






**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**  
\*Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Face-book page. Traditional service available on CD (audio only).  
**\*In-House worship services:**  
**9:00 AM Contemporary; 11:00 AM Traditional**  
**10:00 AM Sunday School**  
(safety guidelines posted by entry doors and on Facebook)

**April 2021**  
MATHEW'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fool's Day 7 PM Maundy Thurs. Service in sanctuary	2  Good Friday	3
4 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise service @Lockwood's	5 	6 6:30 PM Walking 	7	8 6:30 PM Walking 	9	10
11	12 6:30 PM Finance meeting 7 PM Women's Bible Study	13 6:30 PM Walking	14	15 6:30 PM Walking	16	17
18	19 7 PM Women's Bible Study	20 2-7 PM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Walking	21 6:30 PM Quarterly Business mtg.	22 6:30 PM Walking	23	24
25	26 7 PM Women's Bible Study	27 6:30 PM Walking	28	29 6:30 PM Walking	30	

**Counting committee for April:**  
—Alice & Larry Stewart  
**Counting committee for May:**  
—Bill & Cathy Nelson

**9:00 Nursery Schedule:**  
4 - Becky Ethington/Nancy Pait  
11 - Bonnie Kramer/Claire Kramer  
18 - Pat Taylor/Lori Shull  
25 - Frannie Hubbard/Cathy Nelson



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

- 1 Rose Hudgins, Ed Inabinet  
3 John Sanger  
4 Lindsey Brown, Shannon Gayle, Pam Harrington  
6 Serena Smedley  
7 Mildred Lockwood, Steve Miller  
8 William Nelson, Melany Slaughter, Jacqueline Stewart, Wayne Turner  
9 Elizabeth Moore, Jane Peterson, Mallory Schaible, Jennifer Smedley, Rachel Stewart  
10 Caroline Crittenden, Anne C. Stewart  
11 J. W. Brown  
12 Joy Lowe, Amanda Rhodes  
13 Martha Hall, Janet Bowman  
14 Michael Garrett  
15 Beecher G. Sparks  
17 Susan Hurst, Steve Taylor  
18 Brandon Williams  
20 Trenton Hall  
22 Arleen Allen, Charran Deagle  
23 Lisa Buchanan, Caleb Elias  
24 Dickie Brooks, Brett Pollard, Chloe Schaible  
25 Zachary Rider Hudgins  
26 Bob Clark, Debbie Rhodes  
27 Mindy Abrams, Pam Watts  
30 Chris Byrns, Melissa Wheeler
- ANNIVERSARIES:**  
20 John & Cathy Williams  
28 Chris & Bekah Helbig

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## “The Lighthouse”

I am a “what if” person. Are you a “what if” person? I am always wondering “what if” this happens? Or “what if” that happens? “What if” this or that does not happen? Our “what ifs” can keep us from living a fulfilling life. In the movie, “What About Bob,” Bob is an obsessive-compulsive neurotic who is afraid to leave his apartment. When Bob is asked by his psychotherapist what he is afraid of, Bob answers with a “what if.” “What if my heart stops beating? What if I'm looking for a bathroom, I can't find it, and my bladder explodes?” “What ifs” can incapacitate us.

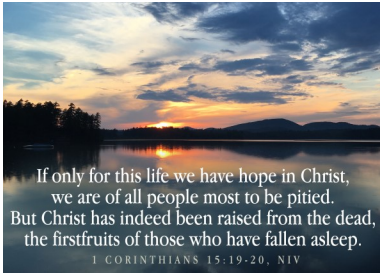
In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul addresses a very important “what if” question about eternal life. “What if there is no resurrection of the dead?” He writes, “<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised

from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. <sup>15</sup>Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup>Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.” (1Corinthians15:12-19)

Here is my translation of Paul’s words. If there is no resurrection, then Christ has not been raised, all preaching is useless, faith is a waste, Christians are false witness-

es, all people are dying in their sins, all those who have died are gone forever and Christians are stupid for believing. Now that’s depressing! But, Paul couldn’t stand even thinking about the “what if”, he immediately blurts out, “*But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*” (1 Corinthians 15:20) Since Christ has risen from the dead, trust him with your life and don’t worry about the “what ifs!”

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Brian Kramer



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Return Services Requested

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### APRIL 2021

#### SPECIAL DATES

- ♦ 1<sup>st</sup> April Fool's Day & Maundy Thursday Service
- ♦ 4<sup>th</sup> Easter
- ♦ 6<sup>th</sup> Walking program begins
- ♦ 12<sup>th</sup> New Bible Study begins
- ♦ 20<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive
- ♦ 21<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Bs. Meeting





**Join us for  
fun &  
fellowship!**

**Where:** MBC  
parking lot

**When:** Tuesday  
and Thursday  
evenings at 6:30  
PM beginning  
April 6, 2021

**Why:**

♦Walking helps  
prevent heart  
disease

♦Reduces stress

♦Improves sleep

♦Boosts brain  
power

♦Helps with  
weight loss and  
maintenance of  
a healthy body  
weight

♦Builds friend-  
ships

**Any questions,  
contact Dawn  
Miller (804-815-  
4135) or Renee  
Neiman (804-  
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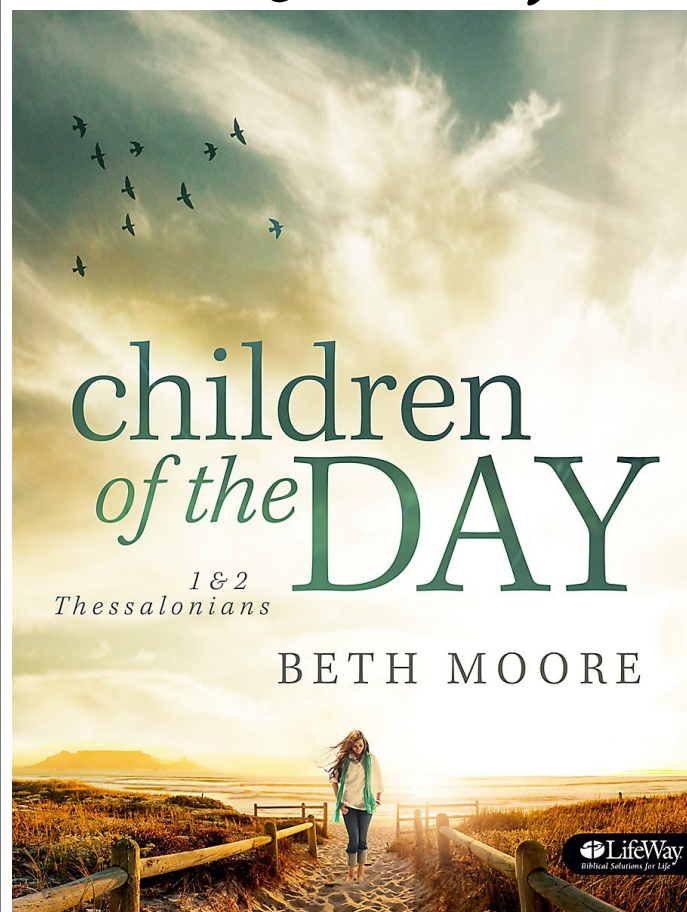
## EASTER SERVICES:

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**, 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service (in the sanctuary)

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**, Easter Sunday, 6:30 Sunrise Service (at the Lockwood's residence (517 Starkwood Lane, Hallieford from 198, turn on Rt. 626, Hallieford Rd., go 1.4 miles, turn left on Burton Pt. Rd. and go .3 mile, turn right on 1st lane on the right, Starkwood Lane, go .6 mile to destination)

All other Sunday services at regular times.

## New Bible Study



Join us for a women's Bible study on 1st and 2nd Thessalonians beginning April 12th at 7:00 at MBC! During this nine week study, you'll learn how to let go of past mistakes and discover your circumstances are not coincidental - God's timing is impeccable! Whether you're facing family crises, medical diagnoses, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, you'll come away encouraged that even though it may not feel that way, you are exactly where Christ wants you to be! Contact Lee Anne Bray with questions or to sign up.



**A special message from  
Nikki Pollard about Care  
Net Peninsula located in  
Newport News, VA and a  
special event happening  
soon:**

<https://youtu.be/H3psS4HLjO8>

Well people, Noah Ethington hooked me up yesterday. Here is a little bit about CareNet Peninsula and why I support them. I think one of the most telling pieces of information is that less than 3 miles away, on the exact same street as CareNet (Jefferson Avenue), is an abortion provider. The difference between life and death is literally within walking distance, but people HAVE to know they're there and willing to help. You can donate to the link below:

<https://cnpeninsula.salsalabs.org/.../mathewsb.../index.html>

Spread the word. Tell your friends. Let people know they are there. In my experience, the woman who has chosen abortion has never once been a monster. She has never once been the woman shouting it from the rooftops with pride. She has never once been the one who can say years later that it was the right decision. But she has been my friend. She has been someone I love. She has been someone who lives with heavy grief and wonders what could have been. I will do whatever I can to let the women in my life know that there is another way and that I want to help. There are people who want to help.

## Mission News



I want to thank our church family for the 60 items of canned food and paper products that were brought in and put on the table in the Fellowship Hall

last month. Janet Bowman delivered the items to Hands Across Mathews and Social Services. Our WMU Ladies also bring in items whenever they can. We are still collecting yarn to make lap blankets for cancer patients.

We had our WMU program on March 9 at 1PM at MBC and was well attended. During our program, we prayed for our missionaries and for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church goal is \$4,000. As of March 28, 2021, we have \$1,472.<sup>80</sup>.

We have cut back on some mission programs because of the Covid-19.

The WMU sent a donation to the fund



**Please pray for...**

† Maggie (Bert Miller's granddaughter) who is recovering from a serious car wreck.

† Janet Bowman's brother John who has stopped his feeding tube.

**Praise God for...**

† Our resurrected Savior Jesus Christ!

† Successful kidney transplant surgery from Curt Faulkner to Chris Leigh.

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living...** Martha Hall, (Mathews)

**Homebound:**

† Ed Haufler, Julie Harvell, Louise Diggs, Estelle Tankard

**Long Term Illness/condition...**

† Raymond Harris

† Julie Harvell

† Carol Buckley

† John Faith

† Derek Zwiers

† Stephanie Anthony

† Lynn Braun's mom Claudette

**Our Church Families' Missionaries...**

† Susan & Mike Mangerchine, (Navigators)

† Cathie Wahlers

† Sam Vogel

† Leonard Downs, Jr.

† Don/Christy Talbott

† Delores Munn

† Richard Lee Stewart

† Charles Foster

that is assisting a Mathews resident who had the horrible experience of losing her husband, and three days later losing her house to a fire. She had no insurance to bury her husband or to repair her house.

We, the WMU, have a new watchword - "We do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved." (Hebrews - 10:39 NIV)

*Tee Mallon*, WMU Director



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

† Frannie Hubbard's brother-in-law who passed away.

† Frances Young who passed away on March 5, 2021.

† Cora Lewis who passed away on March 6, 2021

† Jody & Curtis Forrest whose Uncle Raymond "Rainbow" Forrest passed away on Fri., March 26.

**Congratulations to...**

† Hannah & Nick Yarkey on the birth of their daughter Avery Nicole on 3-19-21 weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and 19 in. long.

### Church Attendance-Mar. 2021

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
03/07/21	92	66	17
03/14/21	72	57	21
03/21/21	79	56	22
03/28/21	95	77	23



Wednesday,  
April 21,  
6:30 pm in the  
sanctuary



Tuesday,  
April 20, 2021  
2-7 PM  
@Piankatank  
Ruritan Club

### Coming in May:

6<sup>th</sup>: National Day of Prayer

8<sup>th</sup>: CareNet Pop Up Church Event

9<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day

16-23<sup>rd</sup>: MTBA Emphasis Week

31<sup>st</sup>: Memorial Day