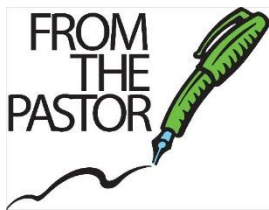
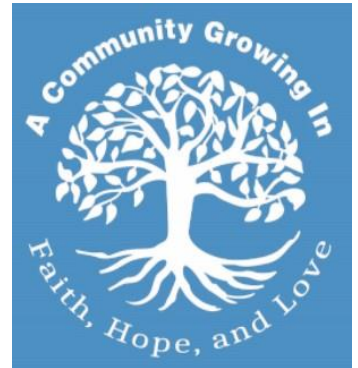


May Memorial Baptist Church

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

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A School Lesson from Andy Griffith

I have a bad habit of always watching the same programs on TV. We do not have cable, so we watch local stations with our antenna or stream programming from Netflix or Amazon Prime. My two "go-to shows" are *The Office* and *Parks and Recreation*.

Recently I have started bingeing *The Andy Griffith Show*. As a native North Carolinian, I know almost every episode by heart, but I could sit for more time that I'd like to admit and watch episode after episode of Andy, Barney, Opie, Aunt Bea and Otis. Watching the *Andy Griffith show* is a comfort to me in a culture that seems to be too often crass and cruel. (Continued on page 3.)



Please join us for

Worship at 11:00

This Sunday in the Sanctuary!

This Sunday we will have a guest preacher, the Rev. Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions with the Dover Baptist Association.

Enjoy pictures from last Sunday's Blessing of the Backpacks.





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

Bible study will resume with a new study

on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

You can read the passages that we will focus on each week:

Wednesday, September 9 -- Matthew 9:35-10:8

"Sacrificing Ourselves for Others"

Wednesday, September 16 -- Matthew 10:24-39

"Solidarity with the Suffering"

Wednesday, September 23 -- Matthew 10:40-42

"Choosing a Braver Faith"

Wednesday, September 30 -- Genesis 24:34-67

"A Love that Makes Neighbors"

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter this code: 286 978 612

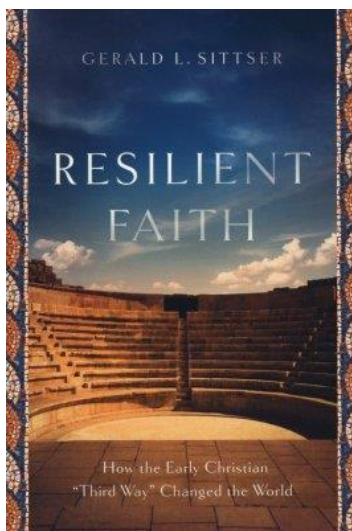
Church Wide Zoom Sunday School:

Sunday Morning at 9:15 a.m.

Zoom Sunday School class has begun 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.

To join by phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter: 871 7487 0259





Lonesome Dove will be having a meal for veterans on **September 5**.

Juli Spoon and Sandy Shelton are asking the church if anyone can bring some salads. They are looking for salads, pasta salads and even fruit trays. If you can provide a salad, please drop it off at the church on **Friday, September 4, between 5 and 8 p.m.**

From the Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR...(continued from page 1)

I recently watched the episode in which Andy tells Opie that he really doesn't need the material he is learning in history class, and that Ms. Crump, his teacher, is unreasonable in her expectations of her students. Opie and his buddies do not complete their homework, and the next day in class inform "Old Lady Crump" that Andy has given them permission to not complete their assignments. Ms. Crump marches into the sheriff's office boldly telling Andy that he has made her job very hard, that he has undermined what she was trying to accomplish with her students. Andy sees the error of his ways, and he works to amend the damage he has caused.

It is an important reminder of the vital role between parents and school faculty in student's lives and learning.

School has resumed for our students and teachers, and they have gone back to learning in a radically different way than we could have ever imagined. The amount of technology teachers are having to master and use for virtual learning is overwhelming. Teachers and administrators are working to keep students safe and healthy while they are in the building. Teachers are working hard to keep students engaged who never step into the building. It is a herculean task. Our teachers, administrators, and school staff deserve our gratitude and appreciation for the work they are doing.

This year I have decided to include in my daily prayers teachers, administrators, and all school staff. I have been praying for them in worship, and this will continue. In a world in which it is far too easy (most notably on social media) to tear down and attack schools and staff and teachers, I believe that it is more important than ever that principals, teachers, and school staff receive the trust, support, and prayers that we are called to give.

If (actually, when) any of my children have had an issue at school Beverley or I have showed up. I'm an advocate for my children, and we have always found in Powhatan that faculty and staff have been advocates for my children as well. I'm grateful for Powhatan Schools, for my children's teachers and principals. We could not ask for better.

I love the Quaker singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer, and her song *I Believe* is a beautiful list of the many things she believes. She sings that she believes "there are some debts that we can never repay," and she believes that "there are some words that you can never unsay." She believes that "there is healing in the sound of a voice, and that a summer tomato is a cause to rejoice." Early in this song she proclaims that she believes "there's a place in heaven for those who teach in public school."

I'm grateful for those who teach our children, they serve us well.



Introducing....

Sandra Parker, Interim Minister of Music

Sandra Parker is a longtime resident of Powhatan County. Having attended grade school and high school at Huguenot Academy, she later attended Longwood University (used to be called Longwood College) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance and a minor in Voice. She has taught private piano lessons since 1976 and has performed professionally in the Richmond area.

(Sandra shown with her husband Gene)

She also taught private lessons at Swift Creek Academy of the Performing Arts and Powhatan Music and Sound. After serving as music director at Huguenot Academy for both band, chorus, and general music, she decided to work for the FBI and continue teaching private piano and performing. While working in the Richmond Office of the FBI, she had the opportunity to be the rehearsal pianist for Charles Van Dell Johnson who now has his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She has accompanied musicals across the county as well as in the Richmond area. She has performed with the Richmond Jazz Band and enjoys working with orchestras and big bands. She recently worked as music director at Swift Creek Mill Theatre. She has served as pianist at Red Lane Baptist Church, Bethesda Church of God, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, and West End Assembly of God. She has served as pianist at West End Assembly of God for approximately 24 years and found great joy serving as pianist for their annual Glorious Christmas Nights Production. She is currently serving her 16th year as Music Technology Director at Powhatan Middle School and enjoys accompanying the choral programs as well. Sandra is married to Gene Parker, who is retired from Consolidated Freightways and currently works at Colony Construction in Powhatan. Together they have a blended family. They are blessed with 3 daughters, 1 son, and 1 grandchild. Sandra loves the outdoors and some of her hobbies include spending time with her granddaughter, gardening, drawing, crafts, journaling, and kayaking.

Prayer List August 31, 2020

For any changes, please contact Diana at (804) 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Susie Brock
Margaret Carter
Joann Cole
Bob Cosby
Bob Cox
Snead DeNoon
Lee Duncan
Paula 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, Currently with Billy and Marlis Kruschwitz
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 George
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon'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
Lisa and David Davis, Gladys Rabon's daughter and son-in-law
Matt Bennett

Thank You

Dear May Memorial Church,
I cannot put into words for how grateful I am for the generous scholarship. I have found my calling in life and to have my church family support me in that, not just financially, means everything to me. See you on Sundays!
Love, Kayla Tibbs

Tentative Schedule

Sundays:

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
(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. Soul Food

Wednesdays:

3:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

6:30 p.m. Zoom Mid-Week Gathering
Resumes on September 9
(Re-Gathered Bible Study in January)

Birthdays

August

31-Graham O'Donnell

September

1-B.J. Smith
1-Colette Saxton
2 - Parker Mead
5 - Carolyn Hash
6-Howard Sheppard
6-Kaye Stokes
8-Diana Smith
8-Marjorie Cave
8-Zach Bilthuis
10-Kayla Tibbs
10-Ben Cunningham
13- Ewell Flippo

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord, Week of August 30, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 4,737.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	25.00

Total \$ 4,787.00

**Special Offering in
honor of Mary Ellen
Balarzs**