



Mathews Baptist Church's

GOOD NEWS GAZETTE

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LIBERTY OR DEATH?

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

On March 23, 1775, at the Second Virginia Convention at St. John's Church in Richmond, Paul Revere spoke that famous line: "Give me liberty or give me death." This would lead to the American Revolution. We have the same opportunity today, liberty or death. We are certain death. Another Paul wrote, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) And "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) But Jesus Christ brings liberty and life. Jesus came proclaiming liberty. He said of himself, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 45:18) Through Christ we have liberty from the bondage of sin. Paul wrote, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1) And through Christ we have life. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26) After this revelation what will you choose, liberty or death?

In Christ Love,

Pastor Brian

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Women's Missionary Union June 2025 Update

What we aim to do:

WMU's unwavering focus is *making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.*

July 27th WMU will be celebrating Christmas in July with a Potluck dinner for the whole church at noon. We will be supplying fried chicken and ask each family to bring a side dish or dessert. The whole month we will be collecting school supplies to share with local students in need of help for the beginning of school. Please help us by donating some of the following items:

Crayons (box of 24)	Glue sticks	Scissors
Binders	Antibacterial wipes	Sturdy book bag
Backpack	Pencil box	Large eraser
#2 pencils	Box of Kleenex	Sandwich size bags
Gallon size bags	Crayola markers	Zipper pouch for binder
Spiral notebooks	Highlighters	Folder with pockets
Playdoh	Bottles of Elmer's glue	Post-it notes
Index cards	Black sharpies	
Pens	Ruler	
Dry erase markers (fine point)	Binder paper, wide ruled or college rule	

We continue to sing at the Nursing Home on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. It is a blessing to us who sing as much as it is for the residents of the home. We would love to have you join us! Please let us know if you plan to join us as occasionally, we are unable to visit the Home because of health issues among the residents.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 8th at 1 pm** in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects.

Be sure and check out our bulletin board across the hall from the kitchen for more information.

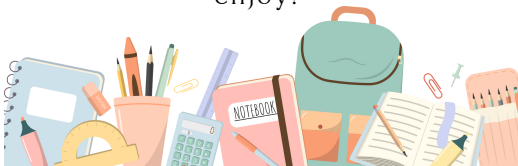
If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Donna Frantz or our director, Judy Lowe.

Christmas in July POTLUCK PICNIC

Help the WMU support Mathews county children in need of school supplies for the coming school year & enjoy a meal and great fellowship together!

Sunday, July 27th at 12pm

Please bring a school supply donation and a side or dessert to enjoy!



In Christ,

Donna Frantz





CONGRATULATIONS

Baptism

We couldn't be happier that 15 people chose to profess their faith in Jesus as their Savior, on June 1ST. 2025!

From left: Pastor Brian Kramer, Jameson Segalini, Channing Schurlnknight, London Denkinger, Zoe Sadler, Kyle & Bennett Diggs, Abigail Collins, Ava Pollard, Addison Waddell, Benjamin Condon, Katie Givens, Abby Givens, James Givens and Heather Holland. Not pictured: Caleb Cuciniello

FUGE 2025

REGENT UNIVERSITY - VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

This year's FUGE camp was a success! With only one case of dehydration and a huge Walmart pick-up of breakfast items, our youth survived and had great things to say when they got home. Our youth director, Michelle Denkinger, shared that the camp staff felt poured into by OUR YOUTH!

»»» Camping Crew «««

From top left to bottom right: Mark Denkinger, Gage Gaskins, Grace McCurry, William Earl Sadler, Colten Sadler, Addy Lowe, Hannah McBurney, Mary Beth Johnson, Stella Johnson, Bentlea Lawrence, Michelle Denkinger, Bri Sadler, Hope Johnson, Abigail Collins, Hope Lowe, Hailey Denkinger, Jameson Segalini, Austin Sadler, Elizabeth Moore (not pictured Channing Schurlnknight)



CentriKid 2025

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center - Lynchburg, VA



From top left to bottom right: Nikki Pollard, Megan Waddell, Jennifer Morgan, Nikki Spiers, Katie Givens, James Cuciniello, Fallon Diggs, David Condon, Steven Cuciniello, Jax Denkinger, Benjamin Condon, Abby Givens, Ava Pollard, Jaelynn Morgan, Caroline Spiers, Addison Waddell, Bennett Diggs, Caleb Cuciniello, Zoe Sadler, London Denkinger, Kanaan Diggs



This June, Mathews Baptist Church returned to CentriKid camp after a years-long hiatus (2019 was our last adventure)! 8 brave chaperones and 13 very excited kids loaded up and headed to Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA. Campers learned what it means to climb "Higher" by loving God and loving others. The week was filled with daily worship rallies, morning devotionals, group Bible study time, and church group time. A collection was taken up to support missionaries spreading the gospel to the largely Mormon population of Provo, Utah, as well as to the Horn of Africa where a large population practices Islam. The week was also packed with tons of fun recreational activities, LOTS of hills, sweat, swimming, and late night popsicles! In addition to growing closer to the Lord, we were able to grow closer to each other, and form new friendships with people from churches all over Virginia and North Carolina. God used all of things we would label as uncomfortable (the heat, the hills, the bugs, the homesickness...) in order to stretch us and have us rely on Him more fully. His Word was planted in the hearts of everyone in attendance, and we know that His word never returns to Him void (Isaiah 55:11)! Thank you to everyone for all of the prayers, the donations, the delicious send-off breakfast, and all of the guidance and support throughout the week. We are super excited to return to CentriKid next year! We will be traveling to Chowan University in Murfreesboro, NC the week of June 15- June 19, 2026 so mark your calendars if you have a child who would like to attend (must have completed 2nd-6th grade to be eligible). More information to come!

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Mark 12:30-31

In His Love,

Nikki Pollard

SCAN HERE WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA TO SIGN UP!

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT
Mathews Baptist Church
AUGUST 10-14TH 6:00-8:30PM
FOR AGES 3-12

Trail Life
Adventure > Character > Leadership
TROOP VA-1791
Upcoming Troop Events

August 4th Open House
September 8th First Troop Meeting

We still have opportunities for anyone who would like to serve in this ministry.

If you would like learn more or get involved please reach out to David Condon 508-237-0735 or dcondon@atlanticbb.net.

AS SERVANTS
OF GOD,
LIVE AS
FREE PEOPLE.
1 PETER 2:16, NRSV
HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
4TH OF JULY!



Applications for our College Scholarship are available on the welcome center counter along with a copy of the guidelines and rules. Completed applications are due NO LATER than July 19, 2025. Questions should be directed to Trustee, Phil Putnam @ 804-815-3564

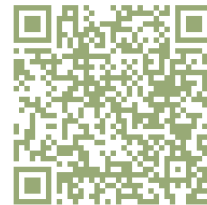


It's that time again. If your committee or group anticipates having expenses for the coming 2026 year please pick up and fill out a budget request form (from the inbox on the office door). Please return forms by Aug. 3rd!

Wednesday, July 16th 6:30 PM
Quarterly Business Meeting
(child care for 5yrs and younger provided if needed)



Red Cross Blood Drive @ Piankatank Ruritan Club from 12:30-6PM. Sign up to donate by using your phone's camera to scan here:



Coming up...

3 - Church Picnic @ Camp Piankatank

5 - National Night Out @ Mathews HS

10-14 - Vacation Bible School

24 - Global Hunger Sunday

Pray for...

Our love and sympathy...

- To the family and friends of our music director, Janet Bowman, who passed away June 3rd. 2025.
- To the family and friends of our former sound committee director and member, Charles Foster, who passed away on June 23rd, 2025

Praise God...

- For a wonderful and safe trip for both the FUGE youth group and the CentriKid children's group that attended camps the week of June 16-20th!

Congratulations to...

- Joseph & Jade Monastyrly on the birth of their daughter Jaycee Jolene on June 15, 2025, weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz., & 18 in. long!



CHURCH ATTENDANCE - JUNE 2025

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
06/01/2025	193	119	30
06/08/2025	145	121	25
06/15/2025	126	108	24
06/22/2025	175	N/A	23
06/29/2025	129	112	27

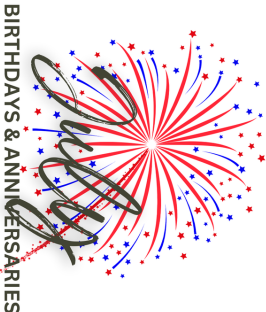
Sunday Service Schedule

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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July 2025



Birthdays

3 Keith Bradbury, Timmy Deagle, William Nelson, Jr., Archie Owens

4 Trina Timberlake

6 Katie Curko

8 Tommy Waddell

9 Pauline Sears

10 Kelsey Moore, Lori Ann Byrns

12 Holly Hanscom, Cathy B. Rowe

14 Joy Bowden, Ryan Ewell, Mike Myers, Lisa Owens, Mickey Ramer

15 Ingrid Condon, Teresa Sanger

16 Chandler Brown

17 Christopher Perreault, Tracey Sorey

19 Linda Abrahamson, Andrew Hall

22 Mary B. Wroten

23 Sarah Beckley, William Callis, Mark Givens

24 Beth Haywood, Dan Wahlers

25 Linda Trageser

26 Debbie LaFreniere

27 Timmy Rowe

28 Becky Ethington, Diane Vogel

29 Alyssa Bohannon, Brittany Cain

30 Troy Bray

31 Myra Pollard, Carter Spliers, Larry Stewart

Anniversaries

19 Troy & Lee Anne Bray

23 Pat & Pam Harrington, Kyle & Fallon Diggs

24 Bill & Rosa Milby

26 Steve & Pat Taylor

29 Mark & Katie Givens

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Counting Committee for July: Bill & Cathy Nelson						
Counting Committee for August: Mark & Linden Barrick						
6 <i>Religious Liberty Sunday</i>	7 <i>6PM - Exercise Class</i>	8 <i>1PM WMU Meeting</i>	9	10 <i>6PM - Exercise Class</i>	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13	14	15 	16 <i>6:30PM Quarterly Business Meeting</i>	17	18	19
20	21 <i>6PM - Exercise Class</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27 	28 <i>6PM - Exercise Class</i>	29	30	31 <i>6PM - Exercise Class</i>		

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

(7/6) Katie Haywood, Beverly Barefoot, Austin Sadler
(7/13) Joy Lowe, Stephanie Lowe, Stella Johnson
(7/20) Delena Nelson, Bonnie Kramer, Megan Waddell
(7/27) Hannah Yarkey, Becky Ethington, Elizabeth Moore

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

(7/6) Nikki Spliers, Pam Harrington
(7/13) Mickey Ramer, Sherin Stewart
(7/20) James Moore, LuAnn Smith
(7/27) Tommy Waddell, Cathy Rowe