted firmly in both my and Beverley’s DNA. If the financial crisis associated with COVID 19 would have affected May Memorial negatively, Beverley and I both would have done whatever necessary to supplement as needed for our family during this crisis. But God provided.

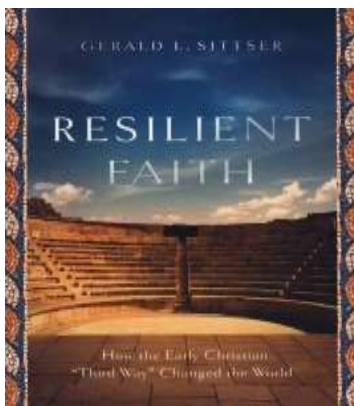
I look at this world and there is so much that is uncertain, so much that is turned upside down, so much that is frightening. Trusting in God is essential, understanding that we are in God’s hands is vital. And on most days during 2020 I have understood and remembered all that. God has provided. But I am also forever grateful to you, the May Memorial family, that during this uncertain time you continued to give, so that God’s work has continued in the community, and that my family has been okay.



### The May Memorial Gathering Room Wed. at 8 p.m.

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 Enter code: 286 978 612



### Church Wide Zoom Sunday School: Sunday Morning at 9:15 a.m.

Beginning August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the online the church wide zoom Sunday School class will begin a series of lessons based on the early Christian church. Mr. Bob Kruschwitz will be leading us in a discussion centered around the book *Resilient Faith: How the Early Christian “Third Way” Changed the World* by Gerald L. Sittser. The book can be purchased from Amazon. Three copies of the book have been donated to May Memorial and can be checked out at the office.

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

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2020

The Scholarship Team is pleased to announce that checks in the amount of \$600.00 each were mailed on August 5th to the following scholarship recipients: Hannah Crump, Rebekah Crump, Joshua Deal, Alexander Dougherty, Anna Edwards, Peyton Edwards, Taylor Stewart, and Kayla Tibbs. The Scholarship Guidelines require that all recipients notify the Scholarship Team no later than July 31st if their college plans have changed. In this time of uncertainty, it is reassuring to know that these young people are continuing with their college plans. The Scholarship Fund is funded entirely with donations, and thanks to several very generous donations during the past year and support from the Koinonia Class through its Wednesday night dinners, \$4800.00 was given in scholarships. We encourage church members to continue to support this fund so that next year the team will be able to award scholarships which help our young people with their college expenses. Any amount is appreciated, and is a good way to honor friends and family on various occasions throughout the year.

The Scholarship Team: Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Jackie Lindsey, Juston Sanudo

## Prayer List August 10, 2020

### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Barbara Barden  
Susie Brock  
Margaret Carter  
Bob Cosby  
Bob Cox  
Snead DeNoon  
Lee Duncan  
Nick Elam  
Ester Fitch and Family  
Bea Gallier  
Rick Gallier  
Bill Ketron  
Jeanan Krueger  
Paul Lindsey  
Fran O'Donnell  
Jim Pinkley  
David&Susan  
Terry  
Frances Tilman  
Karen Utt  
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,  
Adam and Hunter Mitchell

### **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  
Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates

### **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, Juli Garrett's son-in-law  
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  
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  
Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller  
Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike and Bernice Koelzer  
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt  
Family of DeMarco Harris, Nancy Alexander's relative  
Family of Myrtle Holland, Russ Holland's mother

## Tentative Schedule

## Birthdays

### Sundays:

**9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School**  
**(please note the time change)**  
**(Re-Gathered SS begins in October)**

**11:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary**  
 Also, a Live Streaming Worship Service  
 will continue to be shared on  
 YouTube Premier at 11:00

**5:30 p.m. Zoom Soul Food**  
**(Re-Gathered Youth SF begins Aug 23)**

### Wednesdays:

**3:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids**

**8:00 p.m. Zoom Mid-Week Gathering**  
**(Re-Gathered Bible Study in January)**

### August

10 - Janice Hudgins  
 13 -Elizabeth Cosby  
 13- Stuart Howard  
 13- Dawna Minton  
 16-Carolyn Madures  
 17-Karl Schmitz  
 17-Karen Cheatham  
 19-Louise Poore  
 20-Kyle Wills  
 21-Carol Gregg  
 22-Barbara Barden  
 22-Alyse Gillespie  
 26-Judy Ketron  
 27-Judy Boelt  
 28-Buddy Stokes  
 28-Nancy Wood  
 29-Francis Shelton  
 31-Graham O'Donnell

## Financial Information

### Our Gifts to our Lord, Week of August 2, 2020

<b>Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$ 4,945.20</b>
Memorials	50.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	20.00

**Total \$ 5,040.20**

### Memorials in Loving Memory of Don Fitch

James and Ann Carwile

### Our Gifts to our Lord, Week of August 9, 2020

<b>Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$ 7,304.14</b>
A Time to Build	1,100.00
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	125.00
Special Offering	100.00

**Total \$ 8,649.14**

### Scholarship Fund In honor of our 20-21 Scholarship Recipients

Paula and Jackie Lindsey