

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:

*Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook 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

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH
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- 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, Charann 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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 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
 4 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise service @Lockwood's	5 12 6:30 PM Finance meeting 7 PM Women's Bible Study	6 6:30 PM Walking 	7 13 6:30 PM Walking	1 April Fool's Day 7 PM Maundy Thurs. Service in sanctuary 8 6:30 PM Walking 	2 Good Friday	3 10
11 19 7 PM Women's Bible Study	14 20 2-7 PM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Walking	21 6:30 PM Quarterly Business mtg.	16 22 6:30 PM Walking	17 23 29 6:30 PM Walking	24 30	25

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



Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776
 “The Lighthouse”



APRIL 2021

SPECIAL DATES

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

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.

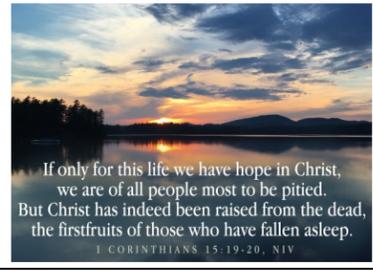
In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul addresses a very important “what if” question about eternal life. “What if there is no resurrection of the dead?” He writes, “¹²Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised

from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ¹⁵Yes, 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. ¹⁶For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.” (1Corinthians 15:12-19)

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!”

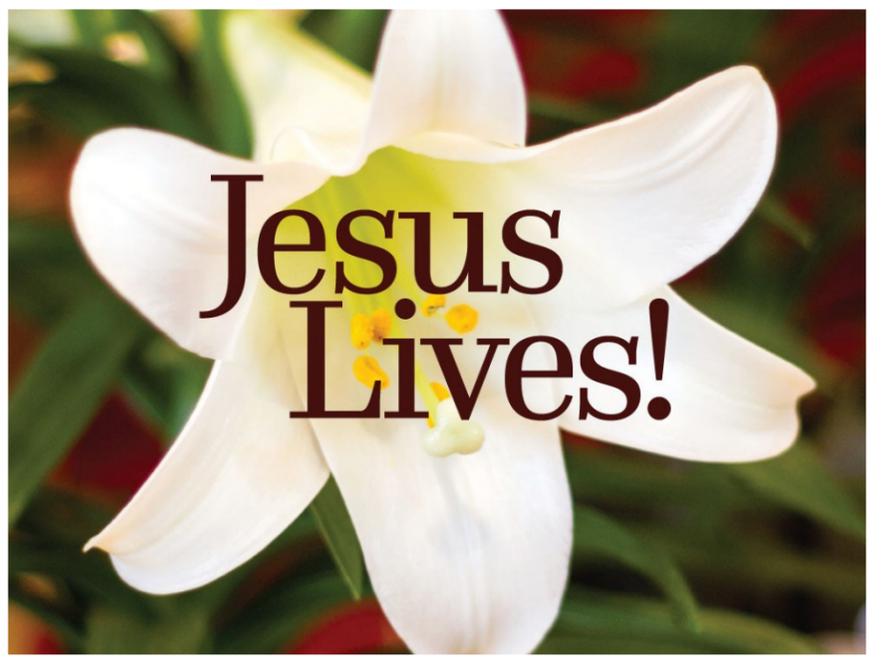
Faithfully yours,
 Pastor Brian Kramer



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 Return Services Requested

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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 friendships

Any questions, contact Dawn Miller (804-815-4135) or Renee Neiman (804-774-9918).



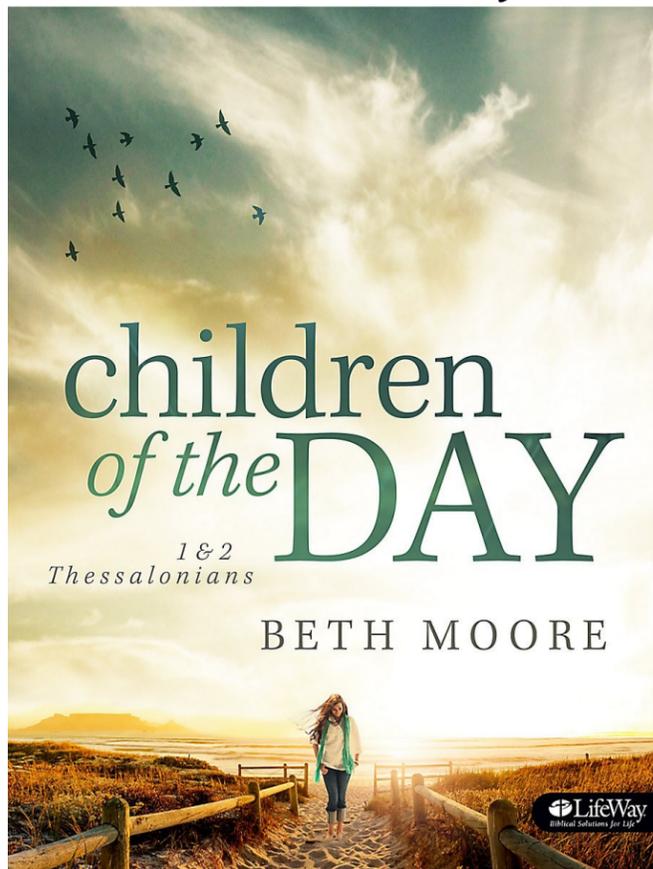
EASTER SERVICES:

April 1st, 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service (in the sanctuary)

April 4th, 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.



@ Coastal Community Church - Yorktown
A CARE NET PENINSULA WALK4LIFE EVENT

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 \$1,472.⁸⁰.

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 † Cathie Wahlers
- † Julie Harvell † Sam Vogel
- † Carol Buckley † Leonard Downs, Jr.
- † John Faith † Don/Christy Talbott
- † Derek Zwiers † Delores Munn
- † Stephanie Anthony † Richard Lee Stewart
- † Lynn Braun's mom Claudette † Charles Foster

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

- † Susan & Mike Mangerchine, (Navigators)

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



Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV

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:

- 6th: National Day of Prayer
- 8th: CareNet Pop Up Church Event
- 9th: Mother's Day
- 16-23rd: MTBA Emphasis Week
- 31st: Memorial Day