

# Mathews Baptist Church

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## "The Lighthouse"



I don't know if you know this or not, but Cathy

Rowe, our church secretary is moonlighting. She has another job! I don't want to get her in trouble, but I thought you ought to know. She runs a Doggy Day-care and recently expanded to a Doggy Days Inn for her grand-puppies. Recently, while watching her daughter's two little doggies along with another grand-dog and her own two dogs, a disaster occurred. One night after allowing the dogs a little exercise, David, Cathy's husband, was trying to put the dogs in for the night. All of a sudden, he realized littlest doggy (Jax) had disappeared. Cathy and David

searched for hours that night. They were distraught. They searched all over the place the next day. They even went door to door, without finding a sign of the little dog at all. They were distressed with worry and crying over the loss of this precious puppy. On day three, hardly consolable, they created flyers of the canine and hung them out all over the county. Where, oh where had this little dog gone? Where, oh where could he be? They were thinking the worst, maybe a coyote devoured the little dog. It was as devastating to them as losing a child or grandchild. Finally, at four-thirty that afternoon, Cathy and David heard the dogs barking and staring at the door. As they looked towards the door, they saw sitting on the deck the little lost pooch, a little muddy, but no

worse for wear. You can imagine the puppy party that followed!

As Cathy shared her story with me, I was reminded of the parables Jesus told, not of a lost precious puppy, but other lost precious possessions. A shook-up shepherd who searched all over for his little lost lamb (Luke 15:4-7); a worried woman who swept the whole house over and over again until she found her missing money (Luke 15:8-10); and the frantic father who watched and watched for his wayward son to return home (Luke 15:11-27). We often focus on the lost son (or daughter), but have you ever thought about how much the Heavenly Father laments over a lost child? He is a Father who is *"not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9)

Faithfully yours, Brian E. Kramer

## MARCH 2020

### SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1-8<sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer/Mission Study for North Amer. Missions
- ◆ 6-8<sup>th</sup> High School Retreat
- ◆ 8<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Begins
- ◆ 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ 19<sup>th</sup> Spring
- ◆ 27<sup>th</sup> Winter Jam
- ◆ 28<sup>th</sup> Hope Out Loud Event @MHS
- ◆ 30<sup>st</sup> Exec. Comm. Mtg.

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Daylight Saving  
Time begins on  
Sun., March 8.  
Remember to set  
your clocks  
**AHEAD 1 hour**  
before going to  
bed on Sat.,  
March 7.



Spring is in the air. Traditionally we do our 'spring cleaning', a renewal of our house and spirit. In worship, we prepare for the Easter worship services, focusing on a cleansing of our sins and renew of our spirit with the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. And so it is reflected in the music of the Choral Ensemble and Praise Band as we move through this holy season. The culmination of our reflection is Pas-

sion Week, beginning with Palm Sunday (April 5th), Holy Thursday (April 9th) and Resurrection Sunday (April 12th).

Holy Thursday (Celebration of the Last Supper) will begin with a family meal at 6:30 which will lead into a Reading of The Passion, according to Mark. Since its focus is on the Last Supper, Holy Communion will be included. A sunrise service will be included with the contemporary and traditional services. We invite all to participate fully

in all three of these important worship services.

Because our seniors do have a problem with driving at night, we are offering an additional rehearsal on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This choral ensemble will sing once a month at the traditional service.

Wishing you a reflective, meditative and happy spring cleaning,

*Janet Bowman,  
Music Director*



*Happy Anniversary to Pastor Brian & Bonnie!*



## HOPE OUTLOUD

### A NIGHT OF HOPE WITH JEN BARRICK COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT

#### Saturday, March 28, 2020

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**FREE BBQ Dinner**

*Mathews High School Cafeteria*

7:00 p.m.

**The Jen Barrick Story—A Miraculous  
Story of Triumph from A Night of  
Tragedy**

Music by Lynda Smith, Ashley Cummings  
& William Earl Sadler

*Mathews High School*

*Harry M. Ward Auditorium*

*9889 Buckley Hall Road, Mathews*

#### Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:50 a.m.

**The Jen Barrick Story**

*Salem United Methodist Church*

*1099 Salem Church Road, Diggs*

Children's Nursery Care Provided

12 Noon

Covered Dish Lunch

**For More Information, Contact: Salem UMC 804-725-5862 or  
Visit: [Hopeoutloud.com](http://Hopeoutloud.com)**

## Mission News

Our WMU Group sang in the church choir for our Focus on WMU Sunday. They were Joy Bowden, Judy Lowe, Linda German, Joyce Downs, Virginia Lewis, Mildred Lockwood, and Janet Bowman. Those who were unable to attend were Jody Forrest, Tee Mallon and Cathie Wahlers.

Home-made soup was delivered to 28 shut-ins by our WMU Ladies in February.

March 1-8 marks our annual emphasis on North American Missionaries and includes the week of prayer, mission study, and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church goal for this year's offering is \$4,000.

Please  
Pray  
for...



### Pray for...

† Gerry Clark having eye surgery this month.  
† Tee Mallon  
† Those who are still recovering at home and improving a little each day (Ron Mallon, Joyce Callis, Jim Moore, Patricia Ambrose)

† Linda German who fell & dislocated her shoulder.  
† Jen Barrick and her family and the upcoming Night of Hope at MHS.

### Praise God for...

† The approaching spring season & for new beginnings.

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living...

† Martha Hall, (Mathews)

### Homebound:

† Lois Hudgins, Bert Miller, Ed Haufler, Julie Harvell, Edward & Louise Diggs, Estelle Tankard, Barbara Buchanan, Charlie Brown, Pat Mantell

### Long Term Illness/condition...

For the week of prayer, a video will be shown about the missionaries during worship.

A note about Annie Armstrong: She worked with various Baltimore missionary organizations. In 1888, Armstrong led in the creation of the Woman's Missionary Union, helping draft the constitution and serving as its first correspondent secretary. In her role as the head of the organization, Annie Armstrong facilitated communication between denominational leaders, local congregations and missionaries in the field. She was an extensive letter writer, handwriting 18,000 letters in one year alone. As the head of the WMU, she refused to accept a salary, and traveled extensive-

ly at her own expense.

Due to her efforts and of the WMU, the annual Easter offering for missionaries was established in Southern Baptist Churches in 1895. In 1934, the WMU recognized her lifetime dedication to mission work by naming the Easter offering after her. It is noteworthy to mention that 100% of all monies donated to this offering go directly to help support and provide for our home missionaries.

Tee Mallon  
WMU Director

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG  
EASTER OFFERING®**  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

† Archie Owens † Gloria & Jim Travenski  
† Mary Simpson † Judy Higginbotham  
† Sam Vogel † Patsy Brooks  
† David Marshall † Derek Zwiers  
† Don & Christy Talbott † Carol Buckley  
† Leonard Downs, Jr. †

### Our love and sympathy go out to...

† Mary Simpson and all her family at the passing of her husband Leonard (Buddy) on Fri., Feb. 28, 2020.

### Our Church Families' Missionaries...

† Susan/Mike Mangerchine, (Navigators in New Orleans)

### Church Attendance-Feb. 2020

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
02/02/20	108	118	25
02/09/20	93	105	25
02/16/20	106	113	41
02/23/20	99	97	33

**Donations of wrapped Easter candy for Easter Egg Hunt on Sun., Apr. 5 appreciated. Please leave in church office or kitchen. Thanks!**



Order your Easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one by April 8. Cost to be announced in bulletin.



### Coming in April:

1<sup>st</sup>: April Fool's Day

5<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt

8<sup>th</sup>: No meal or activities

9<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & Maundy Thurs.

12<sup>th</sup>: Easter

26<sup>th</sup>: MTBA Spring Fling @Beale Mem.



# MBC YOUTH

Youth Happenings

March 2020 Newsletter

## MHS Prayer Walk– A Night to Remember

What a meaningful night at the MHS prayer walk! Enjoy these photos, taken by Teresa Sanger, as well as a list of prayer concerns created by the youth. Something very special happens when youth invite the presence of God into a place!



## March Activities

- 3/4/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 3/11/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 3/18/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 3/25/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 3/27/20 Winter Jam-Leave right after school

## Upcoming Trips/Events

**High School Retreat–** March 6-8  
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

**FUGE-**  
July 13th-17th (\$50 payment due 2/16/20)

**Winter Jam Tickets-**March 27th  
(a few tickets left)

**Senior Sunday-**May 31st



*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." ~James 5:16*