

Mathews Baptist Church's **GOOD NEWS GAZETTE**

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EMPTY...

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

Empty...

Empty Calendar: Boring

Empty Coffee Pot: Sluggish

Empty Cookie Jar: Unchipper

Empty Fridge: Hungry

Empty Gas Tank: Stuck

Empty House: Lonely

Empty Ink Pen: Unremarkable

Empty Mailbox: Forgotten

Empty Piggy Bank: Broke

Empty Promises: Disappointing

Empty Soap Dispenser: Unclean

Empty Stapler: Pointless

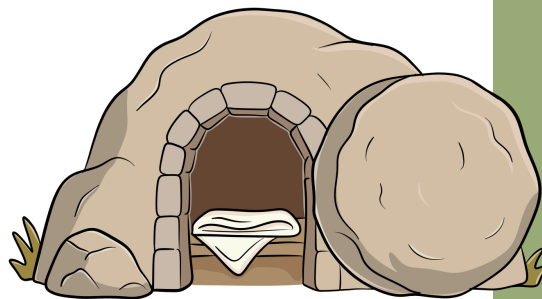
Empty Toilet Paper Roll: Awkward

Empty Water Cooler: Thirsty

Empty...

Empty Tomb Easter Morning: Hallelujah!

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matthew 28:6) Heavenly Father the for the empty tomb on easter morning. He is risen. He is risen indeed!



In Christ,

Pastor Brian Kramer

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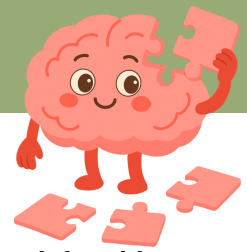
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LOOKING BACK...

To June 1986



The following brain teaser should be fairly easy for Mathews' natives and those familiar with local history and the Bible, though it will probably still take a little thought. Have fun and hope everyone learns something in the process.

Churches or Places in Mathews or the Bible

1. A cry for help came from here. _____
2. A brown-eyed flower _____
3. Another one _____
4. A Gospel writer _____
5. The middle _____
6. A comet and car _____
7. A patriarch's wrestling place _____
8. What an archeologist does _____
9. The Bible says a priest from here paid tithes _____
10. An insect's paradise _____
11. A song writer of the past _____
12. A trumpet's port _____
13. An opera star's pier _____
14. An unruly crowd and a tool _____
15. Corn's river _____
16. The site of Abraham's altar _____
17. A wild animal snare _____
18. What a sharpened pencil has _____
19. An eager animal allowed _____
20. Hardwood trees _____
21. Sounds like a coat's necessity _____
22. A somber replacement _____
23. One direction _____
24. A shady spot _____

Signed by Mrs. Georgia Kensler



CHURCH NEWS



Thank you!

To our Trail Life troop for the maintenance they performed on the landscaping around the church. It was much needed and looks wonderful!



Happy
Easter

The Easter Egg hunt held on Palm Sunday was a huge hit! We had 49 children attend, which is double the amount we've had in the last few years! They enjoyed making a palm leaf sun-catcher, opening the resurrection eggs and hearing of Jesus' resurrection & the egg hunt followed by treats of course!



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Bonnie, her team, and all the other teams it took to make for a successful launch of the Artemis II rocket on April 1st, 2026. Hopefully Bonnie can come home soon!



WMU would like to invite you to attend our Brunch honoring CareNet and the work that they do.
April 11th at 10 am, Fellowship Hall MBC
 Please RSVP by signing up

Suggested donations for CareNet

Bundles4Babies Items:

New or Gently Used:

- Sleepers (NB – 12m)
- Onesies (NB – 12m)
- Clothing (NB – 12m)
- Socks (NB – 12m)
- Blankets and Swaddles
- Diaper Bags
- (Small) Baby Toys / Stuffed Animals

New Only Please:

- Newborn Bathtubs
- Diapers and Wipes
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Wash
- Bibs/Burp Cloths
- Towels and Washcloths
- Teething Rings/Toys

Maternity Care Items:

New or Gently Used:

- Maternity Pants/Shorts
- Maternity Tops
- Maternity Leggings
- Maternity Dresses
- Nursing Tops
- Nursing Covers
- Misc Clothing Items

New Only Please:

- Nursing Bras
- Pumps (new tubing/replacement parts)
- Nursing: Lotions/Creams
- Nursing: Hot/Cold Compresses
- Milk Storage Bags/Bottles

The Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:30pm. There are some potential renovation options that will be discussed and voted on so mark your calendars!

MEETING

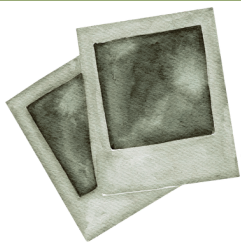
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal :
 \$5,000

Collected as of March 31, 2026: \$2,316.80



Answers to brain teaser: (1)Macedonia (2)Susan (3)Onemo (4)St. Matthews (5)Central (6)Hallieford (7)Peniel (8)Diggs (9)Salem (10)Cricket Hill (11)Foster (12)Horn Harbor (13)Callis Wharf (14)Mobjack (15)Cobbs Creek (16)Bethel (17)Wolf Trap (18)New Point (19)Beaverlett (20)Oak Grove (21)Dutton (22)Grimstead (23)North (24)Shadow

REMINDERS...



The Homecoming Committee is looking for photos of our church and activities here, from more than 50 years ago to use in a presentation at our upcoming celebration. If you or someone you know has photos, please bring them by the office so we can scan them and return them to you ASAP (please be sure to write your name on them) or email them to mathews baptist@live.com

If there is a family member or friend that you would like invited to the 250th Homecoming Celebration on October 25th, 2026 please call the church office at 804-725-3707 or email their contact info to mathews baptist@live.com. Save the Dates will be going out mid-April!

SAVE
-THE-
DATE



The Toddler Sunday School class is in need of a new lead teacher! With everything else that I have volunteered myself for, I am feeling the need to be filled spiritually again. The age group is 2-5 years old and it's a great group of kids! If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the office and talk with me or I can be reached at 804-384-6263

- Meagn Waddell



Volunteers Needed

It's time to start preparing for VBS! Carmen is going to need lot's of support and volunteers, scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign up OR talk to Carmen!



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

Nikki Pollard announced in March that MBC will be starting an American Heritage Girls troop, which if everything goes to plan will start in September when Trail Life starts back up. TL & AHG meetings will be held the same night so families with boys and girls will have something for all their children to participate in. Please be in prayer that all the pieces will come together for this and all key leader positions will be filled. See Nikki for questions or if God is leading you to get involved!

Pray for...

Praise God...

- That Cathie Wahler's husband, Dan, has received news that his prostate cancer is completely gone!
- For a successful Children's Easter program - the children did wonderful singing!
- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose resurrection brings hope, joy, and eternal life. Help us remember the sacrifice He made for our sins and to live each day in the light of His victory over death. May our hearts overflow with gratitude, and may we share Your love with others through our words and actions. Amen

Please be in prayer...

- For Jimmy Hall, who had surgery in late March to relieve some of the symptoms from his recent cancer diagnosis.
- For Ingrid Condon, who is still dealing with some lingering cancer issues.
- That God would lead us to make the right decision about renovating our Multi-Purpose room and that His will would be done and not ours.

Scan with your phone's camera to join the FB Prayer Group!



Coming up...

- 3 - 12PM VBS Planning Meeting
- 7 - National Day of Prayer
- 9 - Walk for Life
- 10 - Mother's Day
- 17-24 MTBA Week of Prayer Mission Offering
- 25 - Memorial Day

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - MARCH 2026

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
03/01/2026	155	120	28
03/08/2026	109	109	21
03/15/2026	193	142	44
03/22/2026	162	136	24
03/29/2026	170	94	23

Sunday Service Schedule

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)
 also available on Youtube via our Facebook page.
 10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

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April 2026



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Counting Committee for April: Mickey & Glenda Ramer Counting Committee for May: Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe							
	5  Easter Sunday 6PM - Exercise Class 6:30PM - Trail Life Meeting 7PM MTBA Prayer Gathering	6 6PM - Exercise Class 6:30PM - Trail Life Meeting	7 1PM WMU Meeting	8 6:30PM Quarterly Business Meeting	9 6PM - Exercise Class	10 10AM WMU April Showers Brunch	11 8AM - Men's Breakfast
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Birthdays

- 1 Ed Inabnet
- 3 John Sanger, Patti McDonald
- 4 Lindsey Brown, Shannon Gayle, Pam Harrington
- 6 Jimmy Hall
- 7 Steve Miller
- 8 Bill Nelson, Melany Slaughter, Jaqueline Jose, Wayne Turner
- 9 Elizabeth Moore, Mallory Schabale, Buddy Waymack
- 10 Caroline Crittenden, Anne C. Stewart
- 11 J.W. Brown
- 12 Joy Lowe
- 13 Diana Swenson
- 14 Michael Garrett
- 15 Zoe Sadler, Beecher G. Sparks
- 17 Hailey Denkinger, Steve Taylor
- 18 Brandon Williams
- 19 Nikki Spiers
- 20 Trenton Hall
- 22 Arleen Allen
- 23 Lisa Buchanan
- 24 Dickie Brooks, Brett Pollard, Chloe Schabale
- 25 Zachary Rider Hudgins, Jacob Monastyrlly
- 26 Bob Clark
- 27 Mindy Abrams, Pam Watts
- 28 David Anthony
- 30 Wayne Brown, Chris Byrns

Anniversaries

- 20 John & Cathy Williams
- 23 Jim & Renee Neiman

If your name is not listed above & you had a birthday or anniversary this month, please call the church office.

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

- (4/5) Melanie Miles, Pat Taylor, Robbie Miles
- (4/12) Katie Givens, Fallon Diggs, Elizabeth Moore
- (4/19) Amanda Kemp, Glenda Ramer, Patti McDonald
- (4/26) Pam Harrington, Beverly Barefoot, Sherin Stewart

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

- (4/5) Nancy Pait, LuAnn Smith
- (4/12) Tommy Waddell, Pat Taylor
- (4/19) Nikki Pollard, Katie Haywood
- (4/26) Bonnie Kramer, Steve Taylor