

Mathews Baptist Church

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“The Lighthouse”



APRIL 2022

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st April Fool’s Day & Youth Event
- ◆ 10th Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ 14th Maundy Thursday Service
- ◆ 17th Easter
- ◆ 18th New Bible Study begins
- ◆ 19th Blood Drive
- ◆ 20th Quarterly Bs. Meeting & last meal til fall
- ◆ 30th Care Net Walk4Life



The Summer of 1980 there was a big mystery in the United States, “Who shot JR?” The TV drama Dallas ended season three with a cliffhanger. The main character J.R. Ewing was shot, and no one would know the shooter until the next season. I never watched the show, but I remember the tag line. A bigger mystery would develop in season 10. Bobby Ewing, JR’s brother, is hit by a car and killed at the end of season 8. Confusingly, Bobby shows up again in season 10. It turns out that season 9 was all a dream of Bobby’s ex-wife, Pamela. Again, I never watched the show, but I thought what a ridic-

ulous plot, making a whole season a dream to resurrect a character. But that is what many people said about Jesus’ resurrection. There are those who try to explain away the resurrection of Jesus Christ by saying He didn’t really die on the cross. He just fainted or fell asleep, and the coolness of the tomb revived Him. It was all a dream. I believe the Roman soldiers, who were professional killers, would know if the one crucified was dead or not. That was their job. When the soldier thrust the spear in Jesus’ side, Jesus was dead (John 19:34). The disciple John saw all of this. He was there. He confirmed that Jesus was dead. “*He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth.*” (John 19:35 CSB) Three days later, Jesus rose from the

dead. It was not a dream. The resurrection was real! The Apostle Paul wrote, “*For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV) And if Jesus Christ rose from the dead, so will those who trust Him as Lord and Savior. Paul also wrote, “*But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised.*” (1 Corinthians 15:20 GNT) He is risen! He is risen indeed!

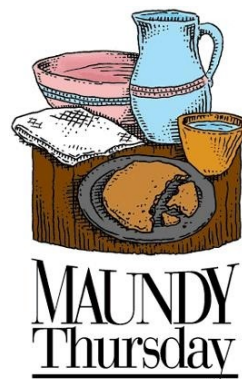
Faithfully yours,
Pastor Brian



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Return Services Requested

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Our family meal this week will be on Thurs., Apr. 14, 6:00 PM instead of on Wed. Following the meal will be our Maundy Thurs. service beginning at 6:30 PM.



Sunday, April 10, 2:00 PM (rain or shine)

Children thru 5th grade

Games, crafts, refreshments, resurrection egg story & egg hunt.

Bring your family and friends!



Easter Services

EASTER SERVICES:

April 10th, Palm Sunday*

April 14th, 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service following family meal at 6 PM.

April 17th, Easter Sunday, 6:10 AM Sunrise Service at the home of the Denkingers (directions to 448 Sandberg Lane, Cardinal VA: Turn at Foster P.O. onto Rt. 660, East River Rd., follow to stop sign and turn left to stay on East River Rd., go .4 mile and turn left on Rt. 675, Sandberg Lane. Follow to end through white posts & follow road around to the left & follow signs.

*Note: There will also be an children's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 PM for ages thru 5th grade (more info below).

GOD OF DELIVERANCE

A STUDY OF EXODUS 1-18

JEN WILKIN



MON., APR. 18, - New Women's Bible Study Begins!

In this 10-session verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1-18, Jen Wilkin shows us that Israel's story is our story: the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

Facilitated by Lee Anne Bray. Bible study begins at 7 PM. All welcome!

MTBA SPRING MEETING
MAY 15, 2022

POROPORONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Registration 3:30 P.M. - 4:00 PM

Worship 4:00 PM

Fellowship Time Follows



A special message from Nikki Pollard about Care Net Peninsula located in Newport News, VA and a special event happening on Sat., April 30:

Care Net Peninsula is a Christian nonprofit organization based in Newport News. Their ministry focuses on providing women who are facing unplanned pregnancies with the help, resources, and connections they need to choose life for their babies. They offer things such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting classes, diapers, bottles, clothes, and many other items FREE of charge. They pray with and for the mothers and babies and use every chance they can to share the gospel with them. When women facing a difficult situation are offered spiritual hope and tangible help, they often choose life and don't default to abortion.

Each year, Care Net hosts the Walk4Life at Newport News Park to bring the community together. This year the walk will take place at 9:30 am on Saturday, April 30th. This is a family friendly event! This year, in addition to the 1.8 mile walk (which is optional), there will also be a food truck, a band, games, a face painter, and more!

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Mission News

As we begin April, one way we celebrate Easter is thru a special program of giving out fruit baskets to our shut-ins.

We had a very productive WMU meeting last month with almost everyone present.

We are continuing to collect non-perishable foods, paper products and yarn for making lap blankets for children with cancer at CHKD in Norfolk.

Mission events this month include the following:

Mon., April 11, 7 PM MTBA Prayer

gathering at Bruington BC

Tues., April 12, 1 PM, WMU monthly meeting at MBC

We are continuing to collect donations for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our goal is \$4,500 and as of March 27, we have received \$1,360.³². 100% of all monies received go to help our North American missionaries as



Please be Praying for...

† Our risen Savior!
† The beautiful spring season and new beginnings!

Long Term Care... Doris Clements (Commonwealth Sr. Living); Martha Hall & Ed Haufler (Mathews); Charlie & Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

Homebound:

† Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Long Term Illness/condition...

† William Scott Smith † Cathie Wahlers
† Sherry Inabinet † Sam Vogel
† Carol Buckley † Leonard Downs, Jr.
† Pauline Barrick † Don/Christy Talbott
† Derek Zwiers † Ron Mallon

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

† Susan & Mike Mangerchine, (Navigators)
†

they strive to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Tee Mallon, WMU Director



"I am the resurrection and the life."

John 11:25

Care Net cont.

Donations can be made online, but they also accept cash and checks made payable to Care Net Peninsula (you can give them to me or Cathy Rowe and I will record them online and deliver everything the morning of the walk).

Link to MBC's fundraising page online:
<https://cnpenninsula.salsalabs.org/walk4life22/t/mathewsbaptistchurch/index.html>

Please contact me for more information. I would love for Mathews Baptist Church to be represented at the walk. Thank you!!
Nikki Pollard, nikkijpollard@yahoo.com

Church Attendance-Mar. 2022

| Date | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 |
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| 03/06/22 | 109 | 98 | 16 |
| 03/13/22 | 88 | 106 | 18 |
| 03/20/22 | 137 | 122 | 18 |
| 03/27/22 | 114 | 102 | 16 |



Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 PM in the multipurpose bldg. following our family meal at 6 PM



Tuesday, April 19, 2022
1:30-7 PM
@Piankatank Ruritan Club



Coming in May:

5th: National Day of Prayer
8th: Mother's Day
15th: MTBA Spring meeting
15-22nd: MTBA Emphasis Week
30th: Memorial Day

YOUTH CORNER

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March 4th-6th, we took our annual High School Youth Retreat!

High School Retreat:

The youth enjoyed a trip to the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. We left Frida and had a pizza dinner at the Holly cottage. Saturday morning, we made dog treats and blankets and delivered them to Heritage Humane Society. Of all the animals in the shelter, the kids fell most in love with a RAT

named Oreo. After our mission, we headed to Go Ape for some team building by throwing axes and climbing the treetops together. These kids cheered each other on and offered great support to those who were scared or unsure! We even had several bullseye "ringers" who got to ring the axe throwing victory bell.

We had fellowship bible study Saturday evening pulling in our lesson that "two are greater than one." (Ecc. 4:9-12) Sunday, we had breakfast at a fantastic diner and a lesson before heading home about God's plans working for the greater good, even when we can't see it. It was a WONDERFUL weekend for us all!

YOUTH CORNER:

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT



YOUTH CORNER

Sunday School:

For the month of March, the high school class covered several weeks on how they spend their time. We discussed verses and stories in the Bible that covered God's ideas of time well spent. Last week, we covered the topic of music and it's biblical background and importance in our lives and walk! They have a deep love for music just like me!

Wednesday Night Bible Study



In addition to our devotions, we have also completed our paint project mural! The kids chose Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God lives forever." This tree is complete with handprints of our youth!

Monthly Mission

Heritage Humane Society: We made dog treats and blankets for delivery on our High School Retreat on March 5th.



Up Coming Youth Events: 2nd Quarter

Save These Dates!

April:

Friday, 1st: 6-8 p.m.

Dinner and Game Night at Church

Sunday, 10th: 2 p.m.

**MBC Children's Easter Egg Hunt
(Youth help hide eggs)**

Sunday, 17th: Easter Sunrise Service

@ 6 a.m. @ the Denkinger's

Saturday, 30th: Gwynn's Island Race

Youth Group Water Station

***Leave MBC @ 7:30 a.m. on the bus for
Gwynn's Island**

May:

Sunday, 1st: FUGE Parent Meeting

Immediately following Sunday School

Sunday, 15th: Hiking Adventure

We will leave after the 9 a.m. Service

Friday, 20th: Police Week Delivery

June:

Wednesday, 1st: FUGE Balance Due!

Friday, 10th: Water Country Trip

Leave 10 a.m., Return 5 p.m.

Monday, 13th-Friday, 17th: MBC VBS

Thursday, 23rd- Monday, 27th: FUGE!!

Leave @ 6 a.m. on 6/23

Return around 8 p.m. on 6/27

Date to be Determined: History Mural

Painting at Mathews High School
