



Mathews Baptist Church's

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WALK WITH JESUS

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

This past weekend we dropped Claire off at camp. She will be serving on staff at Fuge Camp at Northern Greenville University in South Carolina. I remember my first summer camp experience. It was at Camp Piankatank. I was 10 years old, and it was my first time away from home. I remember being so scared as my parents left. It seemed so far from home. But I had a great time. I remember swimming in the pool and canoeing out to the island and camping overnight. It was a wonderful time to get away from the hustle and bustle of life and a time to have fun and focus on the Lord. I enjoyed camp so much, I worked two years as a camp counselor at Camp Alkulana, a camp for Richmond inner-city kids. And I also served on staff of Crosspoint, a traveling sports camp through LifeWay. I am so excited that we have two groups going to camp the same week this summer, June 16-20. We have 21 youth and chaperones going to Fuge at Regent University in Virginia Beach and 22 children and chaperones going to CentriKid at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg. This is going to be a wonderful time for all the campers and chaperones. It reminds me that Jesus took his disciples on a retreat also. "He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest for a while. For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. So they went away in the boat by themselves to a remote place." (Mark 6:31-32) Although these camps will probably not be very restful, they are an opportunity to get away with Jesus. Be in prayer for our campers, our chaperones, the camp staff and the people our campers will serve on the Mission Fuge sites. Pray that all will have an opportunity to grow closer to Christ!

In Christ Love,
Pastor Brian

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Women's Missionary Union May 2025 Update



Ritamary Bruce, Donna Frantz and Judy Lowe on the bus.



Pastor Brian, Jody Forrest, Karen Hudgins, Danna Ingram, Lynn Braun, Judy Lowe, Donna Frantz, Christy Brown, Ritamary Bruce, Beth Lewis and Patti McDonald, in front of the Donation Center.



Visiting the CareNet garden.



Karen and Danna with Katilyn in the Donation Center

What we aim to do:

WMU's unwavering focus is making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

On May 22nd a group of 11 of us traveled from the church to CareNet in Newport News. First we loaded all the wonderful donations received so generously from our church. We would like to thank Pastor Brian for driving us there in the van. We were greeted with much gratitude when we arrived at CareNet. They had several appointments scheduled for that morning, so we were unable to tour the facility. A young lady named Kaitlyn did direct us into their Donation Center where we delivered the gifts. She also took us into their lovely garden which is a very quiet and serene spot for staff to take time to renew and relax. While in the garden Kaitlyn answered our many questions and told us wonderful stories about their clients. After visiting CareNet we stopped at Eggheads Diner in Gloucester Point to enjoy a delicious lunch before returning home.

We 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, June 10th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects including our potluck dinner for Christmas in July which is scheduled for July 27th. We will be collecting school supplies for local students in preparation for the new school year. We are also making plans to visit local friends and neighbors who are home bound.

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

In Christ,

Donna Frantz

Annie Armstrong Mission Collection Update: For the 2025 collection year we ended up meeting our \$5,000 goal! Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this worthy mission.



MAGNIFIED!
PSALM 34:3

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VBS @ Mathews Baptist Church
August 10-14th 6pm-8:30pm
Contact Carmen Cuciniello for volunteer information!
757-751-8244 or cucc3@yahoo.com

Scan here for more info!



Mathews County Triad Health & Safety Fair

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025
9AM - 3PM
Piankatank Ruritan Club
\$3 registration fee, includes lunch



Please be in prayer for our children, youth and chaperones attending CentriKid and FUGE camps the week of June 16th-20th!



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.

Cathie Wahlers would like to let everyone know that she is now collecting summer clothing & hygiene items for her ministry to the homeless. Please contact her at 804-725-8762 with questions or to arrange drop off of items.



Applications for our College Scholarship will be available on the welcome center counter along with a copy of the guidelines and rules. Completed application date is TBD, but will be sometime in July. Questions should be directed to Phil Putnam, Trustee @ 804-815-3564



HELLO July

Coming up...

15th - Blood Drive @ Ruritan Club

16th - Quarterly Business Meeting

27th - Christmas in July WMU Potluck

Pray for...

Our love and sympathy...

- To the family and friends of Tanner Sears (Gene & Pauline's nephew) who passed away in May.
- To the family and friends of Ellis Hudgins who also passed away in May.

Praise God...

- For Carmen Cuciniello stepping up to take the position of VBS Director and bringing back a full week of Vacation Bible School to MBC!
- For our earthly fathers and especially for our Heavenly Father.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - MAY 2025

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
05/04/2025	146	125	25
05/11/2025	172	114	17
05/18/2025	144	115	33
05/25/2025	138	107	22

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 2025

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 2 Jerry & Jean Stilwell
- 6 Wayne & Christy Brown
- 16 Sean & Amanda Rhodes, John & Delores Sanger
- 18 Mark & Linden Barrick
- 24 Jacqueline & Dominic Jose, Mike & Michelle Sheilds
- 25 Brent & Beverly Barefoot
- 30 Richard & Amy Downs, Greg & Jennifer Morgan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 9am - Baptism Service	2 6PM - Exercise Class	3 1PM WMU Meeting	4	5 6PM - Exercise Class	6 9AM - Grace Marriage	7
8 6PM - Exercise Class	9 6PM - Exercise Class	10	11	12 6PM - Exercise Class	13	14
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 6PM - Exercise Class	17 FUG E and Centrikid Camps	18	19 Juneeteenth	20	21 First Day of SUMMER
22 6PM - Exercise Class	23 6PM - Exercise Class	24 TRIAD Health & Safety Fair - Piankatank Ruritan Club 9-3PM	25	26 6PM - Exercise Class	27	28
29	30					

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

- (6/1) Delena Nelson, Megan Waddell, Stella Johnson
- (6/8) Cathy Rowe, Hannah Yarkey, Becky Ettington
- (6/15) Melanie Miles, Teeny Hughes, Elizabeth Moore
- (6/22) Glenda Ramer, TBD
- (6/29) Katie Givens, Fallon Diggs, Mary Beth Johnson

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

- (6/1) Mickey Ramer, Bonnie Kramer
- (6/8) James Moore, LuAnn Smith
- (6/15) Tommy Waddell, Pat Taylor
- (6/22) Steve Taylor, Amanda Kemp
- (6/29) Bri Sadler, Nikki Pollard

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