



THE WORD

Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist Church

May 2018

OUT OF MY MIND

On May 9, 1841, 12 women and 4 men felt led by the Holy Spirit to organize, for the first time, a Baptist church in Lexington. That church eventually came to be known as the Manly Memorial Baptist Church. For 177 years, God has faithfully used the members of MMBC to share the love of Jesus Christ with countless people not only in the Lexington/Rockbridge County area, but all around the world.

On Founders' Day we will celebrate the ways that God has blessed us in the past, will call to mind many of those departed saints who God has used to impact our lives, and will challenge ourselves to follow their faithful example as we walk with God into the future. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together, reminding ourselves that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses." (Hebrews 12:1) We will then enjoy a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall (the church will supply the meat and the beverages).

The Stewardship Committee has set an offering goal of \$3,000 that will go towards renovating the choir room with fresh paint and new carpet. We hope that you will prayerfully consider giving to this project. Any money received above the cost of that project will be applied to the Maintenance Reserve Fund.

So invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us on Founder's Day, **Sunday, May 6th**, as we celebrate not only our 177th Anniversary, but the history and hope we have as a congregation of God's people in this community.

Your Pastor,
Mike



May 2nd
Effie Wallace
(Fried chicken,
mashed potatoes with
gravy & fruit salad)

May 9th Mission Fundraiser Meal & Bake Sale

Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni
salad, baked beans & banana
pudding)

May 16th
Brian Kave & Friends



We began our cakes and casseroles ministry in January 2012, and since that time our team has prepared over 500 cakes for the Community Table and over 1,000 casseroles for our members to distribute with the congregation and community. Thanks to all who have contributed and especially to the faithful workers who have gotten up early on Saturday mornings to have fun in the kitchen! Help is always welcomed and appreciated.

Our next meeting will be
Saturday, May 12th at 9 am.



A special called business meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16th at 6:15 pm**, to receive and vote upon the semiannual report of the Nominating Committee.



The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 28th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

May 6th - Carole Berger
May 13th - Loretta Ballard
May 20th - Barbara Heckman
May 27th - Carole Berger

HALL WATCH

May 6th - David Campbell
May 13th - David Moore
May 20th - John Wranek
May 27th - Jimmy Crowder

OFFERTORY PRAYER

May 6th - Mike Bozeman
May 13th - Youth
May 20th - Dale Raymond
May 27th - Linda Hooks

BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 6th - Robyn Sherman & Sherry Baucom
May 13th - Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield
May 20th - Debbie Fox & Beverly Shotwell
May 27th - Robyn Sherman & Barbara Cash

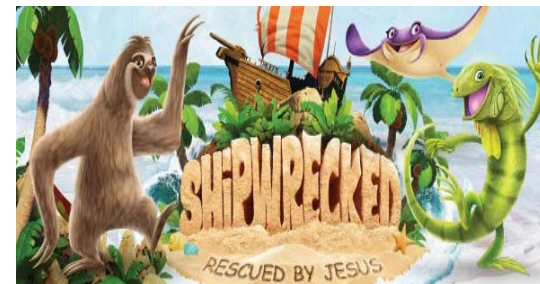
WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 6th - Cathy Wranek & Patsy Williamson
May 13th - Deborah Caylor & Carole Judy
May 20th - Sharon Martin & Carole Berger
May 27th - Molly Kay Moore



8th Curtis & Deborah
Caylor

If you have a birthday
or anniversary coming up,
please share it with us!



story, preparing a snack, helping with crafts, music or recreation).
Please contact Beverly Saunders (460-0409) for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year our Vacation Bible School will be **Sunday, July 30th thru Thursday, August 3rd**. Children will enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and dinner. Please mark your calendars and be in prayer as to how you can help out (leading a group, teaching a Bible



- 1st Scott Berger
- 4th Larry Bond
- 5th Johnna Gittemeier
- 6th Thomas Smals
- Curtis Moore
- 9th Fred Vaughan
- 10th Lucy Wilkins
- 14th Harry Carter, Jr.
- 21st Jerri Keen
- 24th Lannie Ballard
- 25th Jimmy Crowder
- 26th Annalee Jones
- Margaret Vest
- 27th Carol Kirby
- Sam Benke
- 30th Curtis Caylor
- 31st Linda Bond



Thanks to all who made women's day possible--Lucy Wilkins for music, ushers Carole Judy, Linda Bond, Molly Kay Moore, Loretta Ballard, Patsy Williamson, Jan Meador and Jennifer Fuller-Spears for her solo. Thanks to all the others who helped in some way. Rev. Lynn Litchfield delivered a powerful message and we were all moved by what she brought to us.

Thanks also to Bobbie Cash and all who participated in the April project of cookies for Central and Mountain View Elementary Schools during SOL's. We have heard from many how much they appreciate the treats.

Our project for May will be a tea for the residents of Lexington House on **Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 pm**. We will need some snacks (sandwiches and sweet treats) so if you would like to help please contact Patsy Paxton (463-4618). We also continue with our project to sew pillowcases for Standing Rock Reservation.

If, at any time, you would like to participate in some of our activities please contact one of our leaders or the church office.

MMBC ENDOWMENT FUND

"Baptists have always had generous hearts. The Virginia Baptist Foundation lives to support that, helping ministries and individuals grow and distribute charitable funds." So begins the mission statement for the Virginia Baptist Foundation (VBF), which invests the funds held by the MMBC Endowment Fund. Founded in 1923, the VBF currently manages about \$130 million total in funding for churches, scholarships, and individuals from across the Commonwealth of Virginia. You can read annual reports of the VBF and the quarterly VBF *Imagine Magazine* online at vbfinc.org.

Through the VBF, the MMBC Endowment Fund Board of Directors chooses the fund allocations, receives reports, and monitors the church's investments. Church members may contact any Endowment Fund Director, Linda Hooks, Cathy Wranek, Deborah Caylor, Sharon Grist, Jan Meador, or Justin Spears, with any questions or for more information on giving.



Our meeting on April 24th had to be cancelled but we continue to work on fund raising projects for our trip to Nickelsville, VA. The youth finished their butter braid bread sales and held a car wash on April 28th. Our fellowship dinner of **May 9th** will be in support of the trip. We will have a bake sale in conjunction with that meal.



Our yard sale has been moved to **Saturday, June 2nd**. Donations will be accepted in fellowship hall **after the last meal on May 16th**. **No clothes please.** We will also have a bake sale with the yard sale. If you would like to contribute to either of the bake sales donations will be greatly appreciated.

There is still room for more volunteers so contact Lannie Ballard (291-2538) or Patsy Paxton (463-4618) if you are interested.



Children's coloring ministry

Under the direction of Beverly Saunders, our children have been busy making cards to accompany the casseroles that you take to folks. This small gesture involves the children in the casserole ministry, and helps them understand how to have a 'caring' attitude. Their artwork is clipped to the clipboard by the freezer where you sign out casseroles. Help yourself if you feel the recipient of the casserole would enjoy the children's artwork.

The Promising Future of Small Churches

Jan Meador, Pastor Mike Wilkins and I attended the conference on Saturday, April 21st in Crozet. Lots of good information, and lots of attendees! Churches in Virginia are obviously trying to find ways to keep their churches vibrant.

Here are a couple of quotes I thought were noteworthy: A church should 'help people find life's meaning through Jesus'. And, one of the 5 questions every church should ask themselves is, "Where is the love of Jesus needed in a community?" The speaker, Chuck Warnock expanded on these thoughts (and many more) and it was very insightful.
- Alysyan Raymond



We had lunch at Pink Cadillac Restaurant on April 19th. Plans were discussed for the fall trip to Lancaster, PA to see the production of "Jesus" on **Monday, October 8th**. See Carol Kirby for additional information. On **Thursday, May 17th at 5:30 pm** the JOY Group is invited to Patsy & Roger Williamson's home (822 Glasgow Hwy, Buena Vista) for a cookout and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



DURING THE MONTH OF MAY WE ARE HIGHLIGHTING :

Building & Grounds

David Campbell, Bucky Joyce, Gary Judy, Tony Muterspaw and Earl Reed

Kitchen Committee

Loretta Ballard, Deborah Caylor, Brenda Grose, Jan Meador, Patsy Paxton and Jill Straub

Ushers

Lannie Ballard, Mike Bozeman, David Campbell, Noah Campbell, Glenn Furr, Gary Judy, David Moore, Peyton Rochelle, Bruce Saunders, Joel Snow and Evan Wranek



Your Relay team, Lighthouse Youth Ministries of Manly Memorial, volunteer with Relay for Life because we know it makes a difference. Some of the programs that are funded with the money raised are Hope Lodge, I Can Cope, Look Good ... Feel Better, Man to Man, Reach to Recovery, Road to Recovery, Breast Cancer Network, and Cancer Survivors Network. We have people in our church that volunteer with some of these programs in order to help newly diagnosed cancer individuals.

This year the ACS Relay for Life of Rockbridge will take place at **Maury River Middle School** (INSIDE, so it will take place rain or shine!) beginning at **3:00 pm on Saturday, May 12th**. So come by and see what each team has to offer in the way of food and entertainment!

If you would like to donate a luminary in memory of or in honor of someone, the forms are located on the shelf next to the church office and in the fellowship hall through **Sunday, May 6th**. You can also contact Curtis or Deborah Caylor (460-4060 or cwcaylor@comcast.net). **The cost is \$10.00 (tax-deductible) and checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society.**

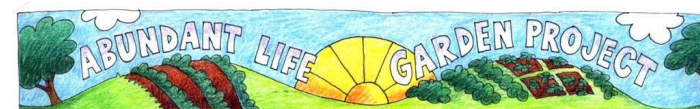
HELP US CELEBRATE

Margaret Vest will celebrate her 95th birthday on **Saturday, May 26th**. We encourage you to take time to send her a birthday card. Her address is 405 Arpia Street, Lexington, VA. 24450.



Join us on **Sunday, May 13th** for Youth Sunday when our youth will lead the worship service.

The youth will hold a donation car wash on **Saturday, May 19th, from 9 am till noon** in the Advance Auto Parts parking lot. Please bring your car by to be washed. These teens are working so hard to raise money for the mission trip and share the love of Jesus with others!



Manly has been invited to participate in a Community VBS program this summer sponsored by the downtown churches. It will be held **June 4th - 8th from 9 am till noon at Lexington Presbyterian Church**. We need volunteers from Manly to help lead children to activities, set up snack and teach a craft. Please contact Alysyan Raymond (804-647-3727) for more information or to help out!



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM

May 6th "Together" with Molly Kay Moore Together we are better!

If you have ever been a part of a really good team, then you know just how important it is to work together. But sports teams aren't the only groups of people who can benefit from working together. This week, we will discover how much better we—a group of believers called the church—can be when we decide to work together!

May 13th "Together" with John Wranek Together we are braver!

Some things in life are just better with friends by your side, and following Jesus is no exception! But when it comes to faith, we sometimes hesitate to let others in. But as we look at the way the leaders of the early church lived out their faith, we will see that we can be braver and bolder when we are in it together!

May 20th "Together" with Thomas Smals Together we have a bigger impact!

One of the best things about being a part of a church is the potential we have to make an impact. Yet oftentimes we miss out on that opportunity because we show up to church only looking to be impacted ourselves. This week, we will learn that when we shift our focus and work together, we can make a lasting impact on the world around us!

May 27th "Into The Wild" with Laura Jones You don't know the significance of your steps!

Stepping out into the wild can be a scary, nerve-racking, experience, and following God can sometimes feel the same way. But as we look at what happened when God called Abraham into the wild, we will discover that those steps have the potential to take us to the greatest, most exciting places!



Saturday, May 5th 1:00 pm
Youth Hike (Roaring Run Falls & Furnace Trail) & Dinner (Cucci's in Covington)
(RSVP with Molly Kay by May 2nd for transportation)
(Youth need to bring \$ for dinner)

Saturday, May 12th 3:00 pm
Relay For Life (Maury River Middle School)

Sunday, May 13th
Youth Sunday
(Youth lead the worship service)

Saturday, May 19th 9:00 am
Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser (Advance Auto)

Wednesday, May 30th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Summer Kick-Off (Ben Salem Wayside)
Devotional, Dinner, Swimming & Fishing (Bring your gear)