

March 2024

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

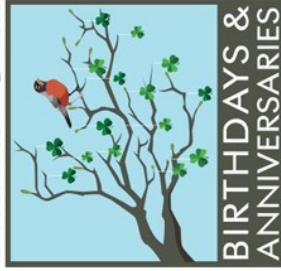
In-House worship services:

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)

10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH
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- BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**
- 2 Pauline Barrick
 - 5 Beth Lewis
 - 6 Jerry Stilwell
 - 7 Wendy Byns, Nadine Dorrington, Mike Slaughte
 - 10 Autumn Barrick, Alyssa Curko, Abbie Kramer, David Nelson, Patricia Owens
 - 11 Shelby Ethington, Mary Alice Hudgins
 - 12 Bentlea Lawrence
 - 13 Madeline Bower, Dan & Donna Frantz, Joanne Gregg, Robin Taylor
 - 14 Susan Hall, Brenda Teagle, Grace Zwiers
 - 15 Brooke Barefoot, Karen Barrick
 - 16 Brian Moore
 - 17 Jean Stilwell
 - 18 Vaniene DeLucas
 - 19 Gaylia Hudgins, Avery Yarkey
 - 20 Pat Taylor
 - 27 Blake Barefoot, Bri Sadler
 - 28 Suzanne Moore
 - 30 Robbie Whitehurst
 - 31 Roy Ethington, Jenny Ewell

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 12 Debbie & Ray Harris, Homer & Luann Smith
- 13 Roy & Becky Ethington
- 27 Eric & Cassi Fritzius, Ellis & Mildred Hudgins

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
<p>Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$5,000</p>	<p>4 6 PM Exercise</p>	<p>5</p> <p>PRAYER</p>	<p>6 6 PM Family meal 6:30 PM Activities</p> <p>FOR</p>	<p>7 9 AM Prayer time 6 PM Exercise</p> <p>NORTH</p>	<p>1 FUGE deposit due \$75</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 5-9 PM Youth Mission Project</p> <p>MISSIONS</p>
<p>WEEK</p> <p>10 Daylight Saving Time begins 11 AM Youth praise band MARCH 3-10</p>	<p>11 6 PM Exercise</p> <p>OF</p>	<p>12 1 PM WMU mtg</p>	<p>13 6 PM Family meal 6:30 PM Activities</p> <p>FOR</p>	<p>14 6 PM Exercise</p>	<p>15</p> <p>AMERICAN</p>	<p>16 12-2 PM Family Skating Event</p>
<p>17</p> <p>24 Palm Sunday 2 PM Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>18 6 PM Exercise</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 6 PM Family meal 6:30 PM Activities</p>	<p>21 6 PM Exercise</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>31 Easter! 6:35 AM Sunrise service @Denkinger's</p>	<p>25 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Exec. Comm. Mtg. @Saluda</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 No activities tonight.</p>	<p>28 6 PM Family meal (last meal) 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday service</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>Counting committee for March: —Pam & Pat Harrington</p> <p>Counting committee for April: —Mickey & Glenda Ramer</p>	<p>9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies): 3 - Joy Lowe/Karen Hudgins 10 - Katie Haywood/Stephanie Anthony 17 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer 24 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yarkey 31 - Pat Taylor/Addy Lowe</p>	<p>9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers): 3 - Stephanie Lowe/Sherin Stewart 10 - Glenda Ramer/Elizabeth Moore 17 - Nikki Spiers/Claire Kramer 24 - Becky Ethington/James Moore 31 - Megan Waddell/Mary Beth Johnson</p>				

Mathews Baptist Church

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“The Lighthouse”



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SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 3-10th Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- ◆ 7th Prayer Time in sanctuary
- ◆ 9th Youth Mission Project
- ◆ 10th Daylight Saving Time Begins
- ◆ 16th Family Skating Event
- ◆ 17th St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ 19th Spring
- ◆ 24th Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ 28th Meal/Maundy Thursday Service
- ◆ 31st Easter

Did you know that in 1876 there was a plot to steal President Abraham Lincoln's entombed body? A gang of counterfeiters wanted to ransom the body of the president for the release from jail for one of their members and \$200,000. The plot was unsuccessful, but this caused concern about the security of the president's body. In fact, Lincoln's body was moved 17 times for its protection. The coffin was exhumed and opened 5 times to make sure it was him.

Mary Magdalene had a similar concern when she approached Jesus' tomb early Easter morning. The stone was rolled away and the body of Jesus was gone. She was shocked. The

Gospel of John states, “*Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.’*” (John 20:2 NKJV) Where was the body of Jesus? Was it stolen or relocated? Mary eventually returned to the empty tomb and there she met the risen Jesus face to face. She was relieved and so overwhelmed with emotion that she hugged him and wouldn't let go. (John 20:17) She ran again to the disciples and exclaimed, “*I have seen the Lord!*” (John 20:18)

In 1901, the coffin of Abraham Lincoln was exhumed and

opened for the very last time. There was a group of witnesses present to confirm that the president's body was in the coffin before burying it again. But, on the contrary, if you open the tomb of Jesus today, you'll witness that his body is not there. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Faithfully yours,
Brian E. Kramer

He Is
RISEN
INDEED!



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Return Services Requested

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Daylight Saving Time begins Sun., Mar. 10. Remember, set your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour before going to bed Sat., Mar. 9.



Donations of wrapped candies are appreciated for our upcoming Easter egg hunt, 2 PM, March 24th. Leave donations in fellowship hall or welcome area.

Easter Services:
3/24: Palm Sun.
3/28: 6 PM Meal
 6:30 PM Maundy Thurs. Service
3/31: 6:35 AM Sunrise service (all other services at regular times)



Ramp installed at Leonard Downs, Jr.'s home by the MTBA Community Ministries Action Group & our Mathews Men's. Pictured from left back: Mark Ottarson, Jimmy Hall, Pastor Brian; Row 2: Hayden Downs, Leonard Downs, Jr., Dennis Fary, Terry Johnson, Mike Pittman, Mickey Ramer, Brett Pollard, Austin Kemp, Mike Hanhart, Gene Nuttall, David Foster & Joe Allen (kneeling).

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

FAMILY SKATE PARTY!

SATURDAY | MARCH 16
 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM
 DARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

300 DARE ROAD
 YORKTOWN, VA 23692

THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!
 CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RSVP.
 TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.



All youth interested in being part of a youth praise band, please come to the multipurpose building on Sun., March 10, after Sunday school.



On the first Thursday of each month, beginning March 7, 9 AM, the sanctuary will be open for anyone wishing to be part of a prayer group.

Mission News

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

When I was a kid there was a show called Mission Impossible. We watched it every week. It began with the main character receiving a taped message: "Your mission, should you choose to accept it..... This tape/disc will self-destruct in five/ten seconds. Good luck." Then the tape would disappear in a puff of smoke. They always accepted the mission given to them and they were always successful. I hope we would all accept our God given missions. Nothing is impossible with God!

I know that God gives each one of us a mission in life. He places it on our hearts, in our minds. For mom's, I know that our mission is to raise our children in a way in which they turn out to be loving, kind, smart people who have faith in God. God uses people in our lives to touch us and show us the way. It may be in our home, our family, our job, our community, our state, our country, or our world.

We may have an experience in life that gives us a mission; Katie Givens and Cathie Wahlers shared theirs at our luncheon last month. I hope you all were here last October when Amy Ashberry shared her mission with Operation Christmas Child. WMU has given me many opportunities to touch lives, from members of our church who can no longer easily get out of their homes, to people in our community who need help from Meals on Wheels to Hands Across Mathews, (which I like

to call HAM), and to children needing school supplies. We also help women in our wider community who need help with pregnancies, and even farther out internationally touching children through Operation Christmas Child. I speak for WMU when I say we appreciate the help we have received from each one of you. And we would like to give you the opportunity, as God leads you, to help by joining with us in our mission, and/or if you have a mission, share it with us, that we may help you. Where God leads you, I hope you will follow, and please share with us. It is very uplifting to hear what God has put into your hearts and how he has carried you through. I've heard stories of moms bringing their kids to help stuff Christmas shoeboxes. We welcome kids to come sing with us at the Nursing Home.

Maybe our God given mission isn't quite so impossible sounding, maybe it is, but remember the theme from our luncheon: believe with God all things are possible. We hope to spread God's Word wherever He leads us, however He guides us, to do whatever His will is. We are Women on a Mission.

Our project for February was to gather to make soup to deliver to those from our church who are home-bound or recovering from health issues. Before delivering, we invited Pastor Brian and Cathy Rowe to join us for a soup lunch.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Donna Frantz, or our director, Judy Lowe.

Donna Frantz



Judy Lowe & Janet Bowman preparing pound cake to be sent out with soup.



Soup cooking on the stove



From left: Linda German, Cathy Rowe, Judy Lowe, Katie & Lily Givens, Pastor Brian, Donna Frantz & Janet Bowman



Please pray for...

- Our North American missionaries.
- Those recovering: Eric Fritzius (surgery); Joy Bowden (rehab after fall); Jim/Gloria Travenski (falls); Joe Hayes (surgery); Mark Falconer (rehab but still has medical issues)

Praise God...

- Raymond Harris (Covid & leg infection)
- For Easter and the opportunity to celebrate our resurrected Savior!

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

- Debi P. Downs (Leonard Downs, Jr.'s wife) who passed away on Tues., Feb. 6, 2024.
- William Doris (Nikki Pollard's grandfather) who passed away on Thurs., Feb. 22, 2024.

Homebound: Pauline Barrick, Leonard Downs, Jr., Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Ron Mallon, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Those in long term care: Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

Those who need our continued prayer:

- William Scott Smith • Mathews High School • Bonnie Callis
- Daniel West • Ellen Parkin • Peyton Arthur
- Raymond Harris • Eddie Dezern • Karen Wiant
- Derek Zwiers • Don & Christy Talbott • Sherry Inabinet

- Taylor Jacobs & family • Coy White (Jody Forrest's father)

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Our goal: \$5,000

Coming in April:

1st: April Fool's Day.

12-14th: Spring Revival

17th: Qtrly. Business Mtg.

28th: MTBA Spring meeting

Church Attendance Feb. 2024

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
02/04/24	113	96	21
02/11/24	140	113	12
02/18/24	119	96	22
02/25/24	147	125	32