



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**
 1 Frannie Hubbard
 2 Carson Brown, Bobby Callis,
 Jennifer Morgan, Christy Poteet
 3 Barbara Crockett, Casey Elliott
 5 Brian Keith Rowe, Whitney Stewart
 6 Sue Smedley
 9 Chris Miller, Debra White, Cathy Williams
 10 Erika Brown, Josh Velez
 11 Cole DeLucas
 12 Bruce Owens
 13 Taylor Netherland
 15 Linden Barrick, Jackie Goodrich,
 Douglas Hudgins, Sherri Sparks
 16 David Crittenden
 17 John Green, Madisson Haynes,
 Tyler Moore, Brooke Collins
 19 Colten Sadler
 20 Tony Deagle, Judi Gayle
 21 Clay Harrington
 22 Makayla Calloway, Jade
 Monastriy & Sierra Davis
 23 Joseph Rowe
 25 Angela Blake, Tod Doane
 26 Ed Haufier
 29 Dianne Hudgins, Lori Shull, Robin
 Thompson
 30 Jody Forrest
 31 Alice Stewart
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...
 4 Joey & Heather Calloway, Tommy
 & Megan Waddell
 6 Tod & Leandra Doane
 8 Taylor & Michael Netherland
 15 Austin & Amanda Kemp
 18 Ed & Lori Shull
 19 Larry & Alice Stewart
 25 Michael & Lisa Brown



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

October 2023

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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
1 2 6 PM Exercise	9 Columbus Day 6 PM Exercise	3 6:30 PM Bible study	4 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	5 6 PM Exercise	6	7 8:15 am Zoo Trip  Let's go to the zoo!
8		10 1 PM WMU mtg. 6:30 PM Bible study	11 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	12 6 PM Exercise	13	14
15	16 6 PM Exercise	17 6:30 PM Bible study	18 6 PM Family Meal 6:30 PM Business mtg.	19 6 PM Exercise	20	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast
22 10 AM Orientation Class 3 PM MTBA Fall mtg. @Beale Mem. BC	23 6 PM Exercise	24 6:30 PM Bible study	25 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	26 6 PM Exercise	27	28
29	30 6 PM Exercise	31 10am Kinship Club mtg 5:30-7pm				

Counting committee for October: —Mickey & Glenda Ramer	9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies): 1 - Pam Harrington/Katie Grivens 8 - Joy Lowe/Karen Hudgins 15 - Katie Haywood/Stephanie Anthony 22 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer 29 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yankey	9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers): 1 - Bev Barefoot/Alice Stewart 8 - Stephanie Lowe/Sherin Stewart 15 - Glenda Ramer/Elizabeth Moore 22 - Nikki Spiers/Claire Kramer 29 - Becky Ethington/Jim Moore
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Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776
 “The Lighthouse”

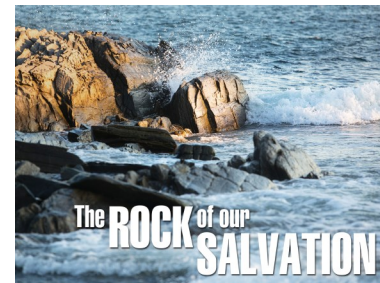


Every October, I watch the classic Halloween special, “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.” Every year, Charlie Brown puts on his ghost costume with all the extra eye holes claiming, “I had a little trouble with the scissors.” Every year while Linus waits for the Great Pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, Charlie Brown goes Trick-or-Treating with the rest his friends and every year the same thing happens. After each house, Charlie Brown’s friends inspect the candy they received. Lucy shares, “I got five pieces of

candy!” Violet pipes in, “I got a chocolate bar!” Patty adds, “I got a quarter!” But poor ole Charlie Brown depressively comments, “I got a rock.” At every house Charlie Brown gets a rock. I used to get so upset. How could anyone give a child, no matter how sad their costume, a rock for Halloween? That is just plain mean! Then, I got to thinking maybe we should all give out a “rock” to Trick-or-Treaters. I don’t mean an actual physical rock. And I don’t mean Dwayne Johnson. I mean “the rock of our salvation.” (2 Samuel 22:47) King David wrote of the Heavenly Father,

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2) So this Halloween let’s give out “the Rock.” Everyone, even those too old to Trick-or-Treat, needs the Rock! Because everyone needs the Lord!

Faithfully,
 Pastor Brian



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 Return Services Requested

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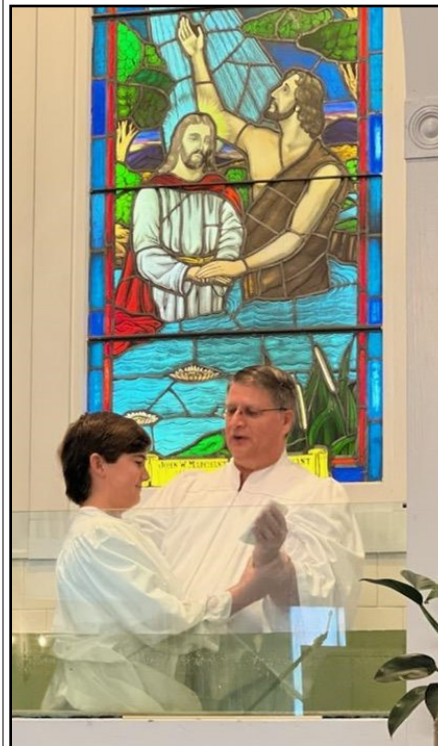
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SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 7th Zoo Trip
- ◆ 9th MTBA Prayer @New Friendship BC
- ◆ 9th Columbus Day
- ◆ 18th Business Meeting
- ◆ 21st Men’s breakfast
- ◆ 22nd MTBA Fall Mtg. @Beale Memorial BC
- ◆ 31st Trunk-or-Treat



The new 2024 budget will be discussed and voted on at the October 18, 2023 business meeting. The budget will be emailed again prior to the meeting & some paper copies are available at the entrances to worship. Please review the budget and plan to attend the meeting to vote on it.



Brandon Hubbard, son of Chris & Frannie Hubbard, was baptized Sun., Sept. 24, 2023.

TRUNK OR Treat

Monday, October 31
5:30-7 PM
@Mathews Baptist Church
8284 Buckley Hall Rd.
Hudgins, VA

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!



Orientation Class

**Sun., Oct. 22,
@ 10 AM in the
Multipurpose
Building**

Anyone interested in learning more about Mathews Baptist Church, the Baptist faith & how we function is invited to attend.



*October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month!*

*Be sure to take time to let
Pastor Brian know how very
much we love and appreciate
him and his family!*



MBC Children's Zoo Trip

Saturday, October 7, 2023



Meet at Church at 8:15 AM
Cost: \$10.00 for 2-11 years old
\$12.00 for 12 and up
Under 2 is free
(Bring Money for Lunch)

Forms in welcome area (complete and turn in by October 1).

Women's Missionary Union September 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 and 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 request of donations for **CareNet**. Sunday, October 1st will be the last day to drop off donations for this very worthy cause. WMU plans to take the church bus to CareNet in the near future to drop off all your generous items.

At our monthly meeting on September 12th, it was decided to invite Amy Ashberry to come speak at the 9 and 11 o'clock services, which she did on Sunday, September 24th. I'm sure that you will agree that her message was very powerful. After church, the WMU members took Amy out to lunch (see photo below). We already have Shoeboxes prepared for you to take home and fill for Operation Christmas Child. Those boxes need to be returned in early November.

Our next meeting will be held on October 10th. Nancy Gustafson has been invited to come speak to us about her experiences in missionary work. Come help us plan for the future. We welcome your input and prayers! If you have any questions, please call Donna Frantz at 804-384-2309.

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

Alma Hunt State Missions' Offering Goal was \$3,000.⁰⁰. As of 9/26/23 we have received: \$758.²⁵

Donna Frantz



WMU lunch with Amy Ashberry, (left to right) Debbie Harris, Joyce Downs, Amy Ashberry, Linda German, Joy Bowden, Janet Bowman and Karen Hudgins. Not pictured but present were Tee Mallon, Mary Johnson, and Dan and Donna Frantz



Please pray for...

- Eric Fritzius, Beth Lewis & Cathy Nelson all recovering from surgeries.
- Gilbert Haywood who was in the hospital last weekend with heart issues.

Homebound: Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Our love and sympathy go out to the family & friends of...

- Audrey Mitchem (Joyce Downs' sister) who passed away on Tues., Sept. 5, 2023.
- Marilyn "Ducky" Morgan (Joyce Downs' sister) who passed away on Mon., Sept. 25, 2023.
- Diane Burns (Lisa Brown's mother) who passed away on Wed., Sept. 27, 2023.

Those in long term care: Ed Haufler (Mathews); Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)
Our Church Families' Missionaries: Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigator)

Congratulations to...

- Brandon Hubbard who was baptized on Sun., Sept. 24, 2023.

Those who need our continued prayer:

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| • William Scott | Talbott | • Daniel West |
| • Leonard | • Sherry Inabinet | • Liam |
| • Pauline Barrick | • Ron Mallon | • Ellen Parkin |
| • Derek Zwiers | • Billy Bodurtha | • Bonnie Callis |
| • Don & Christy | • Homer Smith | • Raymond Harris |
| | • Karen Wiant | • Devon Spears |
| | • MHS | |

Church Attendance-Sept. '23

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
09/03/23	129	107	33
09/10/23	121	108	12
09/17/23	116	104	16
09/24/23	112	107	39

MTBA FALL Meeting

**Sun., Oct.
22, 2023
3:00 PM**

Beale Memorial Baptist Church

This year's
theme is
"Say Yes, to
the Nudge!"

Coming in Nov.:

- 5th—Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11th—Veteran's Day
- 20th—Shoebox deadline
- 23rd—Thanksgiving Day