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WHAT IF WE JUST TRUST?

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

Do the “what ifs” plague you? “What if” this happened or “what if” this didn't happen? Paul had to address the “what ifs” among doubters in the early church in 1 Corinthians 15. In verse 12, some people were questioning “what if” there was no resurrection of the dead. So, Paul challenged their thinking. He states in verse 13, “what if” there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. He continues in verse 14, “what if” Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our preaching is useless, and our faith is useless. “What if” Christ has not been raised, we who proclaim the resurrection are liars. (verse 15) And “what if” Christ has not been raised, then our faith is worthless, and we are all still lost in our sins. (verse 17) “What if” Christ has not risen from the dead, then those Christians who passed away have perished for all eternity. (verse 18) And “what if” we have put our hope in Christ who did not rise from the dead, then we are to be pitied more than anyone for wasting our lives here on earth. (verse 19) But now Paul is done with the “What ifs” and boldly proclaims the truth, “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!” (verse 20 NIV) When it comes to the resurrection don't dwell on the “what ifs,” trust the truth. Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!

Faithfully Yours,
Pastor Brian



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Women's Missionary Union March 2025 Update

What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

We gathered on Thursday, March 13th at 9 am in the church kitchen to make our yearly soup which we make to deliver to local shut-ins. We enjoyed a time of fellowship after making the soup and shared a lunch together before going out to deliver soup in the local area.

Please take a moment to view our Bulletin Board in the hall across from the kitchen. Ritamary Bruce has updated our board to advertise our upcoming APRIL SHOWER FOR CARENET.

On Saturday, April 26th at 10 am we will be holding our 2nd Annual April Shower Brunch for CareNet. We have a list of items that CareNet has shared that will help them support pregnant and new moms (lists can be found with the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall). Please be sure to sign up to attend our brunch and bring along an item or two for this very worthy cause. Childcare will be provided! We also plan a trip to CareNet sometime in May to deliver all the donated items and we invite anyone interested to come along for a chance to tour this wonderful facility.

We also 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 the Home because of health issues among the residents.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects.

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

In Christ,
Donna Frantz



WMU making soup for shut-ins. From left to right: Katie Givens, Donna Frantz, Christy Brown, Judy Lowe and Linda German.

WMU bulletin board – April Showers bring CareNet Flowers.



MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunt

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13 | 2 PM

JOIN US FOR A CRAFT, SNACKS, THE STORY OF THE RESURRECTION, AND AN EGG HUNT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 804-725-3707
8284 BUCKLEY HALL ROAD | HUDGINS, VA



We are accepting donations of wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt. Please leave your donations in one of the plastic totes in the fellowship hall or welcome center!

Our first quarter business meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30PM in the multi-purpose room. Childcare for 5 and under will be provided.



Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30PM on Thursday, April 17th in the Sanctuary (original church building). Childcare for 5 and under will be provided!



Our sunrise Easter service will be held at 6:10am at the Denkinger's (448 Sandberg Ln., Cardinal).

Pray for healing

Please pray for...

- Nancy Higginbotham, as she continues recovering from sickness.
- Tee Mallon as she recovers from a very bad fall.
- David Anthony as he recovers from back surgery.

Praise God for...

- SO many young children in our church who have decided to accept Jesus as their Savior and be baptized this month! Let us pray that we can nurture and grow their faith in the coming years!

Trail Life
Adventure › Character › Leadership

TROOP VA-1791

Upcoming Troop Events

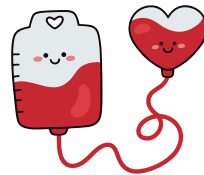
August 4th Open House
September 8th First Troop Meeting

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.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

As of 3/31/2025 we have received \$3,558.97 of our \$5,000 goal.



Tuesday, April 15th 12:30-6PM
Blood Drive @ Piankatank Ruritan Club. Visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your donation appointment or call 804-725- 2485



Sunday, April 27th is Baptism Sunday! We currently have 12 people scheduled for baptism during our 9am service. There's always room in the water for more! Speak with Pastor Brian if you'd like more information.



Coming up...

- 1st - National Day of Prayer
- 10th - CareNet Walk4Life
- 11th - Mother's Day
- 18th - Graduation Sunday
- 26th - Memorial Day

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - MARCH 2025

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
03/02/2025	134	115	31
03/09/2025	131	112	25
03/16/2025	153	128	35
03/23/2025	151	127	35
03/30/2025	145	109	25

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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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 Rose Hudgins, Ed Inabinet
- 3 John Sanger
- 4 Lindsey Brown, Shannon Gayle, Pam Harrington
- 6 Jimmy Hall, Serena Smedley
- 7 Steve Miller
- 8 Bill Nelson, Melany Slaughter, Jaqueline Jose, Wayne Turner
- 9 Elizabeth Moore, Jane Peterson, Mallory Schaible, Jennifer Smedley, Rachel Prieb, Buddy Waymack
- 10 Caroline Crittenden, Anne C. Stewart
- 11 J.W. Brown
- 12 Joy Lowe, Amanda Rhodes
- 13 Janet Bowman, Diana Swenson
- 14 Michael Garrett
- 15 Zoe Sparks, Beecher G. Sparks
- 17 Hailey Denkinger, Steve Taylor
- 18 Brandon Williams
- 19 Nikki Spiers
- 20 Trenton Hall
- 22 Arleen Allen
- 23 Lisa Buchanan, Caleb Elias
- 24 Dickie Brooks, Brett Pollard, Chloe Schaible
- 25 Zachary Rider Hudgins, Jacob Monastyrly
- 26 Bob Clark
- 27 Windy Abrams, Pam Watts
- 28 David Anthony
- 30 Wayne Brown, Chris Byrns

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$5,000						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	6PM - Exercise Class	1PM WMU Meeting	6:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting	6PM - Exercise Class		9AM - Grace Marriage
Palm Sunday 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		12:30-6PM Blood Drive @ Pionkatank Ruritan Club	6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)		8AM - Men's Breakfast	
2PM Easter Egg Hunt	6PM - Exercise Class					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10AM Prayer Gathering @ Saluda BC				10AM WMU Brunch for CareNet	
6:10 AM Sunrise Service @ Denkingers	6PM - Exercise Class			6PM - Exercise Class		
27	28	29	30	Counting Committee for April: Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe		
Baptism Sunday during 9am service				Counting Committee for May: Mickey & Glenda Ramer		
4PM MTBA Spring Meeting @ Urbanna BC	6PM - Exercise Class					

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

- (4/6) Katie Haywood, Beverly Barefoot, Mary Beth Johnson
- (4/13) Delena Nelson, Megan Waddell, Austin Sadler
- (4/20) Hannah Yarkey, Becky Ethington, Stella Johnson
- (4/27) Melanie Miles, Teeny Hughes, Pat Taylor

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

- (4/6) Bri Sadler, Pam Harrington
- (4/13) Nikki Spiers, Bonnie Kramer
- (4/20) Mickey Ramer, Cathy Rowe
- (4/27) James Moore, LuAnn Smith

Anniversaries

- 20 John & Cathy Williams
- 23 Jim & Renee Neiman
- 28 Chris & Bekah Helbig

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