



THE WORD

July 2020 Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist



Worship Continues Online

The Deacons met on Tuesday evening, June 30, and decided after much prayer, for us to continue to worship online for the foreseeable future.

Please know that this was not a decision that was made lightly. Though they recognized the desire to return to physically worshipping together, they felt that to do so now, with the rising rates of infection not only in our area but across the country, was too great a risk to take.

They will continue to monitor the rates of infection in the days ahead and will revisit their decision when they feel that the church family can safely physically regather.

Until then we hope that you will continue to watch Pastor Mike's Sunday sermons, Wednesday's Encouraging Words, and Alysyan Raymond's hymns, as they are posted.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact your family deacon or the church office.

OUT OF MY MIND

Summer is here and with it has come the higher temperatures that we typically associate with summers in Virginia. Even with the mountains all around us, we still experience the "lazy, hazy days of summer." We may tell ourselves "it's not the heat, it's the humidity!" but that is little comfort when it's feeling so oppressively hot.

So what do you do to deal with the heat when it arrives? Do you turn your air conditioner down another degree or two, or sit a bit closer to the fan? Do you stick your feet in a creek, jump in the river or splash in a pool? Perhaps you add an extra ice cube to your lemonade or ice tea, or an extra scoop of ice cream into your bowl. Whatever you do, I hope it brings the relief from the heat you seek

Reflecting on the summer heat, a friend of mine, Skip Irby, who is a retired pastor, wrote these words in his church's newsletter several years ago:

"Isn't it curious how something that we can't see (heat, humidity) can affect our lives so decisively?! But hasn't that always been the case? We can't see greed, envy, pride, prejudice, lust, indifference, or divided loyalties, but they can affect our lives as decisively as the heat and may even be more oppressive. So when the heat bears down on you this summer, look in your life and see what other invisible force is wearing you down. And then seek out Christ and His Church to help you get relief."

I pray that God will grant you relief from whatever oppresses you this summer.

Your Pastor,
Mike



Item of the month for July is peanut butter. Please drop all donations off at RARA (350 Spotswood Drive, Lexington). Thank you!



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Daily BIBLE READING

July 6 – Psalm 21
July 7 – Psalm 22: 1 – 18
July 8 – Psalm 22: 19 – 31
July 9 – Psalm 23
July 10 – Psalm 24

July 13 – Psalm 25: 1 – 7
July 14 – Psalm 25: 8- 15
July 15 – Psalm 25: 16 – 22
July 16 – Psalm 26
July 17 – Psalm 27:1 – 6

July 20 – Psalm 27: 7- 14
July 21 – Psalm 28
July 22 – Psalm 29
July 23 – Psalm 30
July 24 – Psalm 31:1 – 8

July 27 – Psalm 31: 9 – 15
July 28 – Psalm 31: 16- 24
July 29 – Psalm 32
July 30 – Psalm 33:1 – 11
July 31 – Psalm 33: 12 - 22



- 6 Wayne & Janice Oyler
- 10 Robbie & Molly Kay Moore
- 12 Glenn & Carol Furr
- 31 Clyde & Jerri Keen

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



- 1 Tal Gibbs
- 3 Will Gibbs
- 11 Andy Grose
- 14 Sherry Baucom
- 18 Katlyn Smals
- 22 Christie Huger
- 23 Shirley Snow
- 27 Loretta Ballard



For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need. Acts 4:34-35

During these extraordinary times, we ask that you please continue to give to our church. It's very important that we remain steadfast in this area, even though we are not meeting together, in order to sustain our budget, pay our staff, and maintain our building.

You can continue your support for the church in several ways: mail your offering envelope to the church; designate the church to receive automatic transfers from your local bank; or click on the Give button on Manly's website, www.manlybaptist.com, and follow the directions on how to use Paypal.

We certainly understand that some people are not able to give or give as much right now due to the COVID-19 situation. If you have financial or other needs, please let Pastor Mike or the church office know how we might help.

John Wranek



"As you know the Community Table has not been operating since the first of March and they have been working on a way that they could furnish a meal on Monday nights, at least occasionally. I received an email this week stating that **they are planning on a drive thru meal on Monday, July 20** where they would hand our packaged meals for people to take home to eat.

They have asked if Manly could furnish brownies or cookies to go with the meal. As the cake and casserole ministry has not reconvened I am asking anyone who would like to participate in this project by donating 12 large brownies or 3 dozen cookies to please call me at 463-4618 and leave a message if I am not home.

Please have all brownies or cookies to me by Saturday, July 18. A couple of ladies have agreed to meet with masks and social distancing to package the items in zip lock bags and then arrange delivery to the Table. This will be our first project since early March so let's make it a success!

Thanks, Patsy Paxton



**Join us for Compassion Camp VBS 2020:
Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You! July 13-16**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial Baptist and Trinity United Methodist Churches are hosting a completely **virtual Vacation Bible School July 13-16.**

The theme is Compassion: for others, for ourselves, and for the world. **We will start each day at 9 am with a 30 minute interactive ZOOM meeting that will feature Music, Prayer and Storytime.** Don't worry, we will record the opening ZOOM session daily and place it on our special Compassion Camp VBS 2020 Facebook page along with other daily interactive video presentations.

This event is FREE, and we would love for you to join us, wherever you are! **Register at <https://smassie.wufoo.com/forms/join-us-for-compassion-camp-vbs-2020/> by Saturday, July 11 at 12:00 pm.** We are excited about our At Home/Virtual VBS where kids and families can explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world.

Because of the copyright on the VBS material, we will not be sharing VBS content in public posts on Facebook or websites. Instead, we will be sharing VBS content via a group email as well as a closed Facebook group for participants. Participants can also share photos & videos of their VBS experiences in the closed Facebook group.

A family packet, with short readings and reflections along with simple activities using basic materials found at home and printed coloring posters, **will be available for pickup on Sunday, July 12 after 2:00 pm.** Packets will be labeled with each family's name and will be placed on the side porch near the Preston Street entrance.



**Sunday, July 5 will be Pastor Mike Wilkins
18th Anniversary with Manly Memorial!**

Take time this month to bless our pastor and his wife with prayer, Bible verses, and actions of appreciation such as phone calls, texts, emails, cards and gifts.

Lets show them just how much we love and appreciate all they do for our Manly Memorial family!



Parents and children,

I hope that you all are staying well and safe during this time. With not knowing what the future will hold in regards to us being back together soon, I want to invite you to join in on a video series that should be starting up very soon. This video series will be a time where you and your child can interact with me through stories, crafts, and interactive lessons that all shine light on life lessons children may be needing in this time of uncertainty.

I encourage you to partake in this opportunity to worship with your child as this can be a stepping stone for that bigger conversation. Whether that be between you and your child or your child and Jesus. We must continue to guide them through what can be a scary time for them as well, while letting them know there are so many people willing to listen to their concerns, including them going to God for guidance.

I continue to lift up you and your children in my thoughts and prayers daily. God willing, we will be back together again soon, as I'm missing those smiling faces on Sunday mornings. If there is anything I can do for you or your child, please feel free to reach out!

Katlyn Smals



During the month of July we will begin a new series "Love/Hate". We all have a tendency to hate on others. We can be pretty quick to judge. In a lot of ways, we thrive on it! Because we live in a world that loves to hate. The problem? We were made for a different kind of world—a world designed for love, not hate. But loving others isn't always easy. How do we love people who drive us crazy? How do we tell someone the truth without sounding like a hater? How do we love the unlovable? In this series, we will explore what it looks like to lead with love rather than judgement and make a move toward landing on the right side of the line between love and hate!

Sunday, July 12 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Dinner, Bible Study & Painting Encouragement Rocks
(Location TBA)

Sunday, July 19 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Dinner, Bible Study & Swimming
(Boatlock/Ben Salem Wayside)

Saturday, July 25 (5 pm) - Sunday, July 26
Camping, Dinner, Bible Study, Bonfire and Breakfast
(Location TBA)



I hope you all have been enjoying the beautiful hymns and messages on social media! I have several ideas for the coming summer months, and I would love to get your involvement.

If you are interested in participating in any of these, please feel free to reach out to me on:
My Church email account:
erica.turman@manlybaptist.com,
the Church's Facebook via messenger or
the Church's Instagram via direct messaging.

First, Katlyn Smals will have Children's Ministry videos coming soon that will be featured on social, be on the lookout for those!

The Church will have a Spotify playlist that I will share with you all sometime in mid-July, are there worship songs you would like to have on the playlist? In addition to songs from Alysian's hymns, I would like to include your favorite worship songs! Feel free to let me know!

I know many of you have powerful testimonies, and if you felt comfortable sharing those, either via video or text, I would love to share that on Facebook and Instagram. I think sharing our testimonies is a great way to encourage people to come to Christ.

Lastly, I know you all are doing fantastic work for the Church and the community. If you would like to take over the Church's Instagram for a day or even a week, please let me know. I think that would be a fun way to see what our members are up to now that we don't see each other as often! You would not just have to post about Church activities; you can also show us what you are doing in your personal life that glorifies God and things that are a blessing to you! I plan to do one sometime the first week of July of myself, so if you follow our Instagram account, please feel free to check it out and let me know if you are interested.

You can see all of our videos on YouTube and the website. If you missed anything on Facebook, not to worry, we archive the videos in both places!

Stay well, and may God bless!
Erica Turman