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CHOOSING GRATITUDE OVER GRUMBLING

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In the cartoon "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving," Peppermint Patty invites herself and two other friends to Charlie Brown's house for Thanksgiving. Charlie Brown tries to explain to her that he and his family are going to their grandmother's and will not even be home, but she will not listen. Linus and Snoopy help Charlie Brown fix a Thanksgiving meal of toast, pretzels, jellybeans and popcorn for their friends. When Peppermint Pattie, Marcie and Franklin show up for dinner, Peppermint Patty is upset at the dinner Charlie Brown, Linus and Snoopy prepared. Peppermint Patty had certain expectations and when they were not met, she just complained. Do we become complainers when things don't go our way?

I love Habakkuk's attitude. "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." (Habakkuk 3:17-18) Habakkuk rejoices in the Lord even though things are not going as planned. We can rejoice and be thankful even though things are not perfect. Paul wrote, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) This Thanksgiving let's be thankful no matter life's circumstances!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian Kramer

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OCTOBER UPDATE

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

Melanie Miles is collecting items for Hope for Appalachia. They need new winter hats, gloves scarves (kid to adult sizes).New or gently used winter coats (kid to adult sizes), new warm winter blankets (twin & queen sizes) and new sleeping bags. She needs to have these items by November 8th.

We are also beginning to collect items for our December project – Christmas Store at the Nursing Home. New gift items for men, women and children would be appreciated.

Our next WMU meeting will be held on November 10th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We are always looking for new members. Women at any age are invited to participate.

Our Rhythm Band leads singing at the Nursing home on the first, second and third, Tuesday mornings of the month 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 for various reasons.

If you have any questions, you may contact Donna Frantz or Judy Lowe, or any other member of our WMU.

In Christ's Love,

Donna Frantz & Judy Lowe

Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

We are collecting empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper, scotch tape, small toys, toothbrushes, socks, combs, pencils, pens, sharpeners erasers, crayons, notebooks, markers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, puzzles, jump rope, eating utensils, clothing, hats, etc. We have OCC brochures available with complete listing of gift ideas.

We have shoeboxes available for you to take one and fill it yourself.

The following dates and times are available for anyone wanting to help with moving shoeboxes. Please Text Amy at 804-725-6537 to let her know when you are available to help

Thursday, 11/12: Moving & Transporting 🚌
Load shoeboxes from Amy's house into Penske truck and school bus (anytime during the day, 7am-4pm), and unload at Mathews Baptist Church (5pm): minimum 20 helpers needed

Friday, 11/13: Set-Up for Cartonizing 📦 - help needed with setting up tables at Mathews Baptist and taping large boxes with packing tape: minimum 10 helpers needed (anytime during the day)

Saturday, 11/14: Cartoning and Delivery 🚚
At Mathews Baptist: Packing Shoeboxes into large boxes and loading into Penske truck, trailer, and bus: minimum 40 helpers needed (beginning at 8:00am)

Travel to the Baltimore area with Amy to volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child processing center 🚙
Wednesday, 11/25 (one-day trip):
Friday, 11/27 and Saturday, 11/28 (stay overnight):
Saturday, 12/5 (one-day trip):
Saturday, 12/13 - Mathews Christmas Parade 🎄
Kids and adults invited to ride on The Shoebox Mobile in the Mathews Christmas Parade to represent Operation Christmas Child!

250 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

A day of celebration, remembrance & thanksgiving



What a wonderful day of celebration we shared as we marked 250 years of God's faithfulness to Mathews Baptist Church! With a total attendance of 260 people, it was a beautiful reminder of the generations who have been part of our church's story and the blessings God continues to provide.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to everyone who joined us and to those who worked so hard to make this celebration possible. From planning and preparing to decorating, cooking, serving, and attending to the many details behind the scenes, your time, talents, and dedication helped make this day truly special. We are grateful to everyone who played a part in making this milestone memorable!

One of the highlights of the day was our ribbon-cutting ceremony, when former Pastor Ed Inabinet officially opened our renovated multi-purpose building, now named the Edward A. Inabinet Worship Center. This special honor recognizes Pastor Ed's 28 years of faithful service, making him the longest-serving pastor in our church's history.

The celebration also gave us an opportunity to worship together, enjoy music from several generations, share a meal, reconnect with old friends, and make new memories. It was especially meaningful to see so many generations gathered under one roof, celebrating the same faithful God who has sustained this church through the years.

As we celebrate this incredible milestone, we give thanks for those who came before us, those who serve faithfully today, and those who will carry the work forward into the future. May we continue serving the Savior yesterday, today, and forever!

"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." — Psalm 126:3 (KJV)

A DAY TO REMEMBER...



Pastor Brian Kramer accepting a recognition from the Virginia Baptist Historical Society



Former pastor Ed Inabinet cutting the ribbon on the renovated worship center.



Our praise band leading worship..peep the new stained glass in the Worship Center!



Our youngest group of singers leading us in worship and looking too cute!



The older children sang a few songs as well, led by Carmen Cuciniello



The youth praise band couldn't miss out on an opportunity to use their talent to praise the Lord either!

Come and Join us for

An Autumn Afternoon

November

Sunday 15 12:00 PM

Chili/Soup Cook-Off Contest
Bring your favorite Autumn Desserts
Caramel Apple Bar
Games & Fellowship to follow

Mathews Baptist Youth and Children present:

HOME ALONE

But, are we really?

Come & See: Mathews Baptist Church Sunday, December 6th at 5 p.m.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

- Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

Hello December

Coming up...

5 - Grace Marriage

6 - Youth Christmas Program

19 - Men's Breakfast

20 - Caroling to Shut-ins

25 - Christmas Day

Pray for...

Praise God...

- For a successful 250th anniversary celebration!
- For the completion of the multi-purpose building renovation!

Please be in prayer...

- For Mike and Brenda Hanhart's daughter, Kimberly, who has come home with them on hospice.
- For Jennifer Morgan, who is facing a cancer diagnosis.

Scan with your phone's camera to join the FB Prayer Group!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2026

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
10/04/2026	152	125	30
10/11/2026	116	91	13
10/18/2026	144	121	32
10/25/2026	159	201	260

Sunday Service Schedule
9:00 AM Contemporary Service (worship center)
10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

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November 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ***6PM - Exercise Class*** *6:30PM - Trail Life/AHG Meeting*	3  *Election Day*	4 *6PM Wednesday Dinner & Activities*	5 ***6PM - Exercise Class***	6	7 *9am Grace Marriage Meeting*
8	9 ***6PM - Exercise Class*** *6:30PM - Trail Life/AHG Meeting*	10 *1PM WMU Meeting*	11  *6PM Wednesday Dinner & Activities*	12 ***6PM - Exercise Class***	13	14 *7pm Second Saturday Senior Social*
15  *12 PM Autumn Afternoon*	16 ***6PM - Exercise Class*** *6:30PM - Trail Life/AHG Meeting*	17	18 *6PM Wednesday Dinner & Activities*	19 ***6PM - Exercise Class***	20	21 *8AM - Men's Breakfast*
22	23 ***6PM - Exercise Class*** *6:30PM - Trail Life/AHG Meeting*	24	25	26  *Office Closed*	27	28
29 *First Sunday of Advent*	30					

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):
(11/1) Amanda Kemp, Glenda Ramer, Patti McDonald
(11/8) Pam Harrington, Beverly Barefoot, Sherin Stewart
(11/15) Joy & Stephanie Lowe, Austin Sadler
(11/22) Delena Nelson, Megan Waddell, Kathy Merithew
(11/29) Cathy Rowe, Hannah Yarkey, Korinda Bott

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):
(11/1) Nancy Pait, Luanne Smith
(11/8) Tommy Waddell, Pat Taylor
(11/15) Nikki Pollard, Katie Haywood
(11/22) Bonnie Kramer, Steve Taylor
(11/29) Karen Hudgins, Alice Stewart

November
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
1 Kathy Harris, Stephanie Lowe
2 Iris Hubbard
3 Lauren Perreault
11 Chelsea Faith Sears
13 Teresa Childress
17 Caroline Bray
18 Ava Pollard
20 Judy Lowe
21 Betty Spears
23 Ellie Condon, James Cuciniello, Terry Johnson
24 Timmy German
26 Cathy Adams, Mike Adams
27 Seth Elias, Chelsea Jarvis, Howard Winder, Jr.
28 Caleb Cuciniello
29 Mike & Brenda Hanhart, Delores Sanger
30 James Givens

Anniversaries
29 Mike & Brenda Hanhart
30 Tommy & Lorna Eriksen

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

Counting Committee for November:
Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe
Counting Committee for December:
Alice & Larry Stewart