

September 2024

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:
 Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page.
In-House worship services:
 9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)
 10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)



- BIRTHDAYS:**
- 1 Patsy Brooks
 - 2 Kevin Hall, Channing Schurknight, Gene Sears
 - 3 Eric Fritzius
 - 4 Tee Mallon, David Rowe
 - 5 Mervin Goodrich, Jean Owens
 - 6 Carole Bell Bisson, Ziryah Davis
 - 7 Bekah Helbig, Bonnie Hodges
 - 9 Elisa Goodwin, Katie Dresler
 - 10 Melissa Cottee, Samuel Lunsford
 - 11 Heather Calloway
 - 12 Cassi Fritzius
 - 14 Lynn Hall, Francis Morris
 - 15 Tommy Eriksen, Brandon Goodrich
 - 16 Caroline Emerson
 - 17 Sharon Frye
 - 18 Tim Inabinet, Chelsea McBurney
 - 19 Addison L. DeLucas, Mike Smedley
 - 20 Dawne Hunter
 - 21 Abby Givens
 - 22 Kim Clark, Taylor Gall, Patrick Harrington, Amber Zwiers
 - 23 Eric Beckley
 - 25 Charlie Crittenden
 - 26 Derek Zwiers
 - 27 Christy Brown
 - 28 Brandon Hubbard, Delena Nelson
 - 30 Austin Sadler
- ANNIVERSARIES:**
- 4 Kevin & Susan Harris Hall
 - 14 Bobby & Dee Diggs
 - 22 Wayne & Stacy Turner
 - 23 Marion & Naomi Sutton
 - 27 Bunny & Peggy Foster
- *If your name is not listed above and you had a birthday or anniversary, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SS Promotion Day Called business mtg after each worship service	2 Office closed. 	3 10:12:30-6 PM Blood Drive @Piankatak Ruritan Club 1 PM WMU mtg. PRAYER	4 11:00 AM Family Meals resume 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	5 9 AM Prayer time in sanctuary 6 PM Exercise	6 Mathews Market Days	7 Mathews Market Days
8 WEEK	9 6 PM Exercise	10 12:30-6 PM Blood Drive @Piankatak Ruritan Club 1 PM WMU mtg. PRAYER	11 6 PM Family Meals resume 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	12 6 PM Exercise	13 MISSIONS	14 9 AM OCC Shoebbox wrapping
15 WEEK	16 6 PM Exercise	17	18 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	19 6 PM Exercise	20	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast
22 	23 6 PM Exercise	24	25 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	26 6 PM Exercise	27	28
29	30 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Exec. Comm. mtg. @Saluda BC					ALMA HUNT Offering Goal: \$1,500
<p>Counting committee for September: —Pam & Pat Harrington</p> <p>Counting committee for October: —Mickey & Glenda Kramer</p>						

- 9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):**
- 1 - Bev Barefoot/Hailey Denkinger
 - 8 - Nikki Pollard/
 - 15 - Stephanie Lowe/Sherin Stewart
 - 22 - Glenda Kramer/Elizabeth Moore
 - 29 - Nikki Spiers/

- 9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):**
- 1 - Hannah Rowe/Nancy Pait
 - 8 - Pam Harrington/Katie Givens
 - 15 - Joy Lowe/Karen Hudgins
 - 22 - Katie Haywood/Jade Monastyrly
 - 29 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer

Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776

"The Lighthouse"

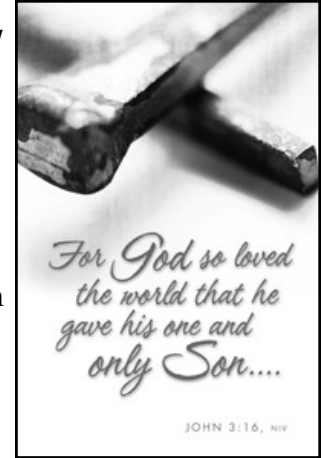


Bonnie and I are going through the empty nest syndrome. As many of you know, it is hard

sending your children out into the world. You love them so much and don't want to see them hurt. As we left Claire at Virginia Tech, I worried about how she would do. Will she be able to take care of herself? Will her roommates, teachers and other students treat her nicely? I wonder how the Heavenly Father felt when He sent His one and only Son into the world. Certainly, Jesus could take care of Himself as seen when He stood up to Satan in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11). But as to how the people would treat Him, it varied. Some would accept Him; many would reject

Him. But ultimately, they would kill Him (Matthew 27). The Heavenly Father's love wasn't just for His Son but for the whole world. He sent His Son into the world to save the world.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV) Thank you, Heavenly Father, for giving us your only Son that we might be given eternal life!



Faithfully yours,
Pastor Brian

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 Return Services Requested

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SPECIAL DATES

- ♦ 1st SS Promotion Day
- ♦ 2nd Labor Day/ Office Closed
- ♦ 6-7th Mathews Market Days
- ♦ 8-15th Week of Prayer for St. missions
- ♦ 10th Blood Drive
- ♦ 10th WMU mtg.
- ♦ 11th Family dinners/act. resume
- ♦ 15th Proposed '25 budget available
- ♦ 21st Men's Breakfast
- ♦ 22nd 1st day of fall
- ♦ 30th Exec. Comm. mtg. @Saluda BC

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

The *proposed* 2025 church budget will be ready Sept. 15 for your review & will be emailed to members. Some copies will be available in the welcome area, foyer or church office. We will discuss and vote on the budget at the next business meeting on Wed., October 16th at 6:45 PM. Please plan to attend.



Wed., Sept. 11, 2024, 6:00 PM

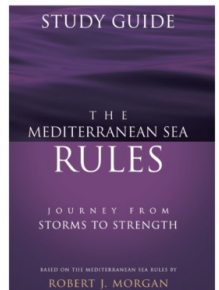
Family meals will resume on Wed., Sept. 11, at 6 PM followed by youth/children's activities and an adult Bible study (see below) at 6:45 PM.

We start with a new reservation list each year, so be sure to fill out the reservation slip in the bulletin or call the church office by Sept. 9. Thank you!! \$3(8-adult); \$2(3-7) \$12 max



UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY...

—WED. NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Beginning September 11, from 6:45-7:30 PM, Pastor Brian will lead a Bible study in the multipurpose room entitled, "The Mediterranean Sea Rules." This is a book written by Robert J. Morgan that traces every detail of the voyage and shipwreck of the apostle Paul and provides 10 God-given strategies for navigating life's tempestuous sea.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Those in the hospital recently or in rehab: Leonard Downs, Jr., Julie Harvell, Kathy Diggs
- All of our students & teachers
- Our nation & our leaders

Disaster relief teams in Connecticut
Praise God for...

- Abigail Collins who came forward & make a profession of faith last month.
- David & Heather Condon who came forward to join our fellowship.

Our love & sympathy go out to the family & friends of...

- Joyce Downs who passed away on July 31, 2024.
- Nancy Higginbotham & Cathy Rowe at the passing of Steve Higginbotham on Aug. 4, 2024.

Homebound: Pauline Barrick, Leonard Downs, Jr., Ron Mallon, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Gloria Travenski

Those in long term care: Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

Those who need our continued prayer

- William S. Smith
- Taylor Jacobs & family
- Mathews High School
- Stephanie Anthony
- Daniel West
- Raymond Harris
- Derek Zwiers
- Don & Christy Talbott
- Eddie Dezern
- Karen Wiant
- Sherry Inabinet
- Ellen Parkin

Our Church Families' Missionaries: Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigator); Abbie Kramer (Baptist Collegiate Ministry)



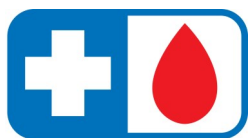
Saturday, September 21
8:00-9:00 AM

All men are invited to come join us for breakfast and help make plans for service opportunities.

If possible, call or email the church office to let us know you're coming. Thanks!



2 LifeVac Choking Rescue Device kits were recently donated to our church. One is in the nursery & the other on the wall beside the First Aid kit next to kitchen door.



GIVE Blood

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

@Piankatank Ruritan Club

12:30-6 PM

Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Women's Missionary Union — September update...

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

WMU is now focusing on Operation Christmas Child. We will soon have shoeboxes available for you to pick up & fill with items for children all around the world to be blessed with.



This year WMU is also working with Amy Ashbery and her mission with Operation Christmas Child.

Please join us at 9 am on Saturday, September 14th at Amy's mom's house, just north of the Ruritan Club, where her OCC school bus is parked.

We will be wrapping donated shoeboxes. If you have any shoeboxes or wrapping paper that you would like to donate, please bring to this event.

Any questions, please contact Donna Frantz. Hope to see you there!

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!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday,



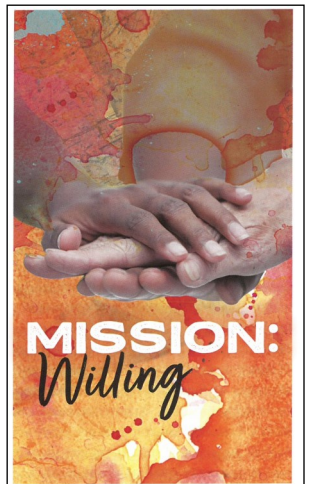
September 10th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects. Maybe you have a mission that God has put on your heart that we might be able to assist you with.

This month is also when we focus on state missions with Sept. 8-15 designated as the Week of Prayer. Look for a prayer guide in the bulletin. Below is our Alma Hunt Offering goal for VA missions this year.

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

Donna Frantz

Alma Hunt Offering
For Virginia Missions:
Our Church's Goal — \$1,500.00
(There are special envelopes at the entrance to worship or you can include your donation in your regular envelope and write *Alma Hunt* on the "other" line.)



Church Attendance-Aug. 2024

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
08/04/24	138	114	25
08/11/24	152	131	23
08/18/24	141	116	24
08/25/24	122	131	23

ALMA HUNT OFFERING
for Virginia Missions
SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2024
OFFERING GOAL: \$800,000
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"Not seeing results? FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?"
Consider this: **The last thing to grow on a fruit tree... is the fruit.**
- Unknown