




# September 2023

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH  
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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**  
 \*Contemporary Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page. Traditional service available on CD (audio only).


9:00 AM Contemporary Service  
 10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Office closed. 	5	6	7 6 PM Exercise	8	9 6-8 PM Youth Salvation Party
10	11 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Prayer @New Hope Fellowship	12 12:30-6 PM Blood Drive @Ruritan Club 1 PM WMU mtg. 6:30 PM Bible study	13 6 PM Family meals resumes 6:30 PM Activities	14 6 PM Exercise	15	16 8 AM Men's Breakfast
17 3 PM MTBA WMU mtg. @Newington BC	18 6 PM Exercise	19 6:30 PM Bible study	20 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	21 6 PM Exercise	22 6:40 PM Youth Ice Cream outing	23
24	25 6 PM Exercise 7 PM MTBA Exec. Comm. mtg.	26 10 AM Kinship meeting 6:30 PM Bible study	27 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	28 6 PM Exercise	29	30

**Counting committee for September:**  
—Pam & Pat Harrington

**Counting committee for October:**  
—Mickey & Glenda Ramer

**9:00 Nursery Schedule:**  
 3 - Bonnie & Claire Kramer  
 10 - Pat Taylor/Megan Waddell/Addy Lowe  
 17 - Delena Nelson/Cathy Nelson/Mary Beth Johnson  
 24 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger/Jade Monastyry



**JESUS LOVES YOU!**  
*and so do we!*

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 1 Patsy Brooks
  - 2 Kevin Hall, Channing Schurknight, Gene Sears
  - 3 Eric Fritznus
  - 4 Tee Mallon, David Rowe
  - 5 Mervin Goodrich, Jean Owens
  - 6 Carole Bell Bisson
  - 7 Bekah Helbig, Bonnie Hodges
  - 9 Elisa Goodwin, Katie Dresler
  - 10 Melissa Cottee, Samuel Lunsford
  - 11 Heather Calloway
  - 12 Cassi Fritznus
  - 14 Lynn Hall, Francis Morris
  - 15 Tommy Eriksen, Brandon Goodrich
  - 16 Caroline Emertson
  - 17 Sharon Frye
  - 18 Tim Inabinet, Chelsea McBumey
  - 19 Addison L. DeLucas, Mike Smedley
  - 20 Dawne Hunter
  - 21 Abby Givens
  - 22 Kim Clark, Taylor Gall, Patrick Harrington, Amber Zwiers
  - 23 Eric Beckley
  - 25 Charlie Crittenden
  - 26 Derek Zwiers
  - 27 Christy Brown
  - 28 Brandon Hubbard, Delena Nelson
  - 30 Austin Sadler
- ANNIVERSARIES:**
- 4 Kevin & Susan Harris Hall
  - 14 Bobby & Dee Diggs
  - 22 Wayne & Stacy Turner
  - 23 Marion & Naomi Sutton
  - 27 Bunny & Peggy Foster
- \*If your name is not listed above and you had a b'day or anniversary, please call the church

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## "The Lighthouse"



As I write this, Claire just lit a pumpkin spice candle. I asked her, "Don't you think August is a little early for pumpkin spice?" Each year pumpkin spice comes out earlier and earlier. (Cathy and I had a conversation about this at the beginning of August!) There is pumpkin spice coffee, cocoa mix, cookies, cake, cereal, cream cheese, jellybeans, marshmallows, muffins, popsicles, pancakes, popcorn seasoning, syrup, and yogurt. And that is just to name a few. It seems we are rushing every season nowadays: fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. Sometimes we start prepping for seasons way too early. But there is one event for which it is never too early to prepare. That is your salvation. Some want to put this off

until later in life, but we never know when we may go! It is always the season for salvation. Paul wrote, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2) So, as you sit enjoying your pumpkin spice latte, make sure you are secure with the Savior! Don't wait until it is too late!

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Brian



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**SPECIAL DATES**

- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day/ Office Closed
- ◆ 8-9<sup>th</sup> Mathews Market Days
- ◆ 10<sup>th</sup> Proposed '24 budget avail
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> Prayer Gathering
- ◆ 12<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive; Bible Study resumes
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> Family Dinners/Act. Resume
- ◆ 16<sup>th</sup> Men's Break.
- ◆ 17<sup>th</sup> MTBA WMU mtg.
- ◆ 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth Event
- ◆ 23<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of Fall
- ◆ 25<sup>th</sup> Exec. Comm. Mtg. @Saluda

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### THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

The *proposed* 2024 church budget will be ready Sept. 10 for your review & will be emailed to members. Some copies will be available in the welcome area, foyer or church office. We will discuss and vote on the budget at the next business meeting on Wed., October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend.

**Coming in October..**  
Pastor Appreciation Month!  
18<sup>th</sup> -Quarterly Business Mtg.  
22<sup>nd</sup> -MTBA Fall Meeting @Beale Memorial  
31<sup>st</sup> -Trunk or Treat



**GIVE Blood**  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
@Piankatank Ruritan Club  
12:30-6 PM

Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call [1-800-RED CROSS](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS).



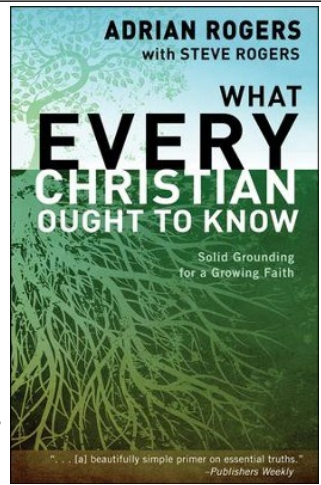
**Wed., Sept. 13, 2023, 6:00 PM**  
Family meals resume followed by youth/ children's activities and an adult Bible study (see below) at 6:30 PM. Be sure to fill out the reservation slip in the bulletin or call the church office by Sept. 10.

#### UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES...

—**TUES. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** "Signs & Symbols Bible Study resumes on Tues., September 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Friends in Christ classroom. The leader is David Anthony. All are welcome; no book needed.

—**WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Video series by Adrian Rogers. Beginning September 13, after the Wed. night family meal in the multipurpose building, 6:30-7:30 PM.

This study "provides readers with a well-organized, well-reasoned grasp of such topics as salvation, eternal security, prayer, the Holy Spirit, resisting temptation, finding God's will, as well as the authority of the Bible and how to understand it better."



PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
• Bonnie Callis who has cancer. Our love & sympathy go out to the family & friends of...  
• Wayne & Angela Blake at the passing of Wayne's father Sheldon on Mon., Aug. 14, 2023.

**Homebound:** Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jim/Gloria Travenski  
**Those in long term care:** Ed Haufler (Mathews); Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)  
**Those who need our continued prayer**

- William S. Smith • Ron Mallon • Pauline Barrick
- Leonard Downs, Jr. • Mathews High School
- Daniel West • Raymond Harris • Homer Smith
- Derek Zwiers • Don & Christy Talbott • Liam
- Sherry Inabinet • Karen Wiant • Ellen Parkin

• Betty & Devon Spears  
**Our Church Families' Missionaries:** Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigator)  
**Congratulations to...**

- Curtis & Teeny Hughes on the birth of their daughter Charlotte on Wed., Aug. 9, 2023
- Austin & Amanda Kemp on the birth of their daughter Josie Lewis on Tues., Aug. 15, 2023.
- Daniel & Amber Mitchem on the birth of their son Cooper Lee on Sat., Aug. 19, 2023.
- Brandon & Morgan Thomas on the birth of twin sons on Sun., Aug. 20, 2023 named Brady Lee & Beau Eugene.
- Shaun Wiant who was baptized on Aug. 21, 2023.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
8:00-9:00 AM

All men are invited to come join us for breakfast and help make plans for service opportunities.

If you plan to attend, please complete below, tear off and drop in offering plate or church office.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Call Steve at 804-441-5007 with questions or if you prefer to RSVP by text message.

### Women's Missionary Union — August update...

#### What we aim to do:

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

We want to thank all of you for continuing to support our drive to support Hands Across Mathews with non-perishable foods, personal care items, baby care items & even pet supplies. This will be a year-round project. Don't forget to add **Hands Across Mathews, HAM** to your shopping list. One item a week will be a great addition to our donation.

We also wish to thank you for your support of our **Christmas in July** program. On August 14<sup>th</sup> we took 2 carloads of school supplies to Mathews Social Services for which they were very grateful. The photo here shows the bagged school supplies for 97 children in Mathews. They are planning on supplying 150 students with all the supplies



Tee Mallon, Donna Frantz & Judy Lowe in the hallway at Social Services.

they will need for the upcoming school year, which your donations will help to make possible.

At our monthly meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, it was decided that Judy Lowe would be our director for the upcoming year, to be voted on at the annual business meeting. We always welcome new members. We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 1 pm in the Welcome Center outside the secretary's office. Our next meeting will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Come help us plan for the future. We welcome your input and prayers!

We will soon begin our drive for items to support the **Crisis Pregnancy Center** in Newport News. We will have a list of requested items in the weekly bulletin.

We continue to visit the Nursing Home on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 am to sing for the residents. We are always looking for people to join us. You don't have



Some of our younger Rhythm Band members (James, Abby & Lily Givens) singing at the Nursing Home on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Donna Frantz



MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY BEING OF THE SAME MIND, MAINTAINING THE SAME LOVE, UNITED IN SPIRIT, INTENT ON ONE PURPOSE. PHILIPPIANS 2:2

### ALMA HUNT OFFERING for Virginia Missions

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#### For Virginia Missions:

Our Church's Goal — \$3,000.<sup>00</sup>

(There are special envelopes at the entrance to worship or you can include your donation in your regular envelope and write **Alma Hunt** on the "other" line.)

#### Church Attendance-Aug. 2023

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
08/06/23	117	95	26
08/13/23	126	97	16
08/20/23	134	120	18
08/27/23	132	123	30

#### WMU Mission for September Crisis Pregnancy Center Donations

#### SUGGESTED DONATIONS

- DIAPERS:**  
No open packages  
Size newborn to 4
- CLOTHING:**  
New and gently used  
Size preemie to 9 months
- FEEDING SUPPLIES:**  
New and Unopened:  
Pacifiers  
Bottles (4 oz & 8 oz)  
Baby spoons  
New or gently used  
Burp cloths  
Bibs
- LINENS**  
Baby blankets  
Baby towels and washcloths
- HEALTH & SAFETY**  
Thermometer  
Hygiene/Medical kit  
Outlet Safety kit
- TOILETRIES**  
Baby wash  
Baby shampoo  
Baby lotion  
Baby brush and comb  
Nail clippers
- ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT**  
Baby formula and baby food  
Baby powder  
Changing table pads  
Cribs  
Crib bumper pads  
Crib mattresses  
Exersaucers  
Umbrella and jogging strollers  
Loose diapers  
Used breast pumps  
Used car seats  
Used toys



Please bring by September 24<sup>th</sup>