

July 2023

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



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- 3 Keith Bradbury, Timmy Deagle, William Nelson, Jr., Archie Owens
 4 Trina Timberlake
 6 Katie Cuko
 8 Tommy Waddell
 9 Pauline Sears
 10 Kelsey Moore, Lori Ann Byns
 12 Holly Hanscom, Cathy B. Rowe
 13 Teresa Edmonds
 14 Joy Bowden, Ryan Ewell, Mike Myers, Lisa Owens
 15 Ingrid Condon, Teresa Sanger
 16 Chandler Brown
 17 Christopher Perreault, Tracey Sorey
 19 Linda Abrahamson, Patrick Carmine, Billy Davis, Andrew Hall
 22 Mary B. Wroten
 23 Sarah Beckley, William Callis, Mark Givens
 24 Beth Haywood, Dan Wahlers
 25 Kathy Diggs, Linda Trageser
 27 Joyce Downs, Timmy Rowe
 28 Becky Ethington, Diane Vogel
 29 Alyssa Bohannon, Brittany Cain
 30 Troy Bray, Bryce McCormick
 31 Myra Pollard, Carter Spiers, Larry Stewart

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

*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
2:30 PM Baptisms	3	4 Office closed. 	5	6	7	8
9:11:15 AM VBS planning meeting	10:07 PM Prayer gathering @St. Stephens BC	11:11 PM WMU mtg.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 1:30-7 PM @Ruritan Club 	19 6:30 PM Business meeting.	20	21	22
23 Guest preacher: Everett Hughes	24	25 10 AM Kinship Club meeting	26	27	28	29
30 Guest preacher: David Anthony Noon: Church picnic	31					



9:00 Nursery Schedule:
 2 - Bonnie & Claire Kramer
 9 - Pat Taylor/Megan Waddell/Addy Lowe
 16 - Delena Nelson/Cathy Nelson/Mary Beth Johnson
 23 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger
 30 - Pam Harrington/Alice Stewart

Counting committee for July:
 —Alice & Larry Stewart
Counting committee for August:
 —Bill & Cathy Nelson

Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776

“The Lighthouse”



God Bless America is a song written by Irving Berlin during World War I in 1918 and revised before World War II in 1938. It is a prayer to God to bless our nation. It starts off, “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free, let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.” This patriotic song reminds us to pray for our country. Let’s pray daily for our nation. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the Lord tells us to pray for the healing of our land. “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” This song goes on to pray, “God bless America.” The scripture tells us God will bless a nation that follows Him.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” (Psalm 33:12) The song continues, “Land that I love.” Do you love America? I know our nation has all kinds of problems, but there is no other nation in which I would rather live. I love living in America. The song petitions God to guide our nation. “Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.” Let’s pray that the Lord will guide our nation. Psalm 22:28 claims, “For the kingdom is the Lord’s, And He rules over the nations.” And let’s pray the leaders of our nation will seek the Heavenly Father. We are promised in Deuteronomy 4:29, “But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” My prayer is, “God bless America, My home sweet home.”
 Happy Independence Day!

Faithfully yours,
 Pastor Brian

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 Return Services Requested

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SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 2nd Baptisms
- ◆ 4th Independence Day; Church office closed
- ◆ 18th Blood Drive
- ◆ 19th Quarterly Business Meeting
- ◆ 30th Church picnic for Christmas in July



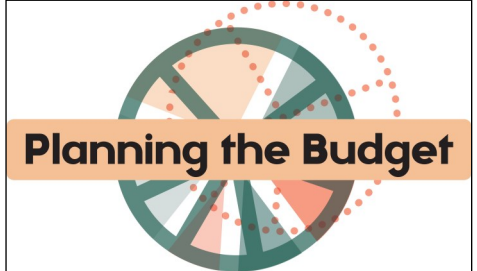
MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO...

ONE DAY ONLY! FAMILY STYLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 | 10:00AM - NOON

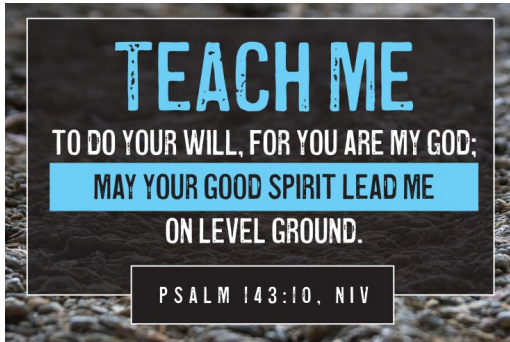
JOIN US FOR THIS SINGLE DAY VBS EVENT DESIGNED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! MOMS, DADS, GRANDMAS, GRANDPAS, GUARDIANS, SIBLINGS... BRING EVERYONE! EACH FAMILY UNIT WILL ROTATE THROUGH A BIBLE LESSON, A CRAFT, AND GAMES TOGETHER. EVERYTHING WILL BE FAMILY ORIENTED, AND **LUNCH IS PROVIDED!**

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN WILL BE FROM 9:45- 10:00.
Please call the church office for more information 804-725-3707



Planning the Budget

It's that time again! Time for making your budget requests for the 2024 church year. If your group or committee anticipates expenses in 2024, please pick up a budget request form from the church office and complete it and return to the office by Sunday, August 6. Thanks!



TEACH ME
TO DO YOUR WILL, FOR YOU ARE MY GOD;
MAY YOUR GOOD SPIRIT LEAD ME
ON LEVEL GROUND.
PSALM 143:10, NIV



Baptisms on the Piankatank River on Sunday, July 2, 2023.

Front row from left: Bentlea Lawrence, Sharon Morgan, Karen Hudgins, Lincoln Johnson, Ellen Parkin, & Terry Johnson;

Back row from left: Nancy Rowe, Debbie Myers, Rev. Brian Kramer, & Lincoln Johnson

MISSION NEWS

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 supporting our drive to support Hands Across Mathews with non-perishable foods, personal care items, baby care items and even pet supplies. We received a very heart-felt letter from Hands Across Mathews for the more than 5 car loads of supplies that have been donated over the past couple of months. We continue to ask you to add **Hands Across Mathews** to your grocery list and pick up one item weekly for them.

On July 30th we invite the church to attend our **Christmas in July** lunch at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We ask you to bring either a side dish or dessert. We will be supplying fried chicken as the main dish. We will also be collecting school supplies for our local students for school which starts in September. A list of needed supplies can be found in the weekly bulletin.

At our monthly meeting on June 13th we welcomed several ladies interested in

learning more about WMU and possibly joining us. 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 on July 11th. Come help us plan for the future. We welcome your input and prayers!

Also attending the June meeting was Ann South. We have been collecting yarn for her for several years. She uses it to knit blankets and hats for cancer patients. She shared with us some of her creations. She has made hundreds of items over the years. At one time there was a whole group of ladies working with her, but now she is on her own. If there are any ladies out there who would be interested in knitting, crocheting or even quilting blankets and or hats, please let us know.

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.

Donna Frantz & Judy Lowe
WMU Directors

Church Attendance June 2023

DATE	9:00	10:00	11:00
6/04/23	135	113	25
6/11/23	105	104	18
6/18/23	129	98	22
6/25/23	127	98	24



Please pray for...
† Our nation and our government leaders.

Praise God for...
† Steve Taylor who is doing great from his back surgery.

Prayer Requests
† For His healing power with the Ramer's daughter-in-law Paige who is home now and can walk by herself and is so much better than what her prognosis was at the start. She still has a ways to go, but she is living proof of the power of prayer & God's healing power!! Thank you all!

† Another example of a miracle & the power of prayer is that Billy Bodurtha was scheduled to come home this weekend to stay. He also has further recovery ahead but he has come such a long way since last Dec. Everyone's prayers have been and are appreciated more than you know!

† Those who were baptized this month.

Those in long term care...

† Ed Haufler (Mathews Conv. Ctr.); Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

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

Those who need our continued prayer:

† Leonard Downs, Jr. † Don & Christy Talbott
† Pauline Barrick † Mathews High School
† Timmy Forrest † Daniel West
† Sherry Inabinet † William S. Smith
† Derek Zwiers † Raymond Harris
† Sherry Inabinet † Karen Wiant
† Liam (Neiman's 6 yr. old cousin)
† Diane Vogel

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

† Susan & Mike Mangerchine

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

† Darla Sutton at the passing of her son Ed on 6/15.

† Gloria Haywood who passed away on 6/12.



Tues., July 18
1:30-7 p.m.

at
Piankatank Ruritan Club

Go to
www.redcrossblood.org/ to make an appointment.



Wednesday,

July 19,

2023

6:30 PM

Quarterly

Business

Meeting

Coming in August

TBA: Wipe Out

6th: Budget requests due

12th: Family style VBS