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1776: A HISTORICAL YEAR FOR AMERICA & MBC!

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In 1773 the British imposed the Tea Act. Colonists soon realized they had to pay taxes on incoming tea. About that time a young man named Iverson Lewis under the preaching of Baptist Elder John Waller realized he was a lost sinner and Jesus paid for his sins on the cross. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Soon the colonists were speaking out and proclaiming that famous phrase “No taxation without representation.” At the same time period, Lewis went to visit a relative, John L. Hudgins, in the area now known as Hudgins. As he was sharing his conversion experience with family and friends the gossip spread around that there was a new preacher in town. Soon invitations were sent out to come hear “Brother Lewis” preach. Lewis had never preached a sermon in his life and was “alarmed.” But relying on the Lord he proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ to an attentive audience.

Later that year, the Son’s of Liberty dunked boxes of tea in the harbor at the “Boston Tea Party.” And Iverson Lewis was dunked in the river at his baptism.

In 1776 the Colonies declared independence from Britian and created a new nation. That same year Iverson Lewis created a new congregation called Kingston Church. In 1791 when this area became Mathews County, Kingston Church changed its name to Mathews Baptist church. Acts 2:47 says, “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (NKJV)

In Christ,

Pastor Brian Kramer

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION JUNE UPDATE

What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is:

making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

In the month of June we have taken the opportunity to visit home bound members of MBC. It has been a blessing to us as much as to them, to spend time visiting and dropping off a small gift bag.

Beginning in July we will be collecting school supplies for our Homeschool Group "Wings of Mathews". Items that they are in need of are:

#2 pencils, scissors (full size for older kids preferred), glue sticks, paint brushes, construction paper (all colors), pads of mixed media paper, watercolor paints, colored air-dry modeling clay, paper towels, clorox wipes, and scotch tape.

Our next WMU meeting will be held on July 14th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We will be planning our Missionary Sunday program to be held on August 16. More information will be forthcoming.

If you have any items for donation to Operation Christmas Child, please drop them off. We are collecting empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper, small toys, toothbrushes, combs, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, markers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, puzzles, jump rope, playdough, eating utensils, clothing, hats, etc.

We continue to sing at the Nursing Home the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday 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.

Be sure and check out our bulletin board across the hall from the kitchen for more information.

In Christ's Love,

Donna Frantz



The bulletin board across the hall from the kitchen, done each month by Rita Bruce.

LOOKING BACK...

to the Gazette Journal



An article dated Thursday, August 12, 1976 reads:

“On Sunday, the congregation of Mathews Baptist Church will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of that ancient place of worship.

Two centuries ago, at the same time the thirteen British colonies in America were declaring their independence in order to form a new government, this congregation was formed in then Gloucester County, but after 1791, Mathews County, to declare its independence from the Anglican church so that it might establish its own form of worship and self-government.

That those pioneers of a new religious order were highly successful is plainly evident today. Their early struggles to gain recognition were not easy but the seeds planted then by that small band of dedicated men and women bore great fruit in the following years.

Certainly the present membership of this fine church can look back with much satisfaction as to what was accomplished by their forebears of two centuries ago and their descendants of succeeding generations. Here in 1976, two hundred years after its founding, Mathews Baptist Church -the Old Baptist- can look ahead with much anticipation to still greater achievements in the next century or two. This newspaper extends heartiest congratulations to the clergy and members on this historic occasion.”

FUGE & CENTRIKID CAMPS

CENTRIKID CAMPS

Chowan University

June 15-19, 2026



The Storyteller
author of all things

12 children and 7 chaperones attended CentriKid this year from June 15-19th at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, NC.

Pictured from left to right top row: David Condon Sr., Nikki Spiers, Fallon Diggs, Nikki Pollard, Megan Waddell, Jennifer Morgan, James Cuciniello
Middle row: Caroline Spiers, Ava Pollard, Abby Givens, Benjamin Condon, Caleb Cuciniello, Jaelynn Morgan, Addison Waddell, Coral Bott, Mia Spencer, London Demking, Zoe Sadler, Bennett Diggs

16 youth and 5 chaperones attended FUGE camp this year from June 15-19th at Milligan University in Milligan, Tennessee.

Pictured from left to right back row: Abigail Collins, Elizabeth Moore, Brandon Hubbard, Jameson Segalini, William Earl Sadler, Brayden Jurgensen, Colton Sadler, Austin Sadler, Gage Gaskins, Bentlea Lawrence, Michelle Denking, Stella Johnson, Mark Denking
Front row: Bri Sadler, Mary Beth Johnson, Jax Denking, Steven Cuciniello, Kieran Cannon, Savannah Keel, Hartley Edwards, Hope Johnson



REMINDERS...



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★
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2026
6:30-8PM
Join us as we kick off an incredible journey together!

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Applications for our College Scholarship are available on the welcome counter along with a copy of the guidelines and rules. Completed applications are due NO LATER than August 2nd, 2026. Questions should be directed to Trustee, Phil Putnam @ 804-815-3564



It's that time again. If your committee or group anticipates having expenses for the coming 2027 year please pick up and fill out a budget request form (from the inbox on the office door or the welcome counter). Please return forms by Aug. 2nd!

Wednesday, July 15th 6:30 PM
Quarterly Business Meeting in the Sanctuary (child care for 5yrs and younger provided if needed)



Red Cross Blood Drive
@ Piankatank Ruritan Club on July 14th from 12:30-6PM.

HELLO August

Coming up...

2 Scholarship applications & Budget requests due

3 AHG & Trail Life Open House @ 6:30pm

4 National Night Out

16 - Church Picnic

23 - Elder Appreciation Day

Our love and sympathy...

- To Darlene Putnam & family at the passing of her father, Richard "Dickie" Capps.
- Sherin Stewart & family at the passing of her mother-in-law, Janice Stewart.
- Jeannine Johnson & family at the passing of her father, Matthew Kersey.
- Karen Pittman & family at the passing of her brother-in-law.

Please be in prayer...

- For David Foster's daughter Kelcey, who had malaria while traveling in West Africa and is still recovering.
- For William Callis, who suffered a fall this month and could use our healing prayers.
- A family friend of Amanda Kemp, James "Bubba" Moore, who suffered a heart attack and stroke this month.
- For David & Stephanie Anthony - they received news this month that Stephanie's cancer treatments are not working.
- For Ingrid Condon, who is dealing with ongoing complications from her cancer surgery.

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



CHURCH ATTENDANCE JUNE 2026

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
06/07/2026	136	93	36
06/14/2026	143	102	25
06/21/2026	168	113	20
06/28/2026	163	119	19

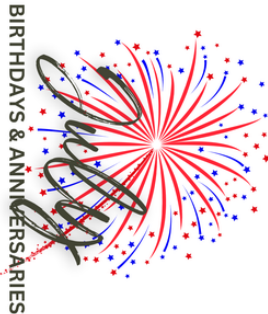
Sunday Service Schedule

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)
also available on Youtube via our Facebook page.
10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

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July 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Counting Committee for July: Bill & Cathy Nelson Counting Committee for August: Mark & Linden Barrick						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
		7PM MTBA Prayer Gathering				
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:15PM - 8:00PM					
	12	13	14	15	16	17
		1PM WMU Meeting	6:30PM Quarterly Business Meeting			
	19	20	21	22	23	24
		6PM - Exercise Class		6PM - Exercise Class		
	26	27	28	29	30	31
		6PM - Exercise Class		6PM - Exercise Class		

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

(7/5) Cathy Rowe, Hannah Yarkey, Amanda Kemp
(7/12) Melanie Miles, Teeny Hughes, Robby Miles
(7/19) Katie Givens, Fallon Diggs, Elizabeth Moore
(7/26) Amanda Kemp, Glenda Ramer, Patti McDonald

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

(7/5) Tommy Waddell, Pat Taylor
(7/12) Nikki Pollard, Katie Haywood
(7/19) Bonnie Kramer, Steve Taylor
(7/26) Karen Hudgins, Alice Stewart

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

3 Keith Bradbury, Timmy Deagle, William Nelson, Jr., Archie Owens
4 Trina Timberlake
6 Katie Curko
8 Tommy Waddell
9 Pauline Sears
10 Kelsey Moore, Lori Ann Byrns
12 Cathy B. Rowe

14 Joy Bowden, Ryan Ewell, Mike Myers, Lisa Owens, Mickey Ramer
15 Ingrid Condon, Teresa Sanger
16 Chandler Brown
17 Christopher Perreault, Tracey Sorey
19 Linda Abrahamson, Andrew Hall
22 Mary B. Wroten

23 Sarah Beckley, William Callis, Mark Givens
24 Beth Haywood, Dan Wahlers
25 Linda Trageser
26 Debbie LaFreniere
27 Timmy Rowe
28 Becky Ethington, Diane Vogel
29 Alyssa Bohannon, Brittany Cain
30 Troy Bray
31 Myra Pollard, Carter Spliers, Larry Stewart

Anniversaries

19 Troy & Lee Anne Bray
23 Pat & Pam Harrington, Kyle & Fallon Diggs
24 Bill & Rosa Milby
26 Steve & Pat Taylor
29 Mark & Katie Givens

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