



Mathews Baptist Church's **GOOD NEWS GAZETTE**

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NOT FAMOUS, BUT ESSENTIAL

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Here is a list of famous fathers throughout history:

Abraham: The Father of Many Nations

Pythagoras: The Father of Mathematics

Hippocrates: The Father of Medicine

Aristotle: The Father Political Science

Johannes Gutenberg: The Father of the Printing Press

Isaac Newton: The Father of Modern Science

Benjamin Franklin: The Father of Electricity

George Washington: The Father of America

James Madison: The Father of the Constitution

Karl Benz: The Father of the Automobile

Alexander Graham Bell: The Father of the Telephone

Thomas Edison: The Father of practical applications of Electricity

Albert Einstein: The Father of Physics

As a father you may not be famous, but you are essential. You are the most influential in your own field of raising your children. Your children need your love, your wisdom, your guidance and your encouragement. Paul reminds fathers in Ephesians 6:4, "Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (CSB) Fathers, thanks for raising your children in the Lord. Happy Father's Day!

In Christ,

Pastor Brian Kramer

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION MAY UPDATE



Ann Sych of Care Net describing bins filled for each mother



Bonnie and Beth tour the facilities led by Ann.



Beth Lewis enjoying the donation shed

Table full of baby and mother donations

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

making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

On Friday May 15th a small group of ladies, along with Pastor Brian and Bonnie visited Care Net to deliver our donated items and get a tour of the facilities. Beth Lewis, Linda German, Ritamary Bruce and Donna Frantz along with Brian and Bonnie enjoyed a lunch at Eggheads before heading down the road to Care Net. Our thanks goes out to Pastor and Bonnie for driving us in their car.

Our next WMU meeting will be held on June 14 at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We will be planning to visit local home bound this month and we will also be planning for our Christmas in July potluck tentatively planned to be held on July 19th after church. More information will be forthcoming.

If you have an items for donation to Operation Christmas Child, please drop them off. We are collecting empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper, small toys, toothbrushes, combs, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, markers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, puzzles, jump rope, playdough, eating utensils, clothing, hats, etc.

We continue to sing at the Nursing Home the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month 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.

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's Love,

Donna Frantz

LOOKING BACK...

to the Gazette Journal



Reprinted from the Gazette-Journal, Thurs., May 28, 2026, in the “Glimpses into the Past,”

120 years ago, May 24, 1906...

The Strawberry Festival of the Old Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Willing Workers, will be held at the factory, Cricket Hill, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 29 and 30. Their last entertainment, which took place some two weeks ago, was a most enjoyable one, and the elaborate preparations they are making for this occasion promises to make it far more successful than any of its predecessors. The ladies of the congregation are making herculean efforts to blot out the debt of the church, and they are going to do it. Come out and help them. The object is a worthy one and should commend it to your attention.

In addition to the above article, here are other similar ones from the Gazette-Journal during the same time period...

August 1905... The work of repairing the Old Baptist Church is progressing rapidly.

March 29, 1906... The Willing Workers of the Old Baptist Church will hold a Povertie Partie on Tuesday, the third day of April. It will be an enjoyable event and the proceeds will be used in paying off the debts of the church.

October 1906... An oyster supper will be held at the factory, Cricket Hill, on October 24 and 26, for the benefit of Old Baptist Church.

October 1906... The Rev. S. Pierce De Vault will deliver a lecture at the Old Baptist Church on Wed., Oct. 10. Mr. DeVault is a Baptist preacher of prominence, a forceful and earnest speaker, of pleasing address and well worth listening to. His home church is in Farnham, Va. The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to paying off the debt of the church. The Mathews Quartet will sing and we believe there are to be other musical treats rendered at the lecture that evening. The Old Baptist Church is the handsomest in the county, but is encumbered with a heavy debt. Why not attend the lecture and help take some of it off.



Note: “Old Baptist Church” (as Mathews Baptist was often called) was remodeled in 1905 when the Rev. W. A. Snyder was the pastor and apparently it was an expensive project. During that time period, it appears that hosting events to raise money to help pay the church’s debt was an accepted practice. Some years later, however, paying debts in this manner was deemed inappropriate and stopped. The reasoning was that church attendees should be able to take care of the church’s operating expenses as well as any improvements by being faithful and generous in their tithings and offerings rather than soliciting money from those in the community as well as the church body through fundraising projects and events. This philosophy remains in effect today and God has been faithful in providing for us and blessing us generously.




THANK YOU!

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Ingrid, Carmen and the families of *Wings of Mathews* would like to sincerely thank everyone at Mathews Baptist Church for welcoming us so warmly this school year.



Thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful church, the kitchen, and all of the wonderful spaces that helped make our co-op feel like home. The children especially loved the playground and all of the fun memories made there throughout the year!



We are so grateful for your kindness, hospitality, and support of our homeschool community. We also hope we didn't disturb *Pastor Brian* too much with all of our busy co-op excitement and happy noise 😊



Thank you again for helping make this first year of *Wings of Mathews* so special.

With grateful hearts, ♥
The Families of Wings of Mathews



REMINDERS...



Volunteers Needed

VBS Craft sessions are planned for Saturday, June 6th from 2-4:30pm and Friday, June 26th from 5:30-7:30pm. You don't have to be imaginative for this, just able to follow instructions 😊 All leader positions have been filled but we can also use support volunteers! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign up OR talk to Carmen!

We are in need of 3-4 volunteers to take over the Sunday snacks and coffee, set-up and clean-up! If you are interested in taking over this ministry or would like more information on what it entails, please contact one of the nominating committee members (Sharon Morgan 804-725-6990, Renee Neiman 804-774-9918, Cathy Rowe 804-725-6192 or call the church office 804-725-3707).



Q²⁴ For Such a Time

Women's Night of Worship

June 12th
7:00 PM

Support Care Net

A local pro life nonprofit that seeks to support families. Please bring:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Cash/Check Donations

Music by:
Q24
Worship
Team



LEE ANNE BRAY
Speaker

Mathews Baptist Church

8284 Buckley Hall Rd, Hudgins, VA 23076



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

Nikki Pollard announced in March that MBC will be starting an American Heritage Girls troop, with a tentative start date of September 14th. TL & AHG meetings will be held the same night so families with boys and girls will have something for all their children to participate in. Please be in prayer that all the pieces will come together for this and all key leader positions will be filled.

Pray for...

Please be in prayer...

- For our FUGE & CentriKid campers and chaperones: For safe travels as they leave home, and for the wisdom and guidance You give to our leaders and staff. May the Holy Spirit lead them in every moment, preparing hearts to receive Your Word and to live for You.
- Lord, we pray for each camper to be free from distraction, excited for what You have planned, and open to hearing Your voice. May they grow in reverence for Your Word, as they love it and make it a daily part of their lives. We ask that You give them a heart of prayer, that they understand the power of prayer, and that they carry this habit home. We pray for unity among groups, for kindness and respect among all, and for safety for every child. May they be protected from harm and encouraged to live in love and truth.

Scan with your phone's camera to join the FB Prayer Group!



HELLO July

Coming up...

- 4 - Independence Day
- 5-9 Vacation Bible School
- 10 - Wipeout Event
- 15 - Q2 Business Meeting
- 19 - Christmas in July Potluck (WMU)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - MAY 2026

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
05/03/2026	159	142	27
05/10/2026	150	112	20
05/17/2026	176	130	23
05/24/2026	136	112	28
05/31/2024	161	131	20

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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June 2026



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 3 Jason Barrick
- 4 Kenny Brown
- 7 William Earl Sadler, Addison Waddell
- 9 Jerry Velez
- 10 Mallory Reed
- 11 Lynn Braun, Steven Cuciniello, Matthew Hall, Bonnie Sue Smith
- 12 Frances Ellis
- 13 Sherry Inabinet, Aaron Spiers, Robbie Whitehurst (heart b'day)
- 14 Michael Brown, Tracy Whitehurst
- 15 Andy Diggs, Jaycee Monasteryly
- 19 Bennett Diggs
- 22 Stella Johnson
- 25 Ashley B. Johnson
- 26 Noah Ethington, Lily Givens
- 27 Joey Calloway, Steven Gayle
- 28 Bobby Gayle, Benjamin Rowe, Morgan Thomas, Mallory Wornan
- 29 Carolyn Hogge, Jim Neiman, Alan Owens, Kaylee Russell
- 30 Jennie Diggs

Anniversaries

- 6 Wayne & Christy Brown
- 13 Polly & Joe Hayes
- 16 John & Delores Sanger
- 18 Mark & Linden Barrick
- 25 Brent & Beverly Barefoot
- 30 Greg & Jennifer Morgan

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6PM - Exercise Class	7PM MTBA Prayer Gathering		6PM - Exercise Class		9AM - Grace Marriage VBS Craft Day 2-4:30pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6PM - Exercise Class	1PM WMU Meeting		6PM - Exercise Class	Q24 Women's Night of Worship @ MBC	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6PM - Exercise Class	TRIAD Health & Safety Fair - Pionkatank Ruritan Club 9-3PM		Juneteenth 6PM - Exercise Class		
			FUG E and CentriKid Camps			
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6PM - Exercise Class			6PM - Exercise Class	VBS Craft Day 5:30-7:30pm	
	28	29	30			
		Scholarship Applications Due				



9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

- (6/7) Amanda Kemp, Glenda Ramer, Patti McDonald
- (6/14) Pam Harrington, Beverly Barefoot, Sherin Stewart
- (6/21) Joy Lowe, Stephanie Lowe, Austin Sadler
- (6/28) Delena Nelson, Megan Waddell, Kathy Merithew

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

- (6/7) Bonnie Kramer, Steve Taylor
- (6/14) Karen Huddings, Alice Stewart
- (6/21) Mickey Ramer, Becky Ethington
- (6/28) Nancy Pait, Luanne Smith

Counting Committee for June:

Larry & Alice Stewart
 Counting Committee for July:
 Bill & Cathy Nelson