



Youth Happenings

September 2018 Newsletter

Youth BOOM Service

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the youth in the BOOM service on Sunday, August 19th. We would like to give a special shout-out to all the adults who volunteered and helped us prepare for the service, cook the meal, and make the yummy desserts. We also want to thank the band, who was so accommodating and willing to help us. Our church family is so supportive of our efforts, and we really appreciate each of you who came out to learn about our FUGE trip. As we shared in the service, it is very difficult



to be a teenager this day and age. Please continue to pray for the students. Your love and support means the world to them.

Above: Church family writing words of encouragement to youth
Right: Youth with offering for Baby Eden



September Activities

- Sept. 5-** No Youth Group
- Sept. 9-** EE payment due (\$50)
- Sept. 12-** Dinner & Youth 6:00
- Sept. 19-** Dinner & Youth 6:00
- Sept. 22-** Youth to VA Beach
- Sept. 28-** 5th Quarter (9th-12th)

Please Pray

The start of a new school year brings many exciting opportunities, but also many hard challenges. Please pray the following for our students:

- Pray for a smooth start to the school year.
- Pray students will find a balance between home, church, school, sports, and work.
- Pray our students will stay strong against peer pressure.
- Pray they will have a hunger to know God more.
- Pray they will be bold in their faith while at school.



I love coming to worship at our church. I love singing praise songs to the Lord in early service and singing those beautiful hymns in the 11:00 service. Sometimes, though, I get so caught up in the details of the service, I forget I am here to worship the Heavenly Father.

At another church I was hurt by one of the comments of an attender. He said as he left, "I got nothing out of that service." My response to him was (and I am not usually so bold), "What was your attitude coming in today?" Sunday mornings can be hard getting all the kids dressed, fed and in the car. When we get to church, there's finding a parking place, getting the little ones to the nurse and making sure we talk to so and so about the next church event. Then we have to find a row for the whole family and keep the

children quiet or even take them to the bathroom.

It can be hard to focus on the Heavenly Father. But that is why we are there. The Father says, "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) So when you slip into your row for worship, quietly take a moment to pray to the Father. Ask Him to give you an attitude of worship. Ask Him to refocus you from the worries of the morning to worship of your Father. Sing the praises and hymns to Him (don't worry about what others think). Realize the Bible is God's words directly to you (let it speak to your heart). The prayers of the service speak directly to the Heavenly Father (tell Him how you actually feel and what you need). And allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the message. I pray that all worshipers will have the attitude of David in Psalm 122:10, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Brian

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Return Services Requested

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SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 3rd Labor Day
- ◆ 7th-8th Market Days Booth
- ◆ 9th Proposed '19 budget available
- ◆ 9-16th Week of Prayer for State Missions
- ◆ 12th Family Meals/Activities Resume
- ◆ 18th Blood Drive
- ◆ 22nd 1st day of Fall & Hunger Meal Packing @Hermitage BC
- ◆ 22nd Youth go to VA Beach
- ◆ 24th Exec. Comm. Mtg. @Saluda
- ◆ 28th HS 5th Quarter after football game (9-12th gr)

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Volunteers are needed to give out FREE cups of cold water and welcome people to Mathews Market Days (Sept. 7 & 8). Sign-up sheet in welcome area. Information about our church will also be available to give to anyone who is interested. Our table will be on the sidewalk along Church St. this year.



Don't forget to pick up your copy of the *proposed* 2019 budget from the counter in the welcome area or church office. We will discuss and vote on it at the October 17th quarterly business meeting.

Notes from the Music Staff

What a summer we have had! We would like to thank those who provided the special music and the many members who attended. There was something for all: a special weekend of worship with the Praise Band "Relinquish," plus dinner and special worship; the Youth with their mission message from their experiences during FUGE week; as well as special soloists and ensembles. In September, we will continue with the Women's MBC trio for the 11 a.m. service singing the song, "Supertime," an old timey favorite.

Now our New Church Year begins. The traditional choral ensemble is back in rehearsal. Anyone (including

youth) is welcome to sing with us, for a season or for the year. We will continue to have special musician guests, so if you would like to be one of those, contact me or Robin Thompson of the Praise Band. Now is the time we begin our Christmas music planning and rehearsals, so if you would like to be a part of it, contact us also. Opportunities for the children include Wednesday night music and Bible Study activities. This year they will be performing a Christmas pageant of, "The Nativity." If you would like to help with the pageant, contact me or Arleen Allen.

Let's not forget the backbone of the worship services - the audio commit-

tee. There are some new young faces this year who are already doing a fantastic job on sound.

What is your interest? We have a place for you. We look forward to this new music year! Make a joyful noise,

*Janet Bowman,
Music Director*



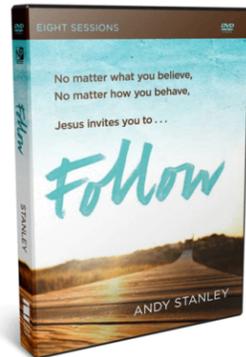
The MTBA is once again hosting the Rise Against Hunger Packing Event on Sat., Sept. 22, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hermitage BC in Church

View, VA. They need about 180 volunteers to help with this project. Anyone age 6 and older who is interested in helping can register online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTBA09222018> or call the Association Office at 804-758-4385. Deadline is 9/10.

WEDNESDAY Night MEALS

Our Wed. night family meals resume on Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m. followed by activities for children & adults. Please remember to sign up weekly or ask to be put on the yearly list. \$3-age 8 & up; \$2-under 8; \$12 family max; FREE- ages 2 & under.

New Adult Bible Study!



For many, the Christian life feels like a long game of "Jesus Says." Jesus says pray. Jesus says give. Jesus says go to church. But upon further investigation, we discover that Jesus' invitation to his first-century audience was an invitation to relationship. And it began with a simple request—follow me. In this 8-part series, Andy Stanley takes us on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teachings on what it means to follow.

Join Pastor Brian beginning Wed., Sept. 12, following our family dinner at 6 pm for the Bible Study, "Follow Me," by Andy Stanley.

Mission News

September is the month for Alma Hunt State Missions. The week of September 9-16 is the focus week and our goal this year is \$3,000.

We would like to thank our speakers and everyone who helped with our Christmas in August program.

Women's Getaway: "Just-Us Women, Taking it to Heart" - will be held at the Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, Virginia - November 2-3, & November 3-4, 2018. The Women's getaway is WMUV's annual event for women, and welcomes women who come for inspiration, fellowship and equipping for ministry and missions.

The next prayer gathering will be on Monday, September 10,

7PM, at Mattaponi Baptist Church, 13466 The Trail, King and Queen, Virginia, 23085. All are welcome.

The next meeting for our WMU Group will be on Tuesday, September 11, 1PM, at Mathews Baptist Church.

Our mission project this month is collecting baby items for Care Net Peninsula, a non-profit organization that assists women with unintended pregnancies. They are in need of baby wipes, diaper bags, baby towels & washcloths, sleepers, newborn clothing (new), socks & receiving blankets. Please leave donations on the table in either the fellowship hall, welcome area or sanctuary entrance.

Tee Mallon,
WMU Director



Prayer/Praise List: Please pray for...

- † Our children, teachers, staff & parents at our schools/colleges
- † Our state missionaries.

Praise God for...

- † A new church year and new opportunities!

Nursing Home/Assisted Living...

- † Martha Hall, (Mathews), Betty Lewis (Dockside)

Homebound:

- † Lois & Buster Hudgins † Bert Miller † Ed Haufler

Long Term Illness/condition...

- † Archie Owens † Gloria Travenski
- † Julie Harvell † Louise Diggs
- † Bob/Ruthie Hyde-Judy Lowe's parents
- † Derek Zwiers † David Marshall
- † Henry Pomfrey † Pastor Ed
- † Raymond Harris † Cathie Wahlers

Our Church Families' Missionaries

- † Susan/Mike Mangerchine



YES!! It's that time again!!

Operation Christmas Child time is here.

Shoe boxes are out, and need to be filled. Some of the pamphlets are from last year, as the new ones did not arrive on time. Pick-up for the shoe boxes is November 12-19. Many children around the world see the love of Christ in those boxes. For most, it is the only thing they get for Christmas. If you already have your shoe box, please make sure you follow the guidelines in the brochure for the gifts you put in the box. If you are so led, don't forget to include \$9 to help with the shipping. For those who have done this for some time, the shipping costs have gone through the roof, so any help we can give for that purpose is greatly appreciated.

† Jennie Diggs Our love and sympathy go out to...

- † The family & friends of Frances Dickert who passed away on August 1, 2018

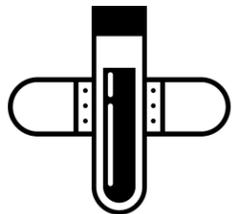
Congratulations to...

- † Phillip & Deanna Harris on the birth of their daughter Mirielle, born in August weighing 5 lbs., 9 oz. Congratulations to big brother Eli too!

This newsletter is available for viewing & printing in color on our website, www.mathews baptist church.com.

Church Attendance-Aug. 2018

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
07/29/18	125	101	
08/05/18	99	118	
08/12/18	95	108	30
08/19/18	116	126	28
08/26/18		108	29



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

@Piankatank Ruritan Club

2-7 PM

Alma Hunt Offering For Virginia Missions: Our Church's Goal —

\$3,000.⁰⁰



October

- 8th Columbus Day
- 12-14th Eagle Eyrie (Middle School)
- 17th Qtrly. Bs. Mtg.
- 21st MTBA Fall mtg @MBC
- 31st Halloween (Trunk-or-Treat)