



THE WORD

June 2019 Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist

OUT OF MY MIND

You may have noticed that Lucy and I are looking a bit more tired than usual lately. It's because we've been keeping our four year old granddaughter Lucy June for two weeks! While we are truly blessed to have this opportunity to have some extended time with her, her high octane energy level keeps us on the move!

She is so full of joy, curiosity, wonder and excitement about everything and it makes me realize how much I take this miracle of life for granted. Too often I allow myself to settle into a routine, that quickly becomes a rut of the same old, same old, and I fail to appreciate the amazing gift that God intends for life to be. Lucy June is constantly pointing out things I take for granted – whether cows, birds, planes, snails, or flowers. When I push to move on to the next task she says “Come look Ba Ba (this is the name all of our grandchildren call me), you have to look!” And at her invitation I come over to look and am reminded again of the wonder that God places all around us if we will only stop and look.

I am also amazed at the level of trust she puts in me and Lucy. She absolutely trusts us to take care of her, to get her where she needs to go, and to see to it that all of her needs are met. There is no doubt in her mind that we will do what we say we will do and that we will be there for her.

Maybe these are some of the reasons that Jesus said “...unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18: 3)

As God's children we need to recover our trust that he will do what he has said he will do, for God keeps his promises. We need to rest more in the assurance that God will take care of us and provide us what we need most. We need to rediscover our sense of joy at God's marvelous gift of life. Yes, as adults we are well aware of the hurt and heartache that life can bring, but we shouldn't let that blind us to the fact that God generously supplies abundant reasons for joy and delight if we will but look for them. Wherever God is, there is hope.

My prayer for each of us is that we might reclaim a bit of the child like faith that Christ intends for us to have, along with its accompanying excitement, energy and wonder.

Your Pastor,
Mike

Sunday, June 2 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, children (K-5 grade) are invited to the Lexington Fire Department. We will deliver cookies to our local first responders while also receiving a tour of the fire station and trucks. Any donation of cookies would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office. **Please contact Katlyn Bradley (children@manlybaptist.com) for more information.**



CAKE & CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Join us **Saturday, June 8th at 9:00 am** for a time of fellowship preparing cakes for the Community Table and casseroles for those in our church and community.

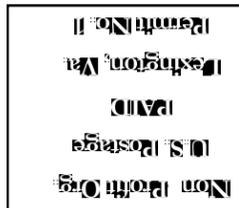


Item of the month for June is macaroni & cheese. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them in the box outside of the choir room. Thank you!



The Adult Choir will be off the month of July for their summer break. If you would like to join the choir this coming year, please contact Lucy Wilkins (lwilkins@ulu.edu) and join us in August.

Pentecost **Sunday, June 9**, will be a special time of worship. The Praise Band will be playing and the Adult Choir will also be singing. Be sure to be here to remember the birthday of the Christian church.



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BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

- June 2 - Phyllis Puckett
- June 9 - Barbara Heckman
- June 16 - Loretta Ballard
- June 23 - Phyllis Puckett
- June 30 - Barbara Heckman

HALL WATCH

- June 2 - Rolf Piranian
- June 9 - Jimmy Crowder
- June 16 - Bucky Joyce
- June 23 - Mike Bozeman
- June 30 - Gary Judy

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- June 2 - Larry Bond
- June 9 - Barbara Cash
- June 16 - Rick Lollis
- June 23 - Lee Higgins
- June 30 - Roger Williamson

WORSHIP NUSERY

- June 2 - Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor
- June 9 - Patsy Williamson & Wendy Higgins
- June 16 - Sharon Martin & Maggie Moore
- June 23 - Linda Bond & Will Wranek
- June 30 - Loretta Ballard & Brenda Grose



- 2 Beth & Rick Lollis
- 6 Debbie & Bill Fox
- 14 Priscilla & Don Jamison
- 15 Alysan & Dale Raymond
- 16 Carol & Gary Judy
- 17 Pastor Mike & Lucy Wilkins
- Robyn & Wesley Sherman
- 20 Beverly & Bruce Saunders
- 25 Anita & Rick Cruze
- 30 Lee & Jerry Higgins



- 1 Isabelle Huger
- 3 Deborah Pruett
- 6 Cathy Wranek
- 10 Ryan Cruze
- 12 Enna Mae Newbolt
- 13 Peggy Lewis
- Mary Carol Moore
- 14 Joe Grist
- Will Wranek
- 15 Justin Spears
- 16 Glenn Furr
- 19 Emma Hartbarger
- 22 Pastor Mike Wilkins
- 26 Margaret Kirkland



Thanks to everyone who participated in our May projects. Barbara Cash delivered cookies to the teachers at Central and Maury River Elementary for the teachers during SOL testing. They were greatly appreciated. One of our June projects has been completed. 60 re-usable grocery bags have been delivered to Richmond to go the Standing Rock Reservation. Thanks to Kroger for donating 40 bags and to Rhonda Pedigo for delivering them to Richmond.

Another June project will be serving at the Community Table on **Monday, June 3 at 5:30 pm**. Lucy Wilkins is in charge of this project so please contact her if you would like to help.

Starting **now and running thru August 11** we will be collecting school supplies for a couple of our local schools. There is such a great need in our area so please be generous with your donations. We will divide supplies among Central, Mountain View and Natural Bridge Elementary. When Wal-Mart puts out their supplies, they also have lists of needed items that you can check to see what is needed most.

Our quarterly WMU meeting will be held on **Monday, June 10 at 5:15 pm in the choir room**. Our speaker will be Ms. Tasha Walsh, Executive Director of Rockbridge Area Hospice. Anyone who is interested in learning more about hospice if invited to attend.

Also, at our meeting, we will be discussing officers and projects for next year, the Rockbridge Community Festival and our July and August projects. Please join us and become a part of our mission experiences.

Deacon Ministry



You may have noticed that the deacons have implemented several ideas related to our ongoing discussion of the *Scrappy Church* book. We soon will be distributing paper goods to people at the food pantry and we are exploring a monthly family event for the fall. The Building and Grounds Committee has offered to help us think about ways to make our church building easier to navigate for visitors. We held the first Welcome Coffee and had a good time getting to know each other and talking about what it means to be a church member here at MMBC. Please pray for these activities and for the people involved in them, and please consider how you might like to be involved further in the church.

You are welcome to talk with any deacon about any ideas or questions you have.

~ Linda Hooks



Join us on **Sunday, July 28 from 5 pm - 8 pm** for our annual summer church picnic at **McKethan Park**. Chicken and drinks will be provided but we ask everyone to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

Please RSVP with the church office (office@manlybaptist.com or 463-4181) by Wednesday, July 17 if you plan to attend.



Are you new to Manly Memorial? Are you curious about how our church works to show God's love to others or about what it means to be a Christian? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are invited to a Welcome Coffee and discussion. Linda Hooks, chair of the deacons, will host the coffee on **Sunday, August 25, from 9:45 - 10:45 am in the Tardy Room** across from the church office. This one-session discussion will provide some information on who we are as a church and give you a chance to ask questions and meet others. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the church office or Linda Hooks. We hope to see you there!

The Campus Kitchen Program at Washington & Lee University has provided food items for the Backpack Ministry at Manly Memorial this school year. Our faithful volunteers have packed over 3,000 backpacks for children at Central Elementary School. We want to thank the following people who helped by organizing, packing and delivering these backpacks each week: Lannie & Loretta Ballard, Linda Bond, Bobbie Canfield, Barbara Cash, Debbie Fox, Brenda Grose, Priscilla & Don Jamison, Carole & Gary Judy, Carol Kirby, Erin Kneer, Beth Lollis, Jan Meador, Mary Carol Moore, Molly Kay Moore, Phyllis Puckett, Patti Roscoe, Beverly Shotwell, Jill & Wayne Straub and Gordie & Lois Valentine. This program will continue in the fall and will need more volunteers that will help to support this activity. Please continue to save and bring in clean plastic grocery bags to the backpack room. We will post a sign-up list in August and start packing/delivering backpacks in mid-September. **Feel free to contact Mary Carol Moore (460-6958) about how you can support this wonderful ministry!**



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children (4 yr. old - 6 grade) are invited to join us **July 1 - 3, at Lexington Presbyterian Church.**

Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity VBS will engage children with Bible stories, crafts, music and stories from the community focused on Habitat for Humanity's local ministry, building and repairing safe homes for families. During our time together we will be building a special hands-on project with members of the Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity to auction off at the end of VBS! **Teachers and teen volunteers are needed!**

Register here! <https://smassie.wufoo.com/forms/wqwt1e718owfbq/>



Our youth and leaders will be attending Missions Connection at Eagle Eyrie July 22 - 26!

This year's theme is "Faith Fired Up" based on Daniel 3:27; and our keynote speaker is Rev. Ron Wyatt, pastor of Graceland Baptist Church. This year's schedule includes the following:

Missions: Youth and adults minister through a variety of service projects in the Greater Lynchburg Area ranging from VBS to construction to social ministries.

Discipleship: Age-appropriate learning opportunities are provided for preschoolers through senior adults.

Worship: Daily services for children, youth, and adults are highlighted by dynamic preaching, music, and missions.

Fellowship: Participants join together for an opening night picnic, a closing night ice cream social, and packing meals for the Source of Light orphanage in Haiti.

Fun: There will be swimming pool time, a talent show, night hike, bonfire, Capture the Flag, and an optional trip to Funquest for skating and laser tag!

Please contact Patsy Paxton, Lannie Ballard or Molly Kay Moore for more information.



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 am

"Free People" Bible Study

It's easy to see faith as just a list of dos and don'ts we have to keep in order to make God happy. But what if this view of faith is missing the mark? In this series, as we take a look at the book of Galatians, we will discover that Jesus didn't come to keep us captive to a list of rules. In fact, just the opposite is true! Because of Jesus, we get to live as free people.

Sunday, June 2

"Free People" Bible Study with John Wranek

Sunday, June 9

"Free People" Bible Study with Laura Jones

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day - No Youth Bible Study

Sunday, June 23

"Free People" Bible Study with Katlyn Bradley

Sunday, June 30

"Free People" Bible Study with Molly Kay Moore



Wednesday, June 5 5:00 pm

Youth Group @ Ben Salem Wayside
(Dinner, Bible Study, Swimming & Fishing)

Friday, June 14 4 pm - Saturday, June 15 10 am

Youth Group @ Lake Robertson
(Dinner, Camping, Swimming, Kayaking, Fishing & Breakfast)

Wednesday, June 19 5:00 pm

Youth Group (Dinner & Mulch Church/Playground)

Wednesday, June 26 5:00 pm

Youth Group @ Cave Mountain Lake
(Dinner, Bible Study, Swimming & Fishing)