



May Memorial Baptist Church

Newsletter 9-28-20

Reaching...Teaching...Touching...in the Heart of Powhatan
3922 Old Buckingham Road
In the Heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098

Connecting to God...Worship



*Please join us for Worship at 11:00 a.m. this
Sunday, October 4, 2020 in the Sanctuary!*

You don't need a reservation, but would you please let us know you are coming by calling the church office?

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship

Blessing of the Animals - October 11

Join us at 2 p.m. on the front steps of the sanctuary with your pet!

Bring a lawn chair if you like.

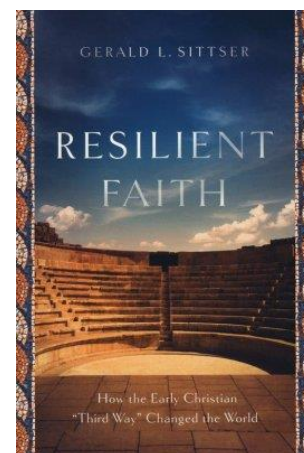


Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom

Zoom Sunday School class, led by Mr. Bob Kruschwitz, is continuing 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



From the Pastor - A Meal that Makes Church Church

What makes the Church Church? This has been an important theological question for much of church history. When a local church gathers together and engages in our practiced rituals, planned activities, work in the community, and times of fellowship, what makes it uniquely *church*? What is the difference between a church and a social organization? The Freemasons have rituals and they perform benevolent work. Rotary and Lions Clubs have memberships and community service projects and good fellowship. So what distinguishes a group of people as *Church* and not simply another community organization?

For the Reformers this question is easy. The Church is the place where the Word is rightly proclaimed and the sacraments are rightly administered and practiced.

This coming Sunday in worship the May Memorial Church will once again celebrate the Lord's Supper, or Communion, in our sanctuary. Over the past six months we have made attempts of having Communion in our homes during a "virtual" worship service. We have waited an additional month in our sanctuary to be sure the environment is relatively safe before we add another component to worship. And finally this Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in our sanctuary.

In answering the question of what constitutes a "true church," the 1800's Baptist Newspaper Editor J. R. Graves of Tennessee had a lot to say. He contended that the idea of a "universal" or "invisible" church is a dangerous fallacy. The idea that the church is "God's people from every time and place" sharing an invisible bond, according to Graves, was simply false. According to Graves, the church is always local, visible, and "in-flesh."

J. R. Graves and his "Old Landmarkism" is not popular these days, and rightly so. But I know that being physically present with the church family, in our place of sanctuary, at the Lord's Table, being fed the Lord's Food, that is where my soul is nourished and I receive the Break of Life and Cup of Salvation. It is not in front of a computer screen while I sit on my front porch.

The Corona Virus is still keeping many of us apart. It is a dreadful reality we all continue to live and struggle with. But just as the Lord's Supper is a forward-looking foretaste of that Heavenly Banquet for all of God's people, our celebration now also looks forward to a time when we can all gather and be joined at that Table where we are all welcomed.



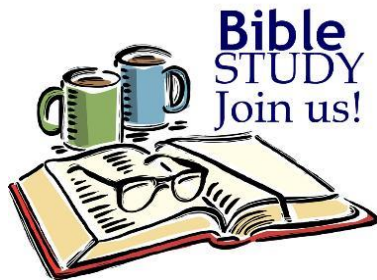
Lighthouse Parade - October 25

Join us as each family will make a cardboard box jack-o-lantern and we will "light" them. Kids will wear costumes and parade through Powhatan.

More Information to follow.

Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun! To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799
Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474



Bible Study on Zoom - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter this code: 286 978 612

Connecting to the World...Missions

Small Mission Project for this Week

When you come to church on October 4 please bring with you 2 unopened water bottles. We will be taking these and presenting them to the Powhatan Middle School teachers along with a note of encouragement.





Complete Meal

The Powhatan Coalition of Churches will be hosting the Complete Meal through the Food Pantry. Please contact the church office at 598-3098 if you would like the information page mailed to you.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls during the recent death of my son-in-law. They are very much appreciated. My daughter, Lisa, is doing better, but please keep her in your prayers.

~ Gladys Rabon

May Memorial Church Family,

Gene and I would like to thank the church for the beautiful welcoming flowers we received on our first Sunday at May Memorial. Although we had to remain six feet apart, we appreciate the warm welcome. Each day I look at the flowers and it reminds me of the beauty in Christ and the importance of community connection. Thank you once again.

~ Sandra and Gene Parker

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you for the phone calls and cards I received while I was sick. It meant so much to know people care. In God's Love,

~Barbara Barden

May Memorial's Prayer List 9/28/20

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
 Susie Brock
 Joann Cole
 Bob Cosby
 Bob Cox
 Snead DeNoon
 Lee Duncan
 Paula Duncan
 Nick Elam
 Ester Fitch and Family
 Bea Gallier
 Rick Gallier
 Bill Ketron
 Bernice Koelzer
 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

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 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
 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
 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
 Matt Bennett
 Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
 Teresa Fields
 Lisa Davis, Gladys Rabon's daughter
 Brenden McMullan, the Cox's grandson
 Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister
 Emily, Gene and Sandy Parker's daughter
 Ken and Rhonda Carter, Kenneth & Margaret's son
 Chuck Karnolt

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

Janice Worsham, Westport Rehab. Center., 7300 Forest Ave, Room 111, Richmond 23226
 Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
 Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
 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

Announcements



Let Your “Dimmable Thirty-Year” Light So Shine – Lester Oberg is leading a project to replace the light bulbs in the sanctuary with dimmable thirty-year bulbs. The cost to replace all of the bulbs in one fixture is \$100. Would you be willing to pay for one fixture to have “dimmable thirty-year light?” If you are willing to let “the light so shine,” write “thirty-year light” on the memo line of your check

Office Hours

The church office hours for next week, October 5-9, will be different due to staff vacation: Mon-Thursday 9-12.

Birthdays

Sept. 28 - Joann Cole
29 - Bernice Koelzer
30 - Diane Miller
Oct. 1 - Terrell Martin
3 - Earl Worsham
3 - Lynne Bradbury

Oct. 6 – Jean Hall
10 - Monika Duty
12 - Janine Eike
13 - Fred Cole
13 - Tim Smith
13 - Brynne Smith

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord, Week of September 27, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 7,379.78
A Time to Build	240.00
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	50.00
Special Offering	225.00

Total \$ 7,914.78

