

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

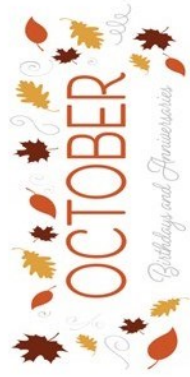
In-House worship services:

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)

10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

- 1 Frannie Hubbard
- 2 Carson Brown, Bobby Callis, Jennifer Morgan, Christy Poteet
- 3 Barbara Crockett, Casey Elliott
- 5 Brian Keith Rowe, Whitney Stewart
- 6 Sue Smedley
- 9 Chris Miller, Debra White, Cathy Williams
- 10 Erika Brown, Josh Velez
- 11 Cole DeLucas
- 12 Bruce Owens
- 13 Taylor Netherland
- 15 Linden Barrick, Jackie Goodrich, Sheri Sparks
- 16 David Crittenden
- 17 John Green, Madisson Weyrich, Tyler Moore, Brooke Collins
- 19 Colten Sadler
- 20 Tony Deagle, Judi Gayle
- 21 Clay Harrington
- 22 Makayla Calloway, Jade Monastriy & Sierra Davis
- 23 Joseph Rowe
- 25 Angela Blake, Tod Doane
- 29 Dianne Hudgins, Lori Shull, Robin Thompson
- 30 Jody Forrest
- 31 Alice Stewart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

- 4 Joey & Heather Calloway, Tommy & Megan Waddell
- 6 Tod & Leandra Doane
- 8 Taylor & Michael Netherland
- 15 Austin & Amanda Kemp
- 18 Ed & Lori Shull
- 19 Larry & Alice Stewart
- 25 Michael & Lisa Brown

*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
Don't forget to pick up a shoebox & fill it for Operation Christmas Child!!		1	2 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	3 9 AM Prayer time in sanctuary 6 PM Exercise	4	5
6	7 No exercise	8 1 PM WMU mtg.	9 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	10 6 PM Exercise	11	12
13 Noon: Autumn Afternoon Event 	14 6 PM Exercise 	15	16 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Business meeting	17 5-7 PM Power of Pink @Irvington BC 6 PM Exercise	18	19 8 AM Men's Breakfast
20	21 6 PM Exercise	22	23 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	24 6 PM Exercise	25	26
27 4 PM MTBA Fall mtg. @Olivet	28 No exercise	29	30 6 PM Covered dish meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	31 5:30-7 PM Trunk or Treat 		

Counting committee for October:
—Mickey & Glenda Ramer

Counting committee for November:
—Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):
6 - Becky Ethington/Jim Moore
13 - Megan Waddell/Mary Beth Johnson
20 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger
27 - Austin Sadler/Bev Barefoot

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Return Services Requested

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"The Lighthouse"



When we moved to the Eastern Shore my dad helped us buy a 19-foot Carolina Skiff. He said, "You cannot live on the Shore without a boat." We are still enjoying that boat over 20 years later. But early on, I would get really anxious when launching our boat at the local boat ramp. I hated trying to back down the boat ramp with so many other boaters watching. I remember seeing not too long ago a truck underwater at the boat ramp at Hole in the Wall on Gwynn's Island. That was my fear! I never sank our vehicle, but I did almost sink our boat once. One afternoon, after launching the boat the kids suddenly started screaming, "We're sinking!" I turned around and we were taking on water at a fast rate. Immediately we realized that we for-

got to put in the plug. We



plugged the hole and started bailing. The danger was averted, and the day was saved.

That brought to mind a quote I heard from evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman years ago. "It is not the ship in the water but the water in the ship that sinks it. So, it is not the Christian in the world but the world in the Christian that constitutes the danger." You've

heard the saying that "Christians are to be in the world but not of the world." That comes from Jesus' prayer for his followers in John 17. "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world...As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." (John 17:15-16, 18 NKJV) As Christians, we are to be witnesses in the world, but we are not to take on the wickedness of the world. Speaking of ships, I'll see you in my favorite ship on Sunday, wor-ship!

Faithfully, Pastor Brian



- October 2024**
- SPECIAL DATES**
- ◆ 3rd Prayer time in Sanctuary
 - ◆ 13th Autumn Afternoon event
 - ◆ 14th Columbus Day
 - ◆ 16th Business Meeting
 - ◆ 19th Men's breakfast
 - ◆ 27th MTBA Fall Mtg. @Olivet BC
 - ◆ 31st Trunk-or-Treat

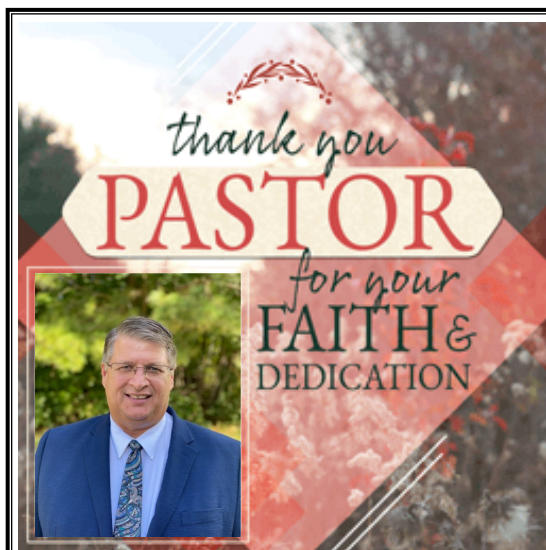
Next Year's BUDGET

The new 2025 budget will be discussed and voted on at the October 16, 2024 business meeting. The budget will be emailed again prior to the meeting & some paper copies are available at the entrances to worship. Please review the budget and plan to attend the meeting to vote on it. Thanks!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

- †New Member Services
- †Records/Public Relations
- †Social/Special Programs
- †Homebound
- †Toddler class worker
- †VBS Director & Asst. Director

For more information, see Teresa Sanger, Hope Lowe, Renee Neiman or Cathy Rowe.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Be sure to let Pastor Brian know how much we all appreciate him!!



Donations of wrapped candies are much appreciated. Drop box is in welcome area & entrance to multipurpose building. Thanks!!

Nursery Helpers: Helpers are needed in the nursery during worship. Please call the church office or see Pat Taylor (804-441-5005). Thanks!!

AUTUMN AFTERNOON

Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 12pm

- ✓ Chili/Soup Cookoff
- ✓ Fall Activities
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Fellowship

Join us for an Autumn Afternoon to fellowship with our church!

Please bring your favorite fall dessert!

Sign up to enter your best chili or soup!

Women's Missionary Union October update... What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

WMU is now focusing on Operation Christmas Child. There are shoeboxes in the Fellowship Hall for you to pick up and fill with items for children all around the world to be blessed with.



This year we are also working with Amy Ashberry and her mission with Operation Christmas Child. There are multiple dates for you to come to Amy's mom's house, just north of the Ruritan Club where her OCC school bus is parked, to help with filling shoeboxes. See a list of dates & times below. Pick a date and text or call Amy with your preferred times at 804-725-6537. If you have any shoeboxes or wrapping paper that you would like to donate, please drop off at the church. Any questions, contact Donna Frantz. Remember to include a label plus \$10/box to cover cost of mailing and processing.

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!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects as well as continuing our support of Operation Christmas Child (deadline to bring your filled shoeboxes is Nov. 24). 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.

Dates available to help with packing shoeboxes:

Wednesday, 10/2 4-8pm	Friday, 11/1 4-8pm
Friday, 10/4 4-8pm:	Saturday, 11/2 8-12 pm:
Saturday, 10/5 8am -8 pm	Sunday, 9/29 1-7pm
Wednesday, 10/9 4-8pm	Wednesday, 10/2 4-8pm
Friday, 10/11 4-8pm:	Friday, 10/4 4-8pm
Saturday, 10/12 12-8pm	Saturday, 10/5 8am-8pm:
Tuesday, 10/15 4-8pm:	Wednesday, 10/9 4pm- 8pm:
Friday, 10/18 4-8pm	Friday, 10/11 4-8pm:
Saturday, 10/19 8am-6 pm	Saturday, 11/2 12-8pm:
Tuesday, 10/22 4-8pm	Wednesday, 11/6 4-8pm:
Wednesday, 10/23 4-8pm	Friday, 11/8 4-8pm
Wednesday, 10/30 4-8 pm	Saturday, 11/9 8am -8pm



Above: Polly Hayes wrapping shoeboxes; below: Ritamary Bruce, Linda German, Janet Bowman and Tee Mallon wrapping shoeboxes.



MTBA FALL Meeting Sun., Oct. 27, 2024 4:00 PM Olivet Baptist Church



Please pray for...

- Ron Mallon & Nancy Gustafson recovering at home from recent procedures.
- All affected by hurricane

Helene.

•Cathie Wahlers with breathing issues.

Praise: We welcome Mary Clements who has joined our fellowship as an associate member!

Our love & sympathy go out to the family & friends of...

•Mildred Lockwood who passed away 9/14/2024.

Homebound: Pauline Barrick, Leonard Downs, Jr., Ron Mallon, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Gloria Travenski

Those in rehab: Kathy Diggs (Sanders); Julie Harvell (Mathews Conv./Rehab Ctr.)

Our Church Families' Missionaries: Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigator); Abbie Kramer (Baptist

Collegiate Ministry

Those who need our continued prayer:

- William Scott Smith
- Sherry Inabinet
- Karen Wiant
- Raymond Harris
- Derek Zwiers
- MHS
- Stephanie Anthony
- Don & Christy Talbott
- Daniel West
- Eddie Dezern
- Ellen Parkin

Church Attendance-Sept. '24

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
09/01/24	157	131	24
09/08/24	120	111	28
09/15/24	119	104	22
09/22/24	139	125	20
09/29/24	138	121	24

Alma Hunt Mission Offering as of 9/30: \$752.⁰⁰ Goal:\$1500

Coming in Nov.:

- 3rd—Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11th—Veteran's Day
- 24th—Shoebox deadline
- 28th—Thanksgiving Day