

February 2024

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH
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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)



- 2 Rusty Royals
 - 3 Claire Kramer, Mary A. Thompson
 - 4 Whitney Henry, Joe Watts
 - 5 Hayden Downs, Meg White
 - 7 Maryellen Pine
 - 9 Tessie Smedley
 - 10 Mark Hall
 - 11 Brent Barefoot
 - 13 Julie Andrews, Rebekah Bower, Peggy Foster, Linda Lawrence
 - 15 Bill Milby, Earl Otey, Jr.
 - 17 Ellen Parkin, Frances Young
 - 18 Julie Harvell, Cathy Nelson
 - 19 Joyce Callis, Michelle Shields
 - 20 Tammy Henry
 - 21 Calvin Kramer
 - 22 Debbie P. Downs
 - 23 Ashleigh Deagle, Raymond Ewell, Cathie Wahlers
 - 24 Phil Putnam
 - 25 Wendy Brown
 - 26 Billy Bower, Dee Diggs, Amy Downs
 - 27 Colton Barrick, Teddy Pait, Alan Scott, Ryan Smith
 - 28 Debbie Hancock, Karen Hudgins
 - Anniversaries**
 - 7 Debi & Leonard Downs
 - 11 William & Joyce Callis, Glenn & Jennifer Smith
 - 14 Dickie & Patsy Brooks
 - 28 Bob & Gerry Clark
 - 29 Brian & Bonnie Kramer
- 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
	5 6 PM Exercise	6 6:30 PM Bible Study	7 6 PM Family meal 6:30 PM Activities	7 FUGE deposit due \$75	2 Groundhog Day	3 10 AM Grief Share @Philippi Christian Church
4	5 6 PM Exercise	6 6:30 PM Bible Study	7 6 PM Family meal 6:30 PM Activities	8 6 PM Exercise	9	10 10 AM Hope for Appalachia packing event @Hermitage
11	12 6 PM Exercise	1 3 1 PM WMU mtg 6:30 PM Bible Study	1 4 6 PM Family meal/Activities 	1 5 6 PM Exercise	1 6	1 7 8 AM Men's Breakfast
18 FOCUS on WMU Sunday	1 9 President's Day 6 PM Exercise	2 0 6:30 PM Bible Study	2 1 6 PM Family meal 6:30 PM Activities	2 2 6 PM Exercise	2 3 7 PM Q24 — For Such a Time Women's Night of Worship @Cobbs Creek Arts Center	2 4
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Counting committee for February: —Linden & Mark Barrick Counting committee for March: —Pam & Pat Harrington		9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies): 4 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yankey 11 - Pat Taylor/Bonnie Hodges/Addy Lowe 18 - Amanda Kemp/Nancy Pait 25 - Pam Harrington/Katie Givens		9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers): 4 - Becky Ethington/Jim Moore 11 - Megan Waddell/Mary Beth Johnson 18 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger 25 - Alice Stewart/Bev Barefoot		

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“The Lighthouse”



FEBRUARY 2024

In the 1970 film, “Love Story,” the main character Oliver Barrett IV (played by Ryan O’Neal) apologizes to his girlfriend Jenny Cavilleri (played by Ali MacGraw) for getting angry. She responds with one of the most famous quotes from a movie, “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.” Is that really true? That same line is also said at the end of the movie, “What’s Up Doc?” in 1972. Dr. Howard Bannister (also played by Ryan O’Neal) apologizes to Judy Maxwell (played by Barbra Streisand) for the things he said and did. She also responds with, “Love means never having to say you’re sorry” to which O’Neal’s character says, “That is the dumbest thing I have ever heard.” I agree with him. Love doesn’t mean never having to say you are sorry. Love means that you are willing to say you are sorry when you hurt someone. No relationship is

perfect, and no person is perfect. We will occasionally hurt one another. When we mess up, let’s fess up and say we are sorry. James encourages us, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.” (James 5:16 KJV) When you hurt someone, apologizing starts the healing process. I think the quote should be, “Love means willing to say you’re sorry!”



Faithfully,
 Pastor Brian

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st FUGE deposit due
- ◆ 2nd Groundhog Day
- ◆ 3rd Grief Share @Philippi Christian Church
- ◆ 10th Hope for Appalachia Packing Event
- ◆ 11th Super Bowl
- ◆ 14th Valentine’s Day
- ◆ 18th FOCUS on WMU Sunday
- ◆ 19th Presidents’ Day
- ◆ 29th Leap Day

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 Return Services Requested

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Associational Choir

Coming this Spring



We believe that music has the power to bring people together and create something truly magical. If you have a passion for singing and want to be part of a harmonious celebration to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, this is the perfect opportunity for you!

Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 10 (3:00 p.m.) at Saluda Baptist.

To ensure we have enough music and resources for everyone, we kindly ask you to RSVP - Tammy Faulkner (miles.creek3@yahoo.com) and let us know you're coming. Your confirmation will help us plan and prepare for an unforgettable choral experience.



Q24 For Such a Time Women's Night of Worship February 23rd 7:00 PM

Music: Q24 Worship Team Keynote Speaker: Lee Anne Bray



Cobbs Creek Arts Center

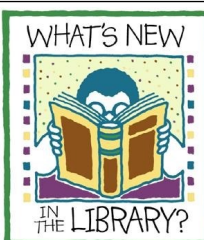
Hope for Appalachia Hope Boxes — 2024

This year's packing event will be held at Hermitage Baptist Church on Sat., Feb. 10, @10 AM. If you plan to attend and want to ride the church bus, be at church by 9 AM.

The funding for this project will come from gifts to the MTBA Week of Prayer. The box items include school and health items for students in the Appalachia regions of VA and Kentucky. The offering goal is \$18,000. Donations can be included with your regular offering, just note "Hope for Appalachia" or "MTBA Week of Prayer".



Spring Revival coming... Fri., Apr. 12-Sun., Apr. 14th



Below is a list of some of the recent donations to our church library. Our library is by the side entrance to our sanctuary building. Feel free to stop in and check out a book anytime!

- ⇒ The Faith of the American Soldier
- ⇒ The IVP Bible Background Commentary by Craig Keener
- ⇒ The Moral Compass by William J. Bennett
- ⇒ The Seven Pillars of Health by Don Colbert, MD
- ⇒ Open Heart, Hope Home by Karen Mains
- ⇒ America, The Last Best Hope by William J. Bennett
- ⇒ Plus, several great devotionals!

Women's Missionary Union January 2024 update

What we aim to do:

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

On Saturday, January 27th we held our first Women on a Mission Luncheon. We had a good turnout of about 25 ladies. Our two speakers, Katie Givens and Cathie Wahlers, inspired us all! Longtime WMU members, Tee Mallon, Linda German and Joyce Downs were honored for their years of service to WMU. Janet Bowman and Joy Bowden were unable to attend and will be honored at a later date. Each of these ladies has served in WMU up to 30 years or more. A good time was had by all. We want to send our deepest thanks to Arnie Gustafson, Steve Taylor, David Anthony and Mickey Ramer for supporting our program by preparing, serving and cleaning up after our meal.



Cathie Wahlers, speaking about her mission to the homeless.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 1 pm in the welcome center. We will be planning our next project of making soup and delivering it to home bound

church members. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

We continue to visit the nursing home on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am to sing for the residents. We are always looking for people to join us. You don't have to be a great singer, just have enthusiasm and a desire to give of yourself and your time to lift the spirits of some people living with challenging health issues. If you decide to come, please let us know ahead of time, as sometimes our schedule changes due to health issues at the Nursing Home

For questions or comments, contact Donna Frantz at 804-384-2309.



Attendees included (pictured) Karen Hudgins, Christy Brown, Nikki Pollard, Lynn Braun, Nancy Pait, Katie Givens, Glenda Ramer & Nikki Spiers.



Please pray for...

† Jeanine Johnson's father Matthew Kersey, Susan O'Ruark, and Ginger Inabinet who are all recovering from various things.

PRAYERS of and for the CHURCH

†Debi Downs in Riverside Regional, Charles Harris & Debbie Harris who both have medical issues..

Our love & sympathy go out to...

†Jimmy & Karen Hall and their family at the passing of Karen's mother Mattie Ruth Callis on Wed., Jan. 17, 2024

†Jim & Hope Moore & their family at the passing of Hope's father Earl Arrowood on Jan. 19, 2024.

Congratulations to...

†Mallory (Sanger) & Christian Reed on the birth of their son, Walker Michael, on Thurs., Dec. 28, weighing 8 lbs. & 20 inches long.

†Benjamin & Tara Rowe on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Ann, on Mon., Jan. 8, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. & 19 inches long.

†Joseph & Jade Monastyrly on the birth of their son, Jamie Owen, on Wed., Jan. 10, weighing 9 lbs. & 21 inches long.

Praise God for...

† His unconditional love.

Long term care....

†Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula);

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

Long Term Illness/condition...

- † William S. Smith
- † Sherry Inabinet
- † Leonard Downs, Jr.
- † Cathie Wahlers
- † Don/Christy Talbott
- † Ellen Parkin
- † Eddie Dezern
- † Bonnie Callis
- † Taylor Jacobs
- † Pauline Barrick
- † Mathews High
- † Derek Zwiers
- † Daniel West
- † Raymond Harris
- † Peyton Arthur
- † Ron Mallon
- † Karen Wiant

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

† Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigators); Abbie Kramer(Baptist Collegiate Ministry)

We welcome the following new member to our fellowship...

† Debra LaFreniere

Church Attendance-Jan. 2024

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
01/07/2024	119	123	18
01/14/2024	118	101	21
01/21/2024	111	109	25
01/28/2024	134	128	21



Coming...

3-10th Week of Prayer-North Amer. Missions

10th Daylight Saving Time Begins

16th Children's Roller Skating

17th St. Patrick's Day

19th Spring Begins

24th Palm Sunday

28th Maundy Thurs.

31st Easter