Mathews Baptist Church, "The Lighthouse"

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Mon

Sun

December 2023

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sat

8 6-9 PM Journey to Bethlehem @Camp Piankatank INTERNATIONAL

7 6 PM Exercise

9

4 6 PM Exercise

5 12:30-6 PM Blood Drive 1 PM WMU mtg. 6:30 PM Bible study

OF PRAYER

12 Kandace Curko,
Rosemary Gayle
13 Lorna Eriksen, Will
Harrington, Jeanette Immel Bain,
Dawn Miller
14 Alene Cofer, Naomi Sutton
15 Mikel Garrett, Dale Mitchem,
Hannah Yarkey
16 Jeff Inmel

186 PM Exercise

103 PM C Concert @Central UMC

28 6 PM Exercise

247 PM Ca

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):
3 - Glenda Ramer/Elizabeth Moore
10 - Nikki Spiers/Claire Kramer
17 - Becky Ethington/James Moore
24 - Megan Waddell/Addy Lowe
31 - Amanda Kemp/

:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):
3 - Katie Haywood/Stephanie Anthony
0 - Delena Nelson/Bonnie Kramer
7 - Cathy Rowe/Hannah Yarkey
4 - Nikki Pollard/Mary Beth Johnson
1 - Pat Taylor/Hailey Denkinger

3 - F 10 - I 17 - C 24 - D 31 - F

January:

Counting committee for—Bill & Cathy Nelson

Counting committee for December:
—Alice & Larry Stewart

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SPECIAL DATES

- ♦ 3rd-10th Wk of Prayer— International Missions
- ♦ 3rd 1st Sun. of Advent; Christmas Program
- ♦ 5th Blood Drive
- ♦ 8th Christmas Celebration in Mathews
- ♦ 8-9th Journey to Bethlehem @Camp Piankatank
- ♦ 9th Christmas Parade
- ♦ 10th 2nd Sun. of Advent
- ♦ 16th Men's Breakfast
- ♦ 17th 3rd Sun. of Advent; Children's Caroling Event Youth Christmas Party; Scholarship deadline
- ♦ 24th 4th Sun. of Advent; Christmas Eve Service
- ♦ 25th Christmas Day
- ♦31st New Year's Eve

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> Brian E. Kramer, Pastor ❖ P.O. Box 8, 8284 Buckley Hall Rd., Hudgins, VA

7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary.



Want a way to show love to your MBC family and to God's children throughout the world? Send your Christmas cards to your church family through our **MBC** Christmas mailbox and enhance your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gift with the money you save in card postage.

Mailboxes are

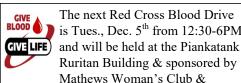
located at entrance

of sanctuary and

multipurpose

building.





American Legion Post 83. Appointments can be made by going to redcrossblood.org or by calling 804-725-2485. Come out & give the gift of life at Christmas time!

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Scholarships College scholarship applications for the spring semester are

available on the counter in the welcome area. Completed applications are due back no later than Sun., Dec. 17. If you have any questions, contact Phil Putnam at 804-815-3564.

Remember to pick up your 2024 offering envelopes in your classroom or entryway to worship. If there aren't envelopes for you & you would like





Please pray for...

†Israel and all those affected by war and conflicts throughout the world.

†Kathy Heath who is still in the hospital but hoping to go to a rehab facility soon, Cathie Wahlers & Homer Smith who are both recovering from surgery.

†Our international missionaries.

Long term care...

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

Our love & sympathy go out to...

†Floyd & Jean Ward at the passing of their sons, Gary on Tues., Oct. 10 and Kenneth Wayne on Sun., Nov. 12.

†Joyce & William Callis at the passing of Joyce's niece Connie Field.

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

Those who need our continued prayers...

†Derek Zwiers †Mathews High School †Sherry Inabinet †Pauline Barrick †Daniel West

†Bonnie Callis †Leonard Downs, Jr. †William S. Smith †Don & Christy Talbott †Liam (Neiman's cousin)

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

†Mike & Susan Mangerchine (Navigators) †Abbie Kramer (Baptist Collegiate Ministry) †Raymond Harris

†Karen Wiant †Ellen Parkin

†Peyton Arthur †Taylor Jacobs & family

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Mission News

What our WMU aims 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 of donations for CareNet. We loaded up the church van and delivered all your gracious donations on November 2nd.

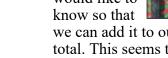


Our bus driver, Pastor Brian



We also celebrated **Operation Christmas Child** last month when we delivered 90

filled shoeboxes to Amy Ashberry's Shoebox Mobile. If you delivered a box directly to the school bus, we would like to know so that



we can add it to our total. This seems to be a record number

for us. In total, Amy's bus carried 4,760 shoeboxes this year. In the last 3 years she has collected 10,764 boxes.



From left: Donna Frantz. Christy Brown & Judy Lowe

Nancy Gustafson gave a very inspiring testimony at our November meeting about how to pray for the persecuted church and how we can glorify God by enjoying Him forever. We all should submit to God in order for Him to bring more of His presence on earth. We should pray that those persecuted endure and not deny God. Points Nancy made included: suffering purifies us, we need to keep an eternal focus, our purpose is to glorify God, suffering awakens others out of indifference when they see God in us, and it manifests the supremacy of Christ.

Our next meeting will be held on December 5th, a week early so that we can prepare for our December and January projects. Come help us plan for the future. We welcome your input and prayers!

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. If you decide to come, please let us know ahead of time, as sometimes our schedule changes due to Covid issues at the Nursing Home and unavailability of our pianist. If there is anyone out there with the gift of playing the piano and would like to take part, please let us know, as that is one of our challenges right now.

For questions or comments, contact Donna Frantz at 804-384-2309.



Our Lottie Moon Offering goal this year is \$7,500 As of 11/26 we have collected: \$240.00. The Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 3-10. Look for a prayer guide in your bulletin on December 3.

Jo	urney to Bethle	hem
	December 8th and 9	th.
Come experience	брт - 9рт	
Bethlehem by hayride then warm up	at Camp Piankatank	
around the fire with a visit to the reflection	1586 Stamper's Bay Road	
area with hot cocoal	Hartfield 23071	日本の発展日
Free event but you	must register, click here	
		A TOTAL OF

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
11/05/23	125	135	20
11/12/23	114	114	25
11/19/23	130	118	32
11/26/23	119	95	22

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Christmas Carolers Needed:

On Fri., Dec. 8, businesses in downtown Mathews will be open & lit up for Christmas. Refreshments will be served & a tree lighting at 8 PM. The Bay School is looking for volunteers to sing Christmas carols & hymns on the street & possibly stroll around the town singing. Anyone interested in taking part is asked to contact Jeannine Johnson (804-620-7617) or email her at shn jhnsn@yah oo.com or call the church office (804-725-3707).



Merry