

August 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:
Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page.

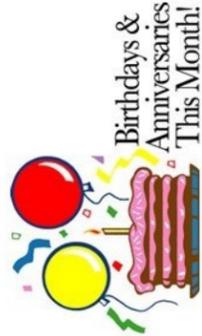
In-House worship services:

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)

10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

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- BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Amy Bohannon-Stewart
 - 2 Tyler Kemp
 - 3 Keely Crittenden, Janet Greene, Chris Hodges
 - 4 Kathryn Bray, Thomas Hubbard, Jennifer Smith
 - 5 Ronnie Callis
 - 6 Luann Smith
 - 7 Timmy Barrick
 - 8 Annalise Morse
 - 9 Charlotte Hughes, Erin & Sean Rhodes, Aaron White
 - 10 Peggy Carmine, Jennifer Ledford
 - 11 Jenny Martin, Ashley Mise, Erin Barksdale
 - 12 Ashley Bower, Curtis Peters
 - 14 Logan Byrns
 - 15 David Downs
 - 16 Richard Downs, Les Hall, Josie Kemp, Judah Pollard, Robert Thompson
 - 17 Bobby Diggs, Rayann Helbig
 - 18 Joe Hayes
 - 19 Jenny Goodrich
 - 20 Brady & Beau Thomas
 - 24 Chris McBurney
 - 25 Amanda Kemp
 - 29 Jax Denkinger, Mike Shields
 - 30 Leonard Downs, Jr., Cheryl Adams, Stacy Turner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 7 Clay & Claire Harrington
- 8 Rylan & Rachel S. Prieb

*If your name is not listed above and you had a b'day or anniversary, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9 AM Prayer time 6 PM Exercise	2	3
4 6 PM No Greater Love Tour by Q24 @Williams Wharf	5 6 PM Exercise	6 4-8 PM National Night Out @MHS	7	8 6 PM Exercise	9	10 10-12 Family VBS (includes lunch!) 4:30 Youth End of Summer party	
11	12 6 PM Exercise	13 1 PM WMU mtg	14	15 6 PM Exercise	16	17	
18 11:15 AM Over-time volunteer mtg.	19 6 PM Exercise	20	21	22 6 PM Exercise	23	24	
25 Global Hunger Sunday	26 6 PM Exercise	27	28	29 6 PM Exercise	30 OVERTIME Youth Event	31	
Counting committee for August: —Linden & Mark Barrick	9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers): 4 - Glenda Ranner/Elizabeth Moore 11 - Nikki Spiers/Claire Kramer 18 - Becky Ethington/Jim Moore 25 - Megan Waddell/Mary Beth Johnson						
Counting committee for September: —Pam & Pat Harrington	9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies): 4 - Beverly Barefoot/Jade Monastyrly 11 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer 18 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yankey 25 - Pat Taylor/Addy Lowe						

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Return Services Requested

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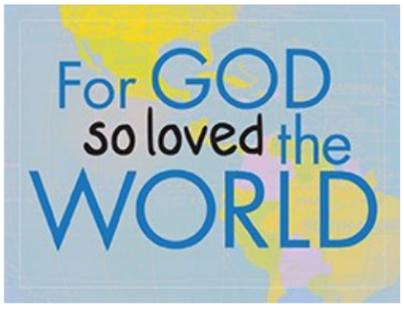
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“The Lighthouse”

I was shocked when the special alert came on the TV saying that there had been an assassination attempt on the former President Trump. I was glued to the TV as I watched the scene over and over again. I am thankful that he was not killed but my heart goes out to those who were hurt and killed on that day. Corey Comperatore was a father of two girls who was killed while protecting his family. He died diving onto his family to cover them from the gunfire. To me, that father is a hero. The Bible says, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Cory gave his life to save his children. It reminds me of our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ who gave His life to save each one of us. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) Jesus went to the cross covering our sins that we might be forgiven. “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.” (Romans 7:4) Let’s pray for Cory’s family and the families of the two other people who were hurt. And let’s thank the Heavenly Father for the sacrifice of His Son Jesus to save our lives.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Brian



- August 2024**
- SPECIAL DATES**
- ◆ 1st Prayer time
 - ◆ 4th 2025 Budget Requests Due & Q24’s No Greater Love Tour
 - ◆ 6th National Night Out @MHS
 - ◆ 10th Family Style VBS and Youth End of Summer party
 - ◆ 25th Global Hunger Day
 - ◆ 30th Overtime Youth Event

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

It's time to plan for our 2025 budget! If your group or committee anticipates expenses in 2025, please pick up a budget request form (in the inbox on the office door) from the church office, complete it and return to the office by 8/04/24.



Please Pray for... †Kasen Diggs with leukemia (Edward/Louise Diggs' 6 yr. old great-grandson) †Kathy Diggs & Julie Harvell in rehab at the Mathews Conv./

Rehab facility. †Joyce Downs in the hospital †Nancy Gustafson's mother Helen recovering from a broken hip. †Raymond Harris having a heart procedure.

Praise God for... †Clay Harrington & Luann Smith who are both doing well following recent surgeries. †Shaun Wiant and Chris & Bonnie White who joined our church family & Abigail Collins who came forward & made a profession of faith last month!

Long term care... Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

Homebound...

†Pauline Barrick, Joyce Downs, Leonard Downs, Jr. Julie Harvell, Ron Mallon, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Gloria Travanski

Those who need our continued prayer... †Derek Zwiers †Mathews High School †Eddie Dezern †Stephanie Anthony †Taylor Jacobs & family †Daniel West †Don & Christy Talbott †Raymond Harris †Sherry Inabinet †Cathie Wahlers †Karen Wiant †William Scott Smith †Ellen Parkin †

Missionaries... †Susan & Mike Mangerchine (Navigators), Abbie Kramer (Baptist Collegiate Ministry)

Our love and sympathy go out to... † the Barrick family at the passing of Joseph Glenwood "Glen" Morgan on July 7, & Myrtle Jane Diggs Blanock on July 6.

† Gaylia Hudgins at the passing of her son Douglas Bland Hudgins of Blacksburg, VA on Thurs., July 25, 2024.

Church Attendance-July 2024

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
07/07/24	151	113	29
07/14/24	149	108	22
07/21/24	129	129	18
07/28/24	121	122	28

Tues., Aug. 6, 4-8 PM: National Night Out @MHS football field sponsored by Mathews Sheriff's office We will host a water give away booth. FREE event!

Sat., Aug. 10, 10AM-Noon: Family VBS day. Includes lunch! Bible story, games & crafts. All ages welcome! (see insert)

Prayer for our Teachers, Leaders and Administrators:



- For everyone—staff, families and students—to work together towards what's best for the kids,
- For the mental and emotional health of students and teachers,
- For lawmakers to research, visit, and understand classroom instruction before they make laws and policies that affect the students,
- For students to know they are worthy and valuable,
- For educators to remember they don't always know the whole story about the individual lives of the students, and realize sometimes kids need more than curriculum and academic support to succeed,

- For each student to have a strong relationship with at least one adult in the school building who they know will pour love into them and support them, no matter what the student's life looks like outside of school,
- For students to understand they are at school to learn and they're not incapable or unintelligent when they don't already know all the answers,
- For students to get involved in sports, clubs, and/or organizations that help them find "their" people and place,
- For parents who are led to homeschool their children to feel content in the decision and feel able to do what's best for the student's success,
- For administrators to remember what it's like to be in the classroom on a daily basis so they always have the students' best interest in mind when making decisions,
- And Linden Barrick's motto as an educator: "Sometimes we need to provide what someone needs, not what we think they deserve."



Coming in September...

- New Church Year begins...
- 2nd-Labor Day
- 5th-Prayer Time
- 10th-Blood Drive
- 22nd-Fall begins

Women's Missionary Union July '24 Update

What we aim to do:

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

On Sunday, July 28th, Christmas in July was held. Christmas in July has been a long-standing program for WMU. Originally, it was a way to support missionaries in far flung areas, by collecting items to send them for Christmas via slow moving ships that took several months to reach them. We decorated a Christmas tree with stars with the names of some of the missionaries we support in various ways. We asked each family to take a star from the tree to take home and support the named missionary with prayer. There were sheets on the table next to the tree with information about each of the missionaries. We also requested *prayers for children heading back to school, as well as for the school teachers, administrators, and other employees of the school district. We thank each of you who helped us by contributing school supplies for local children in need. They will be delivered to Social Services soon for distribution.



Missionary Star Tree: be sure to take a star & pray for our missionaries. It will be up for another week.



Our wonderful collection of school supplies donated by YOU!

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! During the summer we invite you to bring your children to join us. The nursing home residents very much enjoy the children joining us in song.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects. In August, we will begin planning on how we can support Operation Christmas Child. 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

*Here's the prayer written as a "list of supplies" that was read at the Christmas in July event and was prepared by Michelle Denkinger for our children and school system:

Here's what most kids will need when school starts...

Backpack: Lord, I realize we will use a bookbag everyday to carry things to and from our homes. I pray that our homes would be a place of comfort, encouragement and rest. May it be a great place to launch from each day as we go to school and a safe place to land when we get done.

Notebook Paper: Lord, just like paper starts out blank, then fills with shapes, letters, and lines, I realize we are very impressionable. Would You please protect us? Let us make wise decisions, and discern what is right, good, and acceptable.

Markers: Lord, would You live through us, so that we will leave a mark on our teachers, classmates, and schools that reflects what is important to You and to our families?

Crayons: Lord, we praise You for being a creative God. Daily, help us appreciate the fact that You make people in all shapes, colors, heights, weights, and walks-of-life.

Folders: Lord, I know that homework, notes, and grades will be sent home with us from teachers. I pray for our teacher's right

now. Give them patience, rest, and joy in their work as they train up the next generation of leaders.

Scissors: Lord, I know that we will be exposed to things that may not be healthy, agreeable to our family beliefs, or pleasing to You. Would You help us "cut through" the nonsense?

Pencil: Lord, I pray that You will give us a desire to work hard. That we would want to apply ourselves even when it's difficult. Father, would You help us realize that school and hard work is one of the tools that You are using to write our role in Your story, called life?

Pencil-sharpener: Lord, I pray that our greatest desire is to be a tool that is used for your Kingdom. Help us value this time in our life to sharpen us to be used for your Kingdom's work.

Eraser: Lord, we know our kiddos are not perfect and will make plenty of mistakes this year. Would You teach them the meaning of grace? And as they understand this, may they be quick to forgive themselves, their teachers, and their classmates. And may we remind them that we, as parents, make mistakes too?

As our youth prepare to leave their homes to trek out into the world in the next few weeks for public & private school and for parents preparing for homeschooling, the greatest support and blessing we can give them are our intentional prayers.