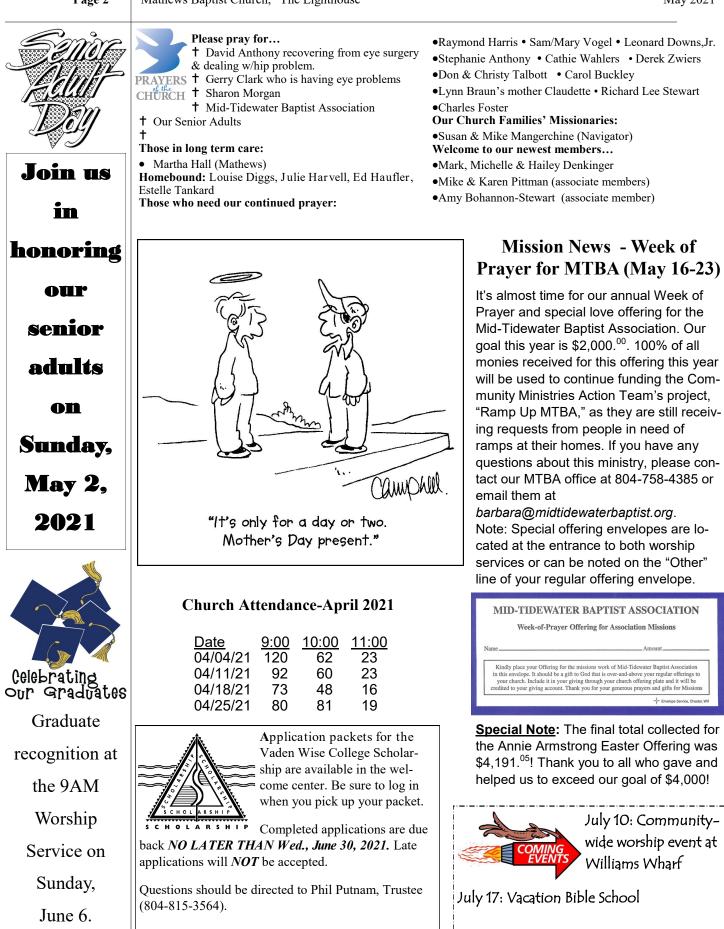
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## Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776 "The Lighthouse"

Growing up, I had four siblings: my older sister Karen, my older brother Keith, my younger brother Michael, and my sibling I Don't Know. I Don't Know was the troublemaker in our home. He was responsible for everything bad. Mom would ask, "Who broke the lamp?" My siblings or I would answer, "I Don't Know." "Who tracked all this mud on the carpet?" "I Don't Know." "Who left the refrigerator door open?" "I Don't Know." "Who ate all the cookies?" "I Don't Know!" "Who cut your hair?" "I Don't Know!" My sister, brothers, and I always blamed I Don't Know. Poor guy.

The Heavenly Father received the same response from the first child born on earth. When the Father asked Cain where his sibling Abel was, guess Cain's response. Let's read it! "Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel' 'I don't know' he replied. 'Am my brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9 NIV) Ever since that time mothers, fathers and even the Heavenly Father have had trouble with their children owning up to their mistakes. The scripture states, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercv." (Proverbs 28:13 NIV) So let's stop blaming poor I Don't Know for our poor decisions. I have found that my

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mother and father were more merciful when I was up front about my wrong-doing and so is the Heavenly Father. The Disciple John wrote, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)



Give I Don't Know a break!

Faithfully yours, Pastor Brian



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## SPECIAL DATES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Adult
  Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nat'l Day of Prayer
- ♦ 8<sup>th</sup> Care Net Event
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day/Child Dedication Service
- ♦ 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> MTBA Week of Prayer
- 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day