

Mathews Baptist Church's GOOD NEWS GAZETTE

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THE TRIUNE GOD

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is known for wearing green (so you don't get pinched), parades, leprechauns, and luck. But one of the most numerous symbols of St Patrick's Day is the shamrocks. They are seen all over in the month of March. Shamrocks are a type of three leaf clover, closely associated with anything Irish. Did you know the shamrock is a Christian symbol? St. Patrick was known for bringing Christianity to Ireland. While preaching the gospel, the tribal leaders were curious about the Trinity and asked St. Patrick to explain it. So, he bent down and picked up a shamrock and used it to visualize the Trinity. The shamrock, a single plant with three leaves, is like to the one Triune God with three separate and distinct Persons. These three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are part of the one Supreme Being, God. So, this St. Patrick's Day when you see a shamrock think of the Father who created us and loves us, the Son who died for us and saved us, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us and guides us. "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV) Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Faithfully Yours,
Pastor Brian



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A THANK YOU FROM...

CATHY ROWE

What a blessing it has been to serve the pastors and members of Mathews Baptist Church! I thank you all for the wonderful retirement party -- those who decorated the room so beautifully (plus those who provided the seashells that I love!) and planned the event, the delicious food and Pastor Ed, Pastor Brian, Eddie Heath and others who spoke and said such kind things. Thank you for the beautiful oyster/pearl jewelry set which I will always treasure, for the Bible and all the special notes written in it (and drawings!) and for your generous monetary gift. A special thanks to all my family and friends who attended and thank you for all the cards and well wishes for my retirement. This event was more than I ever imagined and the love I felt was overwhelming! I appreciate it all and feel so blessed to have worked here; the memories of this day will be in my heart always.

Love in Christ, Cathy

Time for God to write the next chapter...



Cathy Rowe with Pastor Ed Inabinet (left) and Pastor Brian Kramer (right)

Women's Missionary Union February 2025 Update

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

This month's WMU meeting was delayed by a week due to snowy weather and illness. Hopefully March will be a more Spring like month and we will be able to meet at our usual 2nd Tuesday of the month.

We are planning to gather on Friday, March 6th at 9 am in the church kitchen to make our yearly soup which we make to deliver to local shut-ins. We usually enjoy a time of fellowship after making the soup and share a lunch together before going out to deliver soup in the local area. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in this endeavor.

We hope everyone has been able to take a look at our new WMU Bulletin Board in the hallway across the hall from the door to the kitchen.

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 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, March 11th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects, including planning our next brunch to be held on April 26th (tentatively) to benefit CareNet and the work they do with expectant moms. Watch for updates in the Bulletin.

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



Judy Lowe and Janet Bowman putting together food packets to be delivered.



WMU last February enjoying some soup for lunch. Starting from left front: Linda German, Cathie Rowe, Judy Lowe, Katie and Lily Givens, Pastor Brian, Donna Frantz and Janet Bowman

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECORDS & PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM...

Updates have begun on the church website! If your committee or group has something they would like to be added or if you have any suggestions or photos that you'd like to contribute please send them to the church email: mathewsbaptist@live.com. Additionally, if there is an event that you would like advertised please contact us - we look forward to sharing the churches' ministries with the public on your behalf!
-Nikki Pollard & Megan Waddell

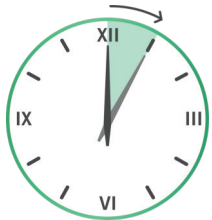


Check it out



COMING SOON...

Did you know we have a library? Our librarian, Beth Lewis, will be showcasing some of the books that we have available for checkout each month in the fellowship hall...be on the lookout!



Don't Forget Daylight Savings Time!

Make sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th!



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Goal: \$5,000

There is an envelope already labeled for Annie Armstrong in your boxes or you can write Annie Armstrong in the memo line of your check!

We are accepting donations of wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt coming up on April 13th. Please leave your donations in one of the plastic totes in the fellowship hall or welcome center!



Pray for Healing

Please pray for...

- Those who have suffered from this season's flu and those still trying to recover from it.
- Kasen Diggs (great grandson of the late Louise & Edward Diggs) who is battling Leukemia.

Our deepest sympathies...

- To the family and friends of Leonard Downs Jr. at his passing on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.

Praise God for...

- Spring being right around the corner!
- Blessing this church with an abundance of children and youth to carry on spreading the gospel!



Adventure > Character > Leadership

TROOP VA-1791

We have exciting news, Trail Life USA has approved the charter for Troop VA-1791 here at Mathews Baptist Church. We are still in the process of building the leadership team and planning the calendar for the start of our program this coming September.

God has been faithful and we have many great men that have come forward to be involved in this important ministry. We still have important roles to fill.

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



Coming up...

1 - April Fool's Day

13 - Palm Sunday & 2PM Easter Egg Hunt

16 - Quarterly Business Meeting

17 - Maundy Thursday

19 - 8AM Men's Breakfast

20 - Easter Sunday

21 - 10 AM Prayer Gathering at Saluda BC

27 - 4PM MTBA Spring Meeting @ Urbanna BC

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - FEB. 2025

| Date | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 |
|------------|------|-------|-------|
| 02/02/2025 | 144 | 134 | 25 |
| 02/09/2025 | 147 | 118 | 22 |
| 02/16/2025 | 109 | 100 | 19 |
| 02/23/2025 | 151 | 126 | 28 |

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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March 2025



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
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Annie Armstrong Easter

Offering Goal:

\$5,000

9AM - Grace
Marriage
10AM - Hope for
Appalachia
Pocking event @
Hermitage BC

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|--------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 6PM - Exercise Class | | 6PM - Family Meal 6:45 - Bible Study & Activities | 6PM - Exercise Class | | | |
| Week of Prayer for North American Missions | | | | | | |



9
Daylight
Savings Time

10
6PM - Exercise
Class

1PM WNU
Meeting

11

6PM - Family
Meal
6:45 - Bible
Study &
Activities

12

13
6PM - Exercise
Class

14

8AM - Men's
Breakfast
9AM-3PM 2025
Women's
Conference @
Essex HS



16
St Patrick's Day
10AM Prayer
Meeting @ Saluda
BC

18

6PM - Family
Meal
6:45 - Bible Study
& Activities

19

20
HELLO
SPRING
6PM - Exercise
Class

21



22
2-4PM Skate
Party @ Dare
Elementary

23

24
6PM - Exercise
Class

25

6PM - LAST
Family Meal
until Fall
6:45 - Bible
Study &
Activities

26

27

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29

30

31
6PM - Exercise
Class

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

(3/2) Hannah Yarkey, Becky Ethington, Austin Sadler
(3/9) Melanie Miles, Teeny Hughes, Stella Johnson
(3/16) Amanda Kemp, Nancy Pait, Glenda Ramer
(3/23) Katie Givens, Fallon Diggs/Elizabeth Moore

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

(3/2) Nikki Spiers, Cathy Rowe
(3/9) Mickey Ramer, Pat Taylor
(3/16) James Moore, LuAnn Smith
(3/23) Tommy Waddell, Nikki Pollard

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

Anniversaries

12 Debbie & Raymond Harris, Homer & Luann Smith
13 Roy & Becky Ethington
27 Eric & Cassi Fritzius, Ellis & Mildred Huddins