

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter

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

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Enjoy these pictures from last night's Blue Grass Bash! More on page 2



Connecting to God...Worship



A Day To Welcome New Members

Sunday 9/30 at 11:00 a.m.

The May Memorial Family Would Love to Welcome You into the Church Family!
Maybe you have been worshipping with us for a few weeks, or months, or even years... **Maybe** you have been learning with one of our wonderful Sunday School Classes...**Maybe** you have attended one of our social events...

We would love to welcome you during worship on September 30

If you would like to be a part of this day "to welcome new members" contact Michael Edwards, the church office or any of the deacons.

but the fruit of the Spirit is
love **joy**
peace *patience* **goodness**
kindness
faithfulness
self *gentleness*
control **Galatians 5:22-23**

Wednesday Night Bible Study begins this week:
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control

On Wednesday, September 12 we will begin a new Bible Study on the Fruit of the Spirit. Each week we will look at the individual traits that Paul lists in Galatians that make up a life lived in the Spirit. The study group will meet in the Gathering Room at 6:30 p.m.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Wednesday Night Meals Are Back!

For our first night back have

JOHNS BAILEY'S FISH FRY

COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES, SALAD DESSERT

The Meal is sponsored by
Ashley Edwards and the Youth.

Please join us at 5:45

[PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY TUESDAY
MORNING AT THE LATEST](#)

We appreciate your prompt reservation. Many of the cooks who sponsor our meals must purchase their supplies early in the week. We will strive to accommodate anyone signing up on Wednesday, but we cannot guarantee it.

Future Meals: 9/19 Pasta Night, 9/26 Sponsored by the Koinonia Class.



Rachael Circle Meeting - Tomorrow (Tuesday, September 11) at 7:00 p.m. at the church

Hope everyone had a great summer and did lots of fun things! Sandy asked me to send out a reminder that our new church year has begun and the Rachel Circle will hold its first meeting in the Open Door Classroom. This is our planning meeting and we will decide what our projects for the upcoming year will be and we want your thoughts and ideas about that, so put your thinking caps on and get to thinking about what you want our mission projects to be for the upcoming year.

Hope to see you there...Sandy is bringing something yummy for us that night.....Nancy

Rachael Circle Welcomes New Members! Please join us!



This fall, on the first Sunday afternoon in November, we will have a

“Celebration of Creativity”

—an art show to share our talents for making beautiful and meaningful things with music, drama, photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, fabric arts, culinary arts, woodworking, decorative crafts, creative writing, and so on and on.



Why are we doing this? For one thing, celebrations of creativity are fun; they are a great way to learn more about one another and care more for one another. There are many gifted artists and musicians and craftspeople at May Memorial—some you know and others you will discover at this event. So, “fellowship” is one good reason for our gathering.

So, plan to join in the celebration on **Sunday, November 4**. Please show us what you’ve made and come to enjoy what others have created.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



IT'S ALMOST TIME!!!

Praying that school is going well for you all. This Wednesday we will start Kingdom Kids!! Please have your children ride bus #70 to the church (If attending Powhatan Elementary) Our pastor, Michael Edwards, will pick up any children that attend Flat Rock. Please let me know if your child goes to Pocahontas and we will arrange a ride for them as well:) Prepare your child for an afternoon of fun and adventure while learning about the unconditional love of JESUS!!!

We meet from 4-5:45 All are welcome to stay for dinner at 5:45 at MMBC each week.



SOUL FOOD SUNDAYS ARE BACK!

Our first meeting will be September 16th, 6-7:30 pm, at Bob and Nancy Wood's house.

We will introduce our Bible Study, have a wonderful meal provided by the Seamans, roast marshmallows over the fire, play some silly games and have a time of worship as well. Please tell your friends that all are welcome!

The first quarter this year we will be studying 1 Timothy 4:12..."Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

Connecting to Our World...Missions



Fifth Sunday Dinner and Program Sunday, September 30

Here's a message from Jessica Torres who will be sharing from her experiences on the mission field:

"On Sunday, September 30, I have the honor of being the program for May Memorial's "Fifth Sunday Dinner and Program." There will be a pot-luck meal beginning at 6pm, followed by a 30-minute program in which I will share pictures and stories and answer a few questions. Bring a dish to share and join in on the fun!"



The Food Pantry Team will minister 9/15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry.

Food Pantry Help Needed on Wednesday Mornings

Michael Edwards will be transporting food for the Food Pantry each Wednesday morning beginning at 8 am. He is looking for some helpers. If some can commit for even just one Wednesday a month, it would be helpful. Thank you.

The Backpacks of Love Team will minister on 9/11 at 7:00 p.m. at Aerations Plus

From The Pastor

Guests in Worship—Don't Stop Before Number Three

If you were in worship the first Sunday in September, you probably noticed several guests. I knew beforehand that one of those families was going to be with us because that family are friends of Beverley and me. Chris is one of the pastors at Christ the King Lutheran Church where Beverley serves as Organist/Director of Music. Chris and his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter Suzanna were in worship at May Memorial because Chris is on a sabbatical this summer, as Lutheran pastors get every seven years.

Chris and his family have visited many churches this summer during his sabbatical, including a Lutheran Church in Michigan pastored by one of his seminary friends, the Episcopal Church of Our Redeemer in Salisbury, a Methodist Church in the West End, and a large African-American Baptist Church in Richmond. I'm glad they made May Memorial a part of their worship schedule, particularly for the feedback they offered. Three things they offered stand out to me.

First, and not necessarily related to any church, is how easy it is to not attend worship. Chris said that for the first time in his life since entering ministry he understands how much effort it takes on some Sundays to be up and actually make it to church. He described this pull that as Sunday morning comes, and the minutes tick by, to say "we just won't go today." This has happened to Chris and Jennifer this summer. And he said the next Sunday that same pull was multiplied many times over. It seems that if a person misses one week of worship (and Sunday School), it is much easier to miss the next week as well. It is not necessarily a conscious decision to stop attending worship, it just comes upon a family and before you know it there is the habit of not attending at all. The great preacher and professor Fred Craddock said to preachers that "you have to

preach like your listeners almost didn't come." And that is true, because on any given Sunday there are worshipers who almost did not come. So as a church we must sing, pray, play, listen, greet, hug, welcome, and preach like folks were right on the verge on staying home, and then decided to come.

Second, Chris and Jennifer both said that as Baptist Churches go, May Memorial was a very thoughtful worship experience. Chris had been a paid tenor in a Baptist Church choir as a young man, and Jennifer's dad grew up in Cumberland attending a Baptist Church. They have been exposed to many different types of Baptists, and they experienced May Memorial to be a church that worships with both heart and head. People didn't have to check their brains at the door when they came in. The hymns and music supported the sermon, communion was well-planned and carried out with reverent dignity, and every person who participated in worship leadership took their task seriously.

Third, Chris and Jennifer said that of all the churches they have visited this Summer May Memorial is by far the most welcoming and friendly. They said it was not even close. They also said that they have been surprised at how many churches they have been in where they were not even spoken to before or after worship. Sometimes churches begin to describe themselves as friendly and that friendliness is limited to all the "insiders," to those who have been a part of that church for years. But it is another thing entirely to welcome the guest, the stranger, and Chris and Jennifer said May Memorial did a better job of that than any church they had been to all Summer.

These comments moved me, and I offer a big "way to go!" to May Memorial Church. These are important things, and I find joy in the way we are being the church God has called us to be.

Announcements



Central Virginia Baptist Leadership Development Workshop

All church leaders and members are invited to participate in the CVBM Leadership Conference.

Monday, September 24, 5:15-8:30
First Baptist Church, Ashland

This is a great opportunity for deacons, Sunday School teachers, youth and children's workers, team members, and anyone who is interested in helping May Memorial achieve its calling. A group will be carpooling from May Memorial, meeting at the church at 4:30. If you would like to attend, call the church office at 598-3098 before September 16. The cost is \$10 and includes dinner.

Church Photo Directory



IT IS TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Picture days will be on September 16 and 23
following the 11 a.m. service.

Please let Diana know if your information needs to be updated.

Go to this link:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>
to access the directory, or to register a new account.

Food Program for Seniors 60 years or older:

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) supports the nutritional needs of low-income seniors at least 60 years of age who are at risk of and vulnerable to malnutrition by providing wholesome food to supplement their diet, while helping stretch their food dollars. This USDA program is sponsored by Feed More and lead by Powhatan volunteers from St. John Neumann's, St. Luke's and the Feeding Powhatan Pantry who distribute the nutritious, pre-packaged, shelf-stable boxes to seniors monthly. Each box contains nutrient-rich food that helps improve the overall health status of these individuals. Boxes include a variety of canned items (e.g., fruit, vegetables, meat or fish), bottled juice, shelf-stable and instant dry milk, cheese, pasta or rice, dry beans or peanut butter and cereal.

For more information on Feed More's CSFP and to learn how to participate in this program, please call St. John Neumann's Church @ 804-598-3754 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday for additional details.

This program does not affect any other assistance being received by the participant, no personal documents are copied and application is quick and easy. Please inquire ASAP as there is a deadline.

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF VIRGINIA

WHO: You and your friends

WHAT: CBFVA General Assembly

2018-19 Theme: *Seeking Transformation*

WHEN: Tuesday, September 18, 2018

WHERE: Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Charlottesville, VA

WHY: To learn, interact, fellowship, and share

HOW: Register at <https://cbfva.org/>

From the Music Minister

MUSIC NOTES

Michael Edwards' 7th anniversary with May Memorial Church is Tuesday, September 11. Scripture is appropriate to acknowledge Michael's faithful years of ministry at MMBC. Perhaps other passages come to your minds....

Ephesians 4:11-13 - New American Standard Bible (NASB)

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature person, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Colossians 4:17 - New American Standard Bible (NASB)

...“Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”

My husband forwarded the following article to me last week. I hope you'll read it and reflect upon its wisdom. Here's the link: <https://www.ethicsdaily.com/ministering-to-ministers-10-vitals-ways-you-can-help/>

Speaking personally, I observe (and experience) Michael practicing collegial, congenial, and cooperative working relationships with staff and church members. Respect and warmth go a long way in my book. Thank you, Michael!

Congratulations to Michael Edwards on many years of loving, attentive ministry. May God bless him, Beverley, Anna, Sophie, and Laura, and the family of faith called May Memorial Baptist Church!

Joan

Prayer List September 10, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Betty Bodsford
Brant Cover
Ester Fitch
Don Fitch
Wietsil "Gene" Gwaltney
Jean Hall
Ken Jamerson
Bill Karnolt
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
David&Susan Terry
Ryan Turner
Nancy Wilkinson

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent
Templeton, Jay Walls, Quint
Sutton, David Brizendine,
Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Sutton

FAMILY AND FRIENDS*:

Ron Davidson, friend of the Howard's
Stephen Breeden, Son of Martha Oberg
Lee Burnett
Diane Deal, David Deal's Mother
Justin Yancey, Irma Alvis' Grandson
Ron and Rhonda Simmons, friends of the Lindsey's
Karen Fisher, friend of Lynne Bradbury
Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Darlene Hicks, friend of Nancy Wood
Rick Gallier
Chris Anthony who lost his father

HOMEBOUND:

Nancy Wilkinson, Morningside of Belgrade
2800 Polo Parkway, Midlothian, Va 23113

Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd

Audrey Johnston, The Crossing at Bon Air
9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Room 202
Richmond, VA 23235

Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113

Brant Cover, Spring Arbor of Salisbury, 14001 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian 23113

This Week at May Memorial

Monday, September 10

7:30 a.m. AA/NA Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 p.m. Backpacks of Love
at Aerations Plus

7:00 p.m. Rachael Circle
at church

Wednesday, September 12

4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids

5:45 p.m. Mid-Week Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

Sunday, September 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Directory Pictures

2:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

6:00 p.m. Soul Food
at the Wood's Home

September Birthdays

10-Kayla Tibbs

10-Ben Cunningham

10-Enola Jewell

13- Ewell Flippo

16- Kerri Bilthuis

17-Betty Bodsford

18-Ray Hay

20-Randolph Phillips

23- David Deal

25- Gloria Jamerson

25-Dee Carter

27-Fran O'Donnell

28-Joann Cole

29-George Utt



October 10 - Quarterly Business Meeting

October 21 - Jubilee-A Music Event

October 28 - Fall Festival

November 4 - Celebration of Creativity

November 12-14 BGAV Annual Meeting

Our gifts to our Lord for 9-9-18

Attendance: Worship 102, Sunday School 56

Regular Offering \$ 5,936.23

Special Offering 669.00

Total Giving For Period: \$ 6,605.23