



Mathews Baptist Church's

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PRODUCTIVE COMMERCIALS

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

I hate commercials (except during the Super Bowl). I'm watching a thrilling movie when suddenly, the story is interrupted by a commercial for something in which I am not interested at all. I like recording shows so I can fast forward through the commercials. Did you know Mark, the writer of the gospel, used commercials? He will be telling a story and interrupts it with another story and then finishes up the original story. Bible scholars call these sandwiches, but I call them commercials. There are about 12 in the gospel of Mark. But don't fast forward through these "commercials" because they all enhance the original story. The most familiar story is the healing of Jarius' daughter (Mark 5:21-40). There is a commercial of Jesus healing the woman with an issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34) The commercial reminds us how important faith is for the believer. In chapter six Mark tells the story of Jesus sending out the disciples two by two to preach (Mark 6:7-32). There is a commercial about the death of John the Baptist (Mark 6:14-29) The commercial emphasizes that Christians are called to be faithful to the Lord even unto death. Mark tells another story about Jesus cursing a fig tree that bared no fruit, (Mark 11:12-21) The commercial is Jesus cleansing the temple (Mark 15-19). These commercials stress that Christians are to bear fruit. I actually like these commercials in Mark. They are not enticing me to buy a certain product, but they are encouraging me to be productive in my Christian faith!

In Christ Love,

Pastor Brian

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Women's Missionary Union July 2025 Update

What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is

making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

Our thanks go out to all of you who contributed to our Christmas in July School Supply drive. We received an abundance of school supplies which we delivered to Social Services, and for which they were very thankful.



We had a great turnout for our potluck luncheon, with lots of delicious food. The Christmas tree was decorated with the names of missionaries whose information is supplied in the booklet: "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". Please take some time to read about them, pray for them, maybe send them a letter of encouragement or some of the needed supplies listed inside. If you would like take a star from the tree to remind you to keep them in your prayers. There are more booklets on the Welcome Counter if you need a copy.

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! Please let us know if you plan to join us, as occasionally, we are unable to visit for various reasons.

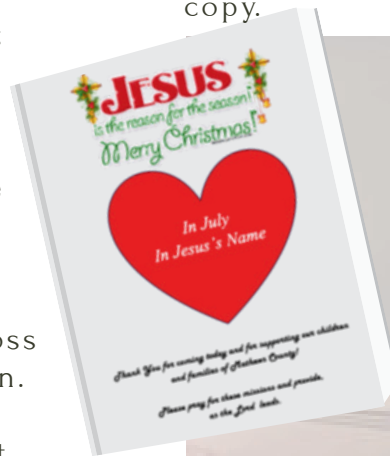
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects.

Be sure and check out our bulletin board across the hall from the kitchen for more information.

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

In Christ,

Donna Frantz





FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Mathews Baptist Church's

WIPEOUT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH 6-8PM

WATER SLIDES • RELAY RACES • WATER THEMED GAMES

DUNK TANK • ICE CREAM

Collecting products used to "wipe" to distribute
to social services, hands across mathews &
local shelters

TOILET PAPER + PAPER TOWELS + BABY WIPES + TISSUES + NAPKINS + HAND WIPES, ETC.



Vacation Bible School
August 10-14th
6-8:30PM

Pray for...

Please be in prayer..

- For Mickey Ramer who is still recovering from a recent health issue.

Praise God...

- For so many activities this month and opportunities for us to fellowship and reach others who might not know about Jesus' gift yet.



Church Family, please join us for a

Church Picnic

Come fellowship with a meal and some pool time!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD 2025

4-7 pm @ Camp Piankatank
1586 Stampers Bay Rd
Hartfield VA 23071

Bring a side or dessert and your swim gear!

WE WILL BE GRILLING HOT DOGS AS WELL!



Trail Life

Adventure › Character › Leadership

TROOP VA-1791

Upcoming Troop Events

August 4th Open House

September 8th First Troop Meeting

We still have opportunities for anyone who would like to serve
in this ministry.

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



National Night Out
@ Mathews High
School Free
entertainment for
the whole family!
4-7PM

HELLO
September

Coming up...

1 - Labor Day (office closed)

5-6 Mathews Market Days

7 - Sunday School Promotions

20 - Men's Breakfast

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - JUNE 2025

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
07/06/2025	110	117	25
07/13/2025	144	109	32
07/20/2025	120	112	30
07/27/2025	106	114	30

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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August 2025



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 Amy Bohannon-Stewart, Kyle Diggs
- 2 Tyler Lane Kemp
- 3 Keely Crittenden, Janet Greene, Chris Hodges
- 4 Kathryn Bray, Thomas Hubbard, Jennifer Smith
- 5 Ronnie Callis
- 6 Luann Smith
- 7 Timmy Barrick, Cooper Wornom
- 8 Annalise Morse
- 9 Charlotte Hughes, Erin & Sean Rhodes, Aaron White
- 10 Peggy Carmine, Jennifer Ledford
- 11 Jenny Martin, Erin Barksdale, Bob Sherrill
- 12 Ashley Bower, Curtis Peters
- 14 Logan Byrns
- 15 David Downs
- 16 Richard Downs, Les Hall, Josie Kemp, Judah Pollard, Robert Thompson
- 17 Carmen Cuciniello, Bobby Diggs, Rayann Helbig, Douglas Miles
- 18 Joe Hayes
- 19 Jenny Goodrich, Cooper Mitchem
- 20 Brady & Beau Thomas
- 24 Chris McBurney
- 25 Amanda Kemp
- 29 Jax Denkinger, Mike Shields, Kanaan Diggs
- 30 Cheryl Adams, Stacy Turner

Anniversaries

- 7 Clay & Claire Harrington
- 8 Rylan & Rachel S. Prieb
- 12 James & Carmen Cuciniello

Counting Committee for August:
Mark & Linden Barrick
Counting Committee for September:
Pam & Pat Harrington

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 3 4-7PM Church Picnic - Camp Planktank Religious Liberty Sun.	 4 630PM - Trail Life Open House 6PM - Exercise Class	 5 4-7PM National Night Out @ Matthews HS	6 6PM - VBS Volunteer Meeting	7 6PM - Exercise Class	8	9
 10 6-830PM VBS	11	12	13	 14	 15 6-8PM WIPEOUT event	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
6PM - Exercise Class	6PM - Exercise Class			6PM - Exercise Class		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6PM - Exercise Class				6PM - Exercise Class		
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9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

- (8/3) Melanie Miles, Teeny Hughes, Joy Lowe
- (8/10) Nancy Pait, Glenda Ramer, Mary Beth Johnson
- (8/17) Katie Givens, Fallon Diggs, Austin Sadler
- (8/24) Katie Haywood, Beverly Barefoot, Stella Johnson
- (8/31) Joy Lowe, Stephanie Lowe, Sherin Stewart

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

- (8/3) Stephanie Lowe, Amanda Kemp
- (8/10) Bri Sadler, Pat Taylor
- (8/17) Nikki Spiers, Nikki Pollard
- (8/24) Mickey Ramer, Pam Harrington
- (8/31) James Moore, LuAnn Smith

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