

January 2025

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:
 *Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page.
 *In-House worship services:
 9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)
 10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)



BIRTHDAYS
 1 Sharon Morgan, Doris Whitticar
 4 Guy Hudgins
 6 Lee Anne Bray
 8 Tristan Downs
 10 Karl Braum, Debbie Harris
 11 John Payne, Janice Vogel
 12 Sherin Stewart
 16 Darlene Putnam
 18 Beverly Barefoot
 21 Keven Hanscom
 22 Marion Sutton
 23 James Cuciniello, Marilyn Owens
 24 Ron Mallon, Wallace Twigg, Jr.
 26 Josie Schaible
 27 Kimberly Owens
 29 Amy Ashberry, Austin Kemp, Jonathan Lowe, Scott Stewart
 30 Marlo Bales, Megan Waddell

ANNIVERSARIES
 3 William Earl & Bri Sadler
 27 David & Ingrid Condon
 28 Keven & Holly Hanscom

If your name is not listed above & you had a birthday or anniversary this month, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 Happy New Year | 2 9 AM Prayer time in sanctuary | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 15 6 PM Family meals resume 6:45 PM Qtrly. Business meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 20 MLK, Jr. b' day | 14 1 PM WMU mtg | 15 6 PM Family Meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities | 16 | 17 | 18 8 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST Luncheon |
| 19 Sanctuary of Life SUNDAY | 20 | 21 | 22 6 PM Family Meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities | 23 | 24 | 25 WMU Luncheon |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 6 PM Family Meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities | 30 | 31 Deadline for VA Baptist Scholarship applications | |

Counting committee for January:
—Bill & Cathy Nelson

Counting committee for February:
—Linden & Mark Barrick

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):
 5 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer/Megan Waddell
 12 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yarkey/Becky Ethington
 19 - Melanie Miles/Teeny Hughes/Pat Taylor
 26 - Amanda Kemp/Nancy Pait/Glenda Ramer

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):
 5 - Jade Monastyryl or Pat Taylor/Hailey Denkinger
 12 - Bri Sadler/Mary Beth Johnson
 19 - Nikki Spiers/Austin Sadler
 26 - Mickey Ramer/Stella Johnson

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“The Lighthouse”



JANUARY 2025

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st New Year's Day
- ◆ 15th Wed meals/act. resume & quarterly business mtg.
- ◆ 19th Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- ◆ 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ◆ 22nd Wed night Bible study/act. Resume
- ◆ 25th WMU luncheon
- ◆ 31st Deadline for EverBless Foundation Scholarship appl.



When it comes to years, you know what BC means, “Before Christ.” But do you know what AD Means? AD stands for *Anno Domini*. *Anno* is Latin for “in this year” and *domini* is Latin for “Lord.” The phrase means “in the year of our Lord.” Every year since Christ’s birth is “in the year of our Lord.” But is it really? Each year seems to be more about us than about our Lord. Each new year we make resolutions about how to improve ourselves. What if 2025 truly is “the year of our Lord?” What if this is the year that we put our Lord first before everything? Do you want 2025 to be the best year ever? Then put our Lord first and foremost. Jesus said, “*But ye seek first the kingdom of*

God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33) Let’s make 2025 “the year of our Lord!”

Faithfully yours,
 Pastor Brian



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 Return Services Requested

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I will lift up
MY EYES TO THE HILLS-
 From whence comes my help?
My help
COMES FROM THE LORD,
 Who made heaven and earth.
 — Psalm 121:1-2, NKJV —

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The next quarterly business meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:45 PM following the family meal at 6.



Sun., Jan. 19



Family meals resume on Wednesday, January 15, 6 PM followed by our quarterly business meeting. On January 22nd, our adult Bible study and children/youth activities will resume at 6:45 PM following the meal.

Welcome!!

As of January 2, 2025, Megan Waddell is your new secretary/treasurer. I'm excited to report that Megan was unanimously approved at a business meeting held in Nov. 2024.



Megan was born and raised in San Diego, CA and moved to Virginia at the age of 19. Some of you may remember her from when she worked at Best Value Supermarket back in 2012. It was at that time that she met Tommy Waddell who later became her husband in 2014. Megan's work experience also included working as an office administrator for a cable contracting company for 5 years.

Megan and Tommy have 2 children, Addison (born in 2016) and Waylon (born in 2019). After Waylon came along, Megan became a stay at home mom and began home-schooling her children in 2022.

In June, 2022, Megan and Tommy were baptized at MBC and joined our church family. Megan is already very active here, serving as our Wednesday Night Meal coordinator, SS teacher for our toddler class, Little Disciples, as well as serving on the children's ministry team. Tommy can also be found lending a helping hand whenever needed.

When asked about the new position, Megan said "I'm excited to answer the calling God has put on my heart to serve Mathews Baptist Church!" Pastor Brian and everyone I've spoken with are excited too!

As for me, this is a bittersweet moment in

my life. December 31 marked 21 years for me serving as your secretary/treasurer. Part of me is very excited to share retirement with my husband David, spend more time with our grandchildren, do some traveling as well as work on several other projects. But the other part of me will greatly miss what I never really considered a job but more of a ministry and an opportunity to serve God by helping others. I did my best to fill the shoes of MBC's first secretary, Mrs. Shirley Owens, and served under several pastors and experienced many ups and downs that sometimes tested my faith. Working at MBC has always felt like an extension of my home and everyone like a part of my family. Even though I will no longer be in the office, I'll still be around doing things that many may have thought were part of the job but weren't.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to everyone at MBC for allowing me to serve you these many years. I will miss my daily routine but realize that it's time to begin the next phase of my life. I'm looking forward to what God has in store for me.

So, in closing, I know everyone will make Megan feel welcome in her new position and is looking forward with anticipation to things being done with a fresh, new approach. I know Megan will have lots of new ideas and ways of doing things and I'm excited to see the new year unfold!

Love in Christ, Cathy B. Rowe

Church Attendance-Dec. 2024

| Date | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 7:00 |
|----------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 12/01/24 | 148 | 118 | 27 | |
| 12/08/24 | 144 | 149 | 20 | |
| 12/15/24 | 149 | 120 | 21 | |
| 12/22/24 | 144 | 122 | 31 | |
| 12/24/24 | | | | 100+ |
| 12/29/24 | 128 | 90 | 12 | |



Resuming Wed., Jan. 22, 6:45 PM — Lifeway's January Bible study entitled, "Joshua: The Faithfulness of God," led by Pastor Brian in the multipurpose room fol-

lowing the family meal. All are welcome!

This is a 7 session study that focuses on how the relationship between God and His people is dependent on the faithfulness of God. Ultimately, the faithfulness of God through Joshua points to the faithfulness of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Through this study, we will see that we often find faithfulness in unlikely places, gain a better understanding of repentance and faith and hopefully, learn that God can be trusted to remain faithful to the end.

Women's Missionary Union December Update...

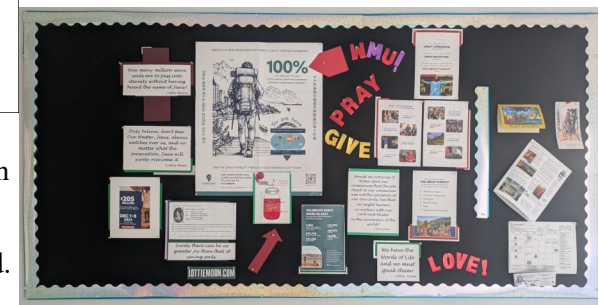
What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is **making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.**

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! This month we gathered together to celebrate the friendships and fellowship we have with our WMU members by having a fun luncheon together at Southwind Pizza.



Left to right: Janet Bowman, Ritamary Bruce, Polly Hayes, Donna Frantz, Karen Hudgins, Judy Lowe, Cathie Wahlers, Lily and Katie Givens, Christy Brown, Pastor Brian Kramer, Tee Mallon & Linda German

We hope everyone will check out our new WMU bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen door. We hope to keep everyone up to date on missions, projects and prayer needs for WMU and the International Missions Board.



Our next big project will be on January 25th. All of our church ladies are invited to join us for lunch at our 2nd annual Women on a Mission. We plan to have 2 speakers share their experiences and missions in life and hope and pray that all MBC ladies will attend!

We are continuing to collect items for Hands Across Mathews. Remember to put HAM (Hands Across Mathews) on your grocery list.

We also 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. We would love to have you join us! Please let us know if you plan to join us though, as occasionally, we are unable to visit the home due to health issues among the residents.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects, including our 2nd annual Women on a Mission program in late January!

Maybe you have a mission that God has put on your heart that we might be able to assist you with.

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

Donna Frantz



Praise God...

† For a new year and new opportunities of service!

Long term care...

† Kathy Diggs (Gloucester House); Julie Harvell (Mathews Conv. Ctr.)

Homebound...

† Pauline Barrick, Joyce/William Callis, Leon-

ard Downs, Jr., Ron Mallon, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jean Owens, Gloria Travenski

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Long Term illness/condition...

† William S. Smith † Derek Zwiers
 † Karen Wiant † Cathie Wahlers
 † Don & Christy Talbott † Sherry Inabinet
 † Raymond Harris † Vicky Pruitt
 † Mathews High School † Daniel West
 † Ellen Parkin †

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

† Susan/Mike Mangerchine(Navigators); Abbie Kramer (Baptist Collegiate Ministry)

Lottie Moon

Thank you to everyone who has given to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering! Our 2024 goal was \$7,000.⁰⁰. As of 12/29/2024, we have received \$5,365.⁰⁰!

Donations can still be made and remember that 100% of all donations go to help our international missionaries as they spread God's Word throughout the world!!



Coming in Feb:

9th: Super Bowl
 14th: Valentine's Day
 16th: Focus on WMU Sunday
 17th: President's Day