

MBC YOUTH

August in Review

Between outreach, community service, Bible study, and fun, August was a very busy month in the youth department! The first two Wednesdays in the month, we participated in Wipe Out and the business meeting with our church family. On August 16, the youth from Smith Memorial Baptist Church came to visit for dinner, a devotion, and games. We were all at FUGE together, so this was a great evening of reconnecting and remembering our work in Philly. We had a guest speaker, John Michael Clark, who encouraged students to continue the good work God started in them as they head back to school in a few weeks.

Several of our girls had the opportunity to spend two days at Hands Across Mathews, cleaning, sorting, and organizing. Also, some students participated in the *No Walls* community event to help students as they head back to school. What a joy to watch students willingly serving in our community as they share the love of Christ with others!

On August 23, the youth shared about their trip to FUGE at our church's annual Christmas in August program. What a blessing to have a church family who is so committed to supporting our youth!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- 09/13-Youth Group
- 09/17-Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 09/20-Youth Group
- 09/22-Middle School Movie Night (6:00-8:30)
- 09/23-Youth to host table at MBC Health Fair (10-2)
- 09/24-Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 09/27-Youth Group
- 09/29-5th Quarter (9th-12th Grade)

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"The Lighthouse"



Community-wide "Fall into Family Fitness" Health Fair



Mathews Baptist Church is sponsoring a countywide health fair on Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Health-related organizations and businesses are invited to participate by setting up free booths at the event. Committee members working on the fair are pictured here from left, Jennifer Smith, Alyssa Smith, Pam Harrington, Pastor Brian Kramer, Dawn Miller and Cathy Nelson.

Booths as well as attendance at the health fair are FREE of charge. The fair will have something for every age group, from children to seniors. Among the activities and services to be offered will be healthy-cooking demos, finger-prick tests for blood sugar, nutrition guidance, acupuncture demos, vision & hearing tests, blood pressure screenings, shoulder massages, CPR & AED demos, plus a Life Evac helicopter will make a landing if weather permits & there are no emergencies elsewhere. There will also be a bounce house for children.

September 2017

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 4th Labor Day
- ◆ 8th-9th Market Days Booth
- ◆ 10-17th Week of Prayer for State Missions
- ◆ 13th Family Meals/Activities Resume
- ◆ 17th Proposed '18 budget available
- ◆ 19th Blood Drive
- ◆ 22nd 1st day of Fall & Middle School Movie Night
- ◆ 23rd Health Fair
- ◆ 25th Exec. Comm. Mtg. @Saluda
- ◆ 29th HS 5th Quarter after football game.

Bottom Left: Kathryn and Rileigh are sorting clothes at Hands Across Mathews; **Right:** MBC youth acting crazy after the Christmas in August dinner.



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth.

-1 John 3:18



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Return Services Requested

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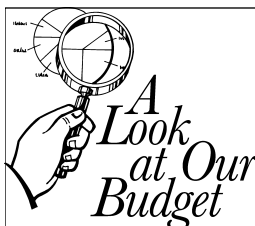
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Volunteers needed to give out **FREE** cups of cold water at Mathews Market Days (Sept. 8 & 9). Sign-up sheet in welcome area or just stop by booth across from Richardson’s.



Pick up your copy of the **proposed** 2018 budget from the counter in the welcome area or church office. We will discuss and vote on it at the October 18th quarterly business meeting.

Notes from the Music Staff

Happy New Year!

Every September the church year begins! In music we also begin again with plans and rehearsals anew. In fact, we are already planning for the holidays! The Choral Ensemble (traditional service) meets on Tuesdays at 6:30. We also have special guests on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Do you like to sing or play an instrument? There is room for you somewhere in our music program at either service. I myself sing with a women's trio and duet with an instrumentalist. It is great fun and what better place to serve than in worship.

Wednesday family nights are beginning September 13. This includes children's music activities of singing, puppets, move-

ment and handbells. This year we would like our children to musically participate in either service, especially at holiday times. At the time of this writing, we are in need of an assistant to work with me with the children. It is a church requirement that 2 adults be present when working with children. The program includes children's Bible study. Experience to have fun is required! Could you give an hour on Wednesdays?

Special Programs committee will meet to plan special music events also. If you have any ideas you would like to see implemented, let us know.

A special thanks to those who participated as special guests this summer including the Rhythm Band (persons from Mathews churches) who sings with our

local Nursing Home residents on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (you are welcome to join anytime); Grace Mortimer and Helen Lee from Central Methodist, and our in-house organist, Kathy Merithew.

It's an exciting New Year in store for us! Make a joyful noise!

*Janet Bowman,
Music Director*



Stay in Touch

Ways to keep in touch:

—Need an address, phone number or birthdate for someone at Mathews Baptist Church? Use your computer or phone to access the online church directory. Simply go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and log in.

If you haven't used it before, follow the directions under “First time signing in.” If the church office has your name and email address, you should be able to get on. If you have any problems, call the office at 804-725-3707.

Full-size, color, hard copies of the directory are also available for \$5 or booklet size (black & white) for free by calling the office.

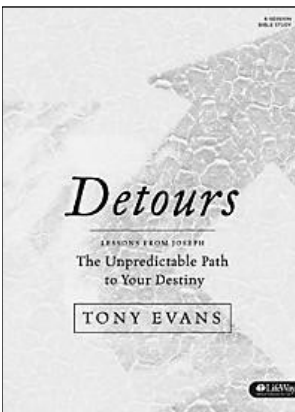
Note: Anyone who already has a hard copy and would like to have it updated, just bring it by the office.

—Another way to keep up with events and people at MBC is through our page on Facebook. Simply go on FB and send a friend request to Mathews Baptist Church.

—Prayer Chain: Receive prayer requests through email or on FB. Call church office to add your email address if you're not receiving info and would like to.

—Web Site: Lots of info including the newsletter can be found on the church website, www.mathewsbaptistchurch.com.

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WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Brian on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning Sept. 13, as he explores the Bible

study, “*Detours, the Unpredictable Path to Your Destiny*,” by Tony Evans which looks at the story of Joseph and how it demonstrates that God is at work even when life seems to be going wrong.



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Mission News

September is the month for Alma Hunt state missions. Our goal this year is \$2,500. The stories about the missionaries will be in the prayer guide in the bulletin.

September mission's project is collecting baby clothes from birth to one year. This project is for the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Hampton. They work to help and support young teenage mothers. Baskets are out in the fellowship hall, welcome center and Sunday School rooms in the church.

I would like to thank our WMU group for helping set up for Christmas in August and everyone else who helped make it a suc-

cess.

Thank you, Lee Anne Bray and our church youth group, for sharing about your mission trip. We really enjoyed hearing about what all of you did on the trip. Also, Judy Lowe and the children for sharing about the missionaries.

Another of the WMU mission projects is collecting yarn for a yarn display of knitting. The annual knitting display for the Children's Hospital of the Kings' Daughters and Sons and the Peninsula Cancer Institute will be in the sanctuary SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 at Central Methodist Church (next to the firehouse). Please take the time to view this awesome display and, as you

do, say a prayer for the baby, child or cancer patient who will receive the items. Times are Friday or Saturday, September 8th and 9th, by appointment with Ann South, 725-8603 or view on Sunday morning until 1 p.m. Mildred Lockwood and Louise Diggs from Mathews Baptist knitted over 100 blankets. WMU will continue to collect yarn for this terrific project. Thank you to all who donated yarn this year. Our next WMU meeting will be on September 12, 2017, at 1 PM, at the Church.

Tee Mallon,
WMU Director

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

\$2,500.⁰⁰



Prayer/Praise List:
Please pray for...

+ Our children, teachers, staff & parents at our schools/colleges
+ The new church year & new teachers and workers.

+ People in Texas and nearby areas dealing with the aftermath of the hurricane.

Praise God for...

+ The fall season.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living...

+ Martha Hall, (Mathews), Betty Lewis (Dockside); Cathy Liggins(Walter Reed)

Long Term Illness/condition...

+ Frances Dickert + Gloria Travenski
+ Julie Harvell + Raymond Owens
+ Bob/Ruthie Hyde-Judy Lowe's parents
+ Sam Vogel +David Marshall
+ Ed Haufler + Holly Hanscom
+ Bert Miller + Cathie Wahlers
+ Nellie Mae
+ Barbara Buchanan + Derek Zwiers
+ Raymond Harris + Ron Mallon

+ Pauline Barrick
Our Church Families' Missionaries

+ Susan/Mike Mangerchine
+ Samuel & Lauren Lunsford
+ Jennie Diggs

Our love and sympathy go out to...

+ Virginia Lewis and family at the passing of her brother Dean Hudgins on Aug. 1, 2017.
+ Pam & Pat Harrington & family and Nellie Mae Owens at the passing of their loved one Bud Owens on Aug. 30, 2017.

Church Attendance-Aug. 2017

DATE	9:00	10:00	11:00
08/06/17	103	107	32
08/13/17	102	104	30
08/20/17	115	121	32
08/27/17	95	114	31



Tuesday,
September 19,
2017

@Piankatank
Ruritan Club

2-7 PM



8th World Hunger
Day

13-15th Eagle Eyrie
(Middle School)

15th MTBA Fall mtg
@Zoar

16th Columbus Day

18th Qtrly. Bs. Mtg.

31st Halloween
(Trunk-or-Treat)