

November 2024

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH
 P.O. Box 8 804-725-3707
 mathews baptist@live.com
 8284 Buckley Hall Rd. www.mathews baptist church.com
 Hudgins, VA 23076

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:

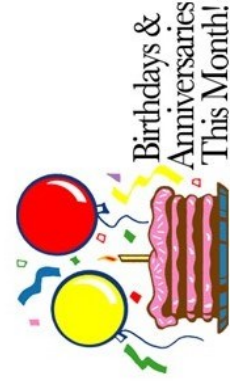
Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page.

In-House worship services:

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)

10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

1 Kathy Harris, Stephanie Lowe

3 Lauren Perreault

5 Stephanie McBurney

8 Landon Diggs

11 Logan Diggs,

Chelsea Faith Sears

13 Teresa Childress

15 David Frayser, Nicolas Goodrich

16 Jensin Clark

17 Caroline Bray

18 Ava Pollard

20 Judy Lowe

23 Terry Johnson

24 Timmy German, Jonny Nelson

26 Cathy Adams, Mike Adams

27 Seth Elias, Chelsea Jarvis, Howard Winder, Jr.

29 Mike & Brenda Hanhart, Delores Sanger

30 James Givens

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

30 Tommy & Lorna Eriksen

*If your name is not listed above and you had a b'day or anniversary, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Daylight Saving Time ends	4 6 PM Deacons' mtg. 7 PM Outreach mtg.	5 ELECTION DAY	6 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	7 9 AM Prayer in sanctuary	8 Deadline for disaster relief buckets	9 8 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST
10 10 AM Orientation class	11 VETERANS DAY	12 1 PM WMU mtg	13 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	14	15	16 8 AM Packing event for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
17	18 6 PM MTBA Prayer @Saluda BC	19	20 6 PM Family meal 6:45 PM Bible Study/Activities	21	22	23
24 Deadline for Xmas Shoeboxes	25	26	27	28 Office closed THANKS Giving Day	29 Office closed. Deadline for social services Christmas Store donations.	30

Counting committee for November:

—Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe

Counting committee for December:

—Alice & Larry Stewart

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

3 - Joy Lowe/Karen Hudgins
 10 - Katie Haywood/Jade Monastyrly
 17 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer
 24 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yankey

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

3 - Stephanie Lowe/Sherin Stewart
 10 - Glenda Ramer/Elizabeth Moore
 17 - Nikki Spiers/Bri Sadler
 24 - Becky Ethington/Jim Moore

Mathews Baptist Church

Org. 1776
 "The Lighthouse"



NOVEMBER 2024

A few years ago, Cathy gave me a Snoopy dressed up in a jack-o-lantern outfit for Halloween. He sits on my desk shakes his head up and down all day long powered by a little solar panel. I call him my yes-man. No matter what question I ask him, the answer is "yes." He is very agreeable. If I ask him to do anything for me, he always shakes his head yes. The problem is he never does what I ask him to do. He



gives the right answer, but he doesn't follow it up with the right actions. Jesus told a parable about this very subject in Matthew 21:28-32. He tells of a father who asked his two sons to go work in the vineyard. The first one said he would not, but later changed his mind and went to work. The second son said he would, but then did not go. Jesus asked those listening, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" (v. 31) They responded that the first son did. There are many people in the church who have the right answers but do not have the right actions. They

say they are Christians and follow the Word of the Heavenly Father. But their actions do not show it. James said, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." (James 1:22) Don't just be a "yes-man," be an active Christian!

Faithfully yours,
 Pastor Brian



SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 3rd Daylight Saving Time ends
- ◆ 5th Election Day
- ◆ 8th Deadline for flood buckets
- ◆ 9th Men's Breakfast
- ◆ 10th Orientation Class
- ◆ 11th Veteran's Day
- ◆ 20th Last meal 'til January
- ◆ 24th Deadline for shoeboxes
- ◆ 28th Thanksgiving Day

Mathews Baptist Church
 P.O. Box 8
 Hudgins, VA 23076
 Return Services Requested

Inside this issue...

- Christmas Store p2
- Poinsettias p2
- Thank you note p2
- Orientation Class p2
- Eagle Eyrie p2
- Prayer/Praise p2
- Daylight Saving p2
- Attendance p2
- Mission News p3
- Flood Buckets p3
- Shoeboxes p3
- Coming in Dec. p3
- Calendar p4



Rejoice
 evermore.
 Pray

without ceasing.
 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians
 5:16-18, KJV

Brian E. Kramer, Pastor ♦ P.O. Box 8, 8284 Buckley Hall Rd., Hudgins, VA
 Email: mathews baptist@live.com ♦ Web: www.mathews baptist church.com ♦ Office: 804-725-3707

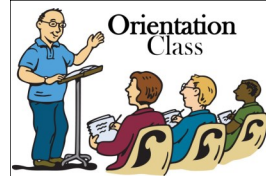
Mathews County Christmas Store sponsored by the Dept. of Social Services. Donations due *no later than Nov. 29*. Monetary contributions with check payable to Mathews Dept. of Social Services (note "Christmas Store" in memo) or donate *NEW* toys, clothing, household items, jewelry, cosmetics, etc. to their office during normal business hours. Direct questions to Bernadette La Casse at 804-384-7740 or email her at bernilacasse@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help too!



Contact the church office to order your poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost: To be announced. Deadline to order—11/27.

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Pastor Appreciation Surprise. The youth rap presentation was great. I cherish their gifts of the dad joke calendar, the signed M-Fuge picture, the Lego tie and the individual cards. And thank you church family for your generous financial gift. With Christmas coming up, what a blessing it will be. Thank you also for your love, encouragement and prayers for my family and I. You are a wonderful congregation and we are so blessed to be serving here. Thanks again.

In Christ Love,
Pastor Brian



Orientation Class **Sun., Nov. 10, 10AM** in the multipurpose building: Anyone interested in learning more about Mathews Baptist Church, the Baptist faith and how we function is invited to attend.



Please pray for...

- † Becky Ethington recovering from a broken ankle.
- † Karen Hudgins & Teddy Pait recovering from surgery last month.
- † All those helping with disaster relief in NC, SC, GA & FL & especially all the families trying to recover and rebuild their lives.
- † All those traveling over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Our love & sympathy go out to...

- † Christy & Wayne Brown at the passing of Christy's sister Helen Busic on Oct. 10, 2024.

Praise God for...

- † Family & friends and the many blessings He has given each of us this past year!

Long Term Care...

- † Julie Bartos (Mathews Conv. Ctr.), Kathy Diggs (Sanders)

Homebound: Pauline Barrick, Leonard Downs, Jr., Ron Mallon, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Gloria Travenski

Those who need our continued prayer...

- † Stephanie Anthony †Mathews High School
- † Leonard Downs, Jr. †Daniel West
- † Sherry Inabinet †William Scott Smith
- † Derek Zwiers †Don & Christy Talbott
- † Raymond Harris †Ellen Parkin
- † Karen Wiant

Our church families' missionaries: Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigator); Abbie Kramer (Baptist Collegiate Ministry)



FALL BACKWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS! [1 HOUR]

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2.

Church Attendance-October '24

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
10/06/24	128	117	25
10/13/24	128	119	20
10/20/24	110	104	23
10/27/24	108	116	25



Members of the Genesis SS Class that attended the Kairos Fall Gathering at the Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in October: from left: Calvin Kramer, Ryan Mahr, Katherine Ritter, Jade Monastyrly, Nikki & Brett Pollard & Allen Moore.

Women's Missionary Union November Update

What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is **making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.**

WMU is now focusing on Operation Christmas Child. There are shoeboxes in the Fellowship Hall for you to pick up and fill with items for children all around the world to be blessed with.

This year, WMU is working with Amy Ashberry and her mission with Operation Christmas Child. Amy has announced that so far she has received and packed a total of 5,000 shoeboxes. Please continue to turn in your filled shoeboxes by November 24th. Several WMU ladies created jump-ropes for inclusion in shoeboxes (see photo). Also, there will be a special packing event on Sat., Nov. 16, at church beginning at 8 AM. We will help Amy pack the 5,000 boxes in Samaritan's Purse cartons & load them in trailers for delivery.

Our other project for November will be to purchase fruit for Meals on Wheels food to be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. We will also be collecting food items for Hands Across Mathews.

Disaster Response Flood Buckets are being collected by BGAV (Baptist General Assoc. of VA) to assist in hurricane Helene recovery efforts. Below is a list of items needed. Bring your buckets to the fellowship hall **by Nov. 8.**

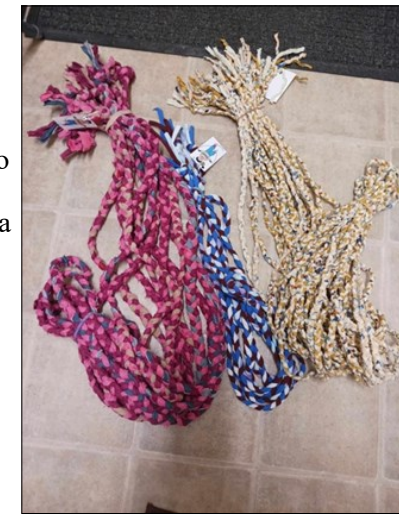
- 5 gallon bucket & lid – 1
- All purpose sponges – 3
- Heavy Duty Kitchen gloves – 1 pair
- Leather Palm Gloves – 2 pairs
- Handle Scrub Brush – 1
- Retractable utility knife – 1
- All Purpose wide mouth spray bottle – 1
- Liquid Dish detergent (21-25 oz) – 1
- All Purpose Liquid Cleaner (40 oz)
- Bleach (32 oz) – 1
- 33 gal drawstring trash bag – 50 bags
- N95 valved respirator – 3 masks
- Reuseable Cotton Towels (Terry Towels) – 4
- Eye protection (glasses or goggles) – 1 pair
- Mold control spray (32 oz) – 1
- Sharpie Permanent marker – (black – 2 pk)
- Cotton Clothesline / Clothespins – 50

We continue to sing at the Nursing Home on Tuesday mornings 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!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We will be planning future projects and welcome all ages to join us.

Maybe you have a mission that God has put on your heart that we might be able to assist you with.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Donna Frantz or our director, Judy Lowe.



Some jump ropes created by WMU.

Take a look around!

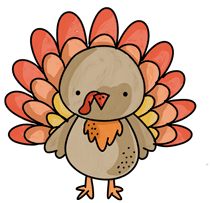
If you haven't noticed, take a look around the education building. Both offices, the welcome area, nursery, hallway to the left of the fellowship hall & Soul Searcher's classroom have been painted. Also, new carpet in the nursery & name signs next to the classrooms. The columns outside the education building will also be replaced soon and we're working on getting new doors for the upstairs' classrooms.

Thank you, trustees!!



Empty boxes are available in the welcome area & entrances to worship. Don't forget to send the \$10 per box for shipping costs.

Your filled box can be left in the fellowship hall. Deadline 11/24.



Coming in Dec.:

- Dec. 1st-8th: Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 3rd: Blood Drive
- 8th: Children/Youth Christmas program
- 14th: County Christmas parade at 1 PM
- 24th: Christmas Eve service
- 25th: Christmas Day
- 31st: New Year's Eve