

## Youth Corner:

Time for  
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## Events: Youth Cook Out

September 26th: The Youth gathered after Sunday School and had a Back to School cookout at the Denkinger home.

They enjoyed great food and played several rounds of Uno. They also enjoyed a competitive game of volleyball!

## Sunday School: Back to School

We have spent the last few weeks discussing the book of Haggai and how the story translates to our youth. Through this book we have adopted a mantra that “delayed obedience is not obedience.” Please continue to keep our school system, our youth and their families in your prayers this school year!!

Coming Up: Youth Trip to Busch Gardens on Sunday, October 10th. We will leave from church around 11 a.m. and return at 7 p.m.

**Mathews Baptist Church** Org. 1776  
“The Lighthouse”



October 2021

## SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> Family Meals/Activities resume
- ◆ 10<sup>th</sup> World Hunger Day
- ◆ 10<sup>th</sup> Youth trip to Busch Gardens
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
- ◆ 17<sup>th</sup> MTBA Fall mtg.
- ◆ 17-24<sup>th</sup> MTBA Week of Prayer
- ◆ 20<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- ◆ 23<sup>rd</sup> Shirer Simulcast
- ◆ 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk-or-Treat

In the fall of 2018, Kaitlyn Berthiaume was the cheerleading squad for Messalonskee High School. She wasn't the only one to try out for the cheer team, but due to academic ineligibility and the time and effort that had to go into cheering, all the other girls dropped out. Kaitlyn was the only cheerleader left. She loved cheering and was disappointed she would not be able to cheer her senior year. A little hesitant at first, she decided, with the encouragement of her coach, to be the lone cheerleader for the school. That first football game, she was very nervous standing alone on the sideline. How would the fans react to a one person cheerleading squad? As the game started, she started to cheer. At first, it seemed nobody noticed

her, but soon the students and parents in the stands started cheering along with her.

There are many times as Christians we stand alone. In a world bent on sin, Christians often find themselves alone as we live by the Word of God. It's intimidating when we look around and we see we are the only ones in the crowd standing for Jesus. There are many in the Bible who also had to stand alone; Noah as he built the ark, David as he faced Goliath, Elijah as he challenged the prophets of Baal, Esther as she went before King Ahasuerus and even Jesus as he went to the cross. All of these godly people made a difference by standing alone for God and we can too. Actually, we are not alone at all. God is with you. Listen to the words of Moses:

*“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6 NKJV)* God gives us the strength to stand for Him. At times when you feel like you are standing alone, remember this, *“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4 KJV)*

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Brian



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THE BOUNDARY  
LINES HAVE  
FALLEN FOR ME  
IN PLEASANT  
PLACES:

**SURELY I HAVE  
A DELIGHTFUL  
INHERITANCE.**

## PSALM 16:6, NIV

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The new 2022 budget will be discussed and voted on at the October 20, 2021 business meeting. Please plan to attend & bring your copy to review. The budget will be emailed again prior to meeting & a few paper copies will be available at entrance to worship services.

### Notes from the Music Director



The Choral Ensemble has resumed. We will sing at the 11AM service, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun., at meditation time. Practice will precede that service. We will sing old familiar hymns that are not in the hymnal. All are welcome, just come!



Thank you, Pastor Brian, for shepherding our fellowship these past 9 years. We appreciate all you do and thank God for blessing us with you and your dear family.

MTBA FALL MEETING  
Sunday, October 17, 2021  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Newington Baptist Church

### *Gather, Revive, and Thrive*

*For the first time in over two years, we will be able to gather as the MTBA family. We have missed worshipping and fellowshiping with each other but now we can gather once again. I want to give each of you a special invitation to come and join us for this year's MTBA Fall Meeting.*

- Our Fellowship Time will begin at 4:00 PM in the Newington Fellowship Hall.
- There will be a time for remembering our MTBA Saints who have passed since our last meeting.
- Dedication of the 2022 MTBA Annual
- Celebration and Worship led by Newington Praise Team.
- Guest Speaker will be Rev. Mike Dodson, the State Coordinator for "Hope Appalachia"
- Special Recognitions of New MTBA Pastors.
- Presentation of Servant Leadership Award
- Recognition of Rev. Mike Gray who will be retiring from Newington BC
- Covid Survive and Thrive Stories

See you on October 17<sup>th</sup>, at Newington BC

### Mission News

We thank our church family for donating food, baby clothes, yarn & paper products. We also thank Janet Bowman for the display of yarn and blankets, hats, etc. in the fellowship hall. The display items are for the CHKD cancer ward & adult Gloucester Cancer Clinic. Crayon boxes were also displayed.

Mildred Lockwood made many of the blankets as did Louise Diggs (22 blankets!) who knitted & crocheted many items. Anne South of Central UMC heads up the project. Your donations of yarn and WMU monetary donations help make this possible.

The baby clothes will be delivered to the Care Net Peninsula pregnancy crises center in Newport News, VA

Operation Christmas Child begins now and boxes will be in the SS classrooms and in the welcome area. The national collection week is Nov. 15-22. Gift suggestions are on the brochures. More details to the right →

Our WMU ladies are part of the Choral Ensemble which will be singing the meditation each 2nd Sunday during the 11 AM service.

A big thank you to Tee & Ron Mallon for delivering the hygiene kits to the Richmond BGAV office!

Our ongoing projects are:

- ⇒ Collecting yarn to make items for the CHKD and Gloucester Adult Cancer Units.
- ⇒ Paper products for our local Social Services and non-perishable shelf food for Hands Across Mathews.

\*Baskets for all donations on table in welcome area.

**Alma Hunt State Missions' Offering Goal was \$3,000.<sup>00</sup>. As of 9/26/21 we have received: \$395.<sup>00</sup>**

Tee Mallon, WMU Director

**QUARTERLY Business Meeting** Wed., Oct. 20  
6:30 PM Fellowship Hall



### Please pray for...

- Our nation & world, that more people will seek & turn to God!
  - Karl Braun as he recovers from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Praise God...**

- William Scott Smith is doing well, seeing some improvement each week and building up his muscles and strength.
- Janet Bowman's new great grandson Jayden Lee Boyd-Jenkins was born on 9/24 to Brittanie Boyd & Josh Jenkins. Congratulations to all!
- Stephanie Anthony is cancer free!!
- Our love and sympathy go out to...
- Joyce Downs & her family at the passing of her nephew Wendell Mitchem on 9/19.
- Carla Faulkner & her family at the passing of her aunt Betty Prince on 9/20.
- Cathie Wahlers who had an uncle, aunt, & great aunt pass away last month.

### Those in long term care:

- Martha Hall (Mathews)
- Homebound:** Louise Diggs, Julie Harvell, Ed Haufler, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Those who need our continued prayer:

- Mildred Hudgins • Sam/Mary Vogel • Leonard Downs, Jr.
- David Anthony • Cathie Wahlers • Kathy Harris
- Derek Zwiers • Don & Christy Talbott • Carol Buckley
- Lynn Braun's mother Claudette • William Scott Smith

**Our Church Families' Missionaries:** Susan and Mike Mangerchine (Navigators) They have relocated to Columbus, OH. Pray for them as they get acclimated to their new home.



62 hygiene kits plus several pkg. of other items were delivered to the BGAV for the VA Bapt. Disaster Response Group. Thanks to all who gave!

### Church Attendance-Sept. '21

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
09/05/21	74	82	17
09/12/21	92	101	17
09/19/21	78	86	20
09/26/21	89	85	19



Operation Christmas Child is underway! Empty boxes are available for pick up at church. Thank you in advance for your generosity. For most, if not all of the children who get these boxes, this is the only thing they will receive for Christmas. Many places do not even recognize Christmas, but God knows what and where and who needs these things.

The donation to cover shipping remains \$9/box and the deadline for shoeboxes is mid November. For more info, go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Tee Mallon, WMU Director

### Coming in Nov.:

7<sup>th</sup>—Daylight Saving Time Ends  
11<sup>th</sup>—Veteran's Day  
13<sup>th</sup>—Children's zoo trip  
26<sup>th</sup>—Thanksgiving Day  
28-Dec. 5—Week of Prayer for International Missions

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP WITH TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITHOUT DECORATING A TRUNK?

WE ARE COLLECTING EXTRA HALLOWEEN CANDY TO GIVE OUT IN CASE ANYONE RUNS OUT OF GOODIES TO SHARE!

BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDIES CAN BE PLACED IN THE STORAGE BINS OUTSIDE OF THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AND THE SANCTUARY

THANK YOU!

please join us for

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

sunday, october 31

5PM- 7PM

@ Mathews Baptist Church

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HUDGINS, VA



RESUME ON OCT. 6  
6:00 PM

\*Bible Study/Children's activities at 6:30 PM

Remember to call the church office to make your reservation.

The first meal will be a taco/burrito bar.

\* "Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel" a 6 wk. Bible study responding to social & political issues with the gospel.