

March 2023

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:
 *Contemporary Worship services are available online on YouTube.com via our Facebook page. Traditional service available on CD (audio only).
 9:00 AM Contemporary Service
 10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 AM Traditional Service



- 2 Linda Ashberry, Pauline Barrick
 5 Beth Lewis
 6 Jerry Stilwell
 7 Wendy Byrns, Nadine Dorrington, Mike Slaughter
 10 Autumn Barrick, Alyssa Curko, Abbie Kramer, David Nelson,
 Patricia Owens
 11 Shelby Ethington, Mary Alice Hudgins
 12 Bentlea Lawrence
 13 Madeline Bower, Joanne Gregg, Robin Taylor
 14 Susan Hall, Brenda Teagle,
 Grace Zwiers
 15 Brooke Barefoot, Karen Barrick
 16 Brian Moore
 17 Jean Stilwell
 18 Vanlene DeLucas
 19 Gaylia Hudgins, Avery Yarkey
 20 Pat Taylor
 27 Blake Barefoot, Bri Sadler
 28 Suzanne Moore
 30 Robbie Whitehurst
 31 Roy Ethington, Jenny Ewell

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 12 Debbie & Ray Harris, Homer & Luann Smith
 13 Roy & Becky Ethington
 27 Eric & Cassi Fritzius, Ellis & Mildred Hudgins

If your name is not listed above & you had a birthday or anniversary this month, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Amie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal—\$5,000	6 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Women's Bible Study	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8 6 PM Family Meal/Activities FUGE deposit due	2 6 PM Exercise	3	4 12-2 PM MBC Family Skate Day
WEEK	OF	PRAYER	FOR	NORTH	AMERICAN	MISSIONS
12 SPRING FORWARD MARCH 5-12	13 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Prayer @Urbaanna BC	14 1 PM WMU mtg 6:30 PM Bible Study	15 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	16 NO Exercise	17 6-11:30 PM Middle School Roller Skating outing	18
19	20 Spring begins! NO Exercise	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	23 6 PM Exercise	24	25 HS Retreat 2-4 PM Mojack Christian Academy meeting
26 HS Retreat	27 6 PM Exercise	28 9 AM Kinship Club meets 6:30 PM Bible Study	29 6 PM Covered Dish Meal/Activities	30 6 PM Exercise	31	

Counting committee for March:
 —Pam & Pat Harrington

Counting committee for April:
 —Mickey & Glenda Ramer

9:00 Nursery Schedule:
 5- Pat Taylor/Megan Waddell/Addy Lowe
 12 - Delena Nelson/Cathy Nelson/Mary Beth Johnson
 19 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger
 26 - Pam Harrington/Alice Stewart

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"The Lighthouse"



Remember the saying about March? "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." The beginning of March is cold and blustery and the end warm and mild. I find it interesting that the month prior to Easter is described as two animals that

our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is also described as. In Revelation, Jesus is called the "Lion of Judah." "But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." (Revelation 5:5) The lion represents royalty, power, dominance, and strength. The lion is the king of the jungle and Jesus Christ is the King of kings. Jesus is also referred to by John the Baptist as the "Lamb of God." "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) Jesus is the perfect lamb of God that was sacrificed for our sins.

Revelation 5:5 calls Jesus the "Lion of Judah" and the very next verse calls Jesus a "Lamb." "And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain..." (Revelation 5:6) This month as we prepare for Easter, lets worship the Lion and Lamb, Jesus Christ. Revelation 5:12 claims, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Faithfully yours,
 Brian E. Kramer

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SPECIAL DATES

- ♦ 4th MBC Family Skating Day
- ♦ 5-12th Week of Prayer/Mission Study for North American Missions
- ♦ 12th Daylight Saving Begins
- ♦ 17th St. Patrick's Day
- ♦ 17th Middle School Skating Event
- ♦ 20th Spring begins
- ♦ 25-26th HS Retreat
- ♦ 29th Covered Dish Meal



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sun., March 12. Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour before going to bed on Sat., March 11.



Donations of wrapped candies are appreciated for our upcoming Easter egg hunt on April 2nd. Leave donations in fellowship hall or church office.

Sun., March 20th



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN!

There's lots of fun to be had on Wednesday nights following our family meal at 6 PM. Our children's group (ages kindergarten-1st grade) enjoys singing and some hands on with instruments followed by a Bible story, crafts and games. Shown here is our music director Janet Bowman showing Abby Givens what a bass looks and sounds like. The Bible story and other activities are led by Bonnie Kramer.

There's also Bible study groups for older children and teens in addition to an adult Bible study.

We welcome you to call and make a reservation for dinner and join us for activities afterwards.



Baptisms on Sun., Feb. 26, 2023: (from left) Raymond "Buddy" Waymack, Christine "Teeny" Hughes, Austin Sadler, William Earl Sadler, Jax Denking, Bri Sadler, Colton Sadler, Eric & Cassi Fritzius, Ingrid & David Condon.

Mission News

United – Called to be one - -

"If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians – 2:1-2.

Our next big mission emphasis is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions (March 5-12) and our annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church's goal this year is \$5,000.

Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering support North American missionaries. The missionaries we are focusing on during the week of prayer are listed in the 2023 prayer guide which will be in the church bulletin on March 5.

Last month our WMU Group made 42



Please pray for...

- Our North American missionaries.

Praise God...

- For everyone who was baptized last month: Ingrid & David Condon, Jax Denking, Cassi & Eric Fritzius, Christine "Teeny" Hughes, William Earl, Bri, Colton & Austin Sadler, Buddy Waymack

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

- Charles "Charlie" W. Lockwood who passed away on February 1, 2023

Congratulations to...

- Nick & Hannah Yarkey on the birth of another daughter on Mon., Feb. 13, 2023. Her name is Ella Mae & she weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Homebound: Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Those in long term care:

Doris Clements (Commonwealth Sr. Living); Ed Haufler (Mathews); Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula); Victor Miller (Mathews)

Those who need our continued prayer:

- William Scott Smith • Mathews High School • Pauline Barrick • Leonard Downs, Jr. • Cathie Wahlers • Raymond Harris • Derek Zwiers • Don & Christy Talbott • Sherry Inabinet

jars of home-made soup at church and delivered it to our homebound folks.

On Sunday, February 19, at the early service, some of the WMU ladies shared some of the various ways we support missions in our church, community and beyond.

We thank Judy Lowe for arranging the Mathews County Blood drive sponsored by Mathews Baptist Church in January. Well done, Judy.

Thank you, church family, for all the donations of non-perishable food and paper products which will be delivered to Mathews County Social Services. This is an ongoing project of ours.

Our next meeting is on March 14, 1 pm and all are invited to join us.

In God We trust,

Tee Mallon, WMU Director

- Kathy Diggs • Billy Bodurtha • Timmy Forrest • Homer Smith • The Ramer's son & daughter-in-law



Church Attendance Feb. 2023

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
02/05/23	127	135	30
02/12/23	107	110	19
02/19/23	102	94	25
02/26/23	161	117	15



Coming in April:

- 1st: April Fool's Day. 2nd: Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt 6th: Maundy Thursday 17th: Easter 19th: Qtrly. Business Mtg.