

# MBC YOUTH

Youth Happenings

April 2017 Newsletter

## March in Review

March was a great month in the youth department! The youth rooms upstairs got a fresh coat of paint, some new furniture, and new lights. We are working on personalizing the rooms and giving them a cozy feel! Once the project is complete, you will have to come visit. We are excited students will have a comfortable place to meet, hang out, and learn more about Jesus!

March 10th-12th the high school students went to Eagle Eyrie for *Journey Weekend*. The theme of the weekend was, *One: One Body, One Spirit*. The speaker talked about how we are all part of one body, and each part is vital to the body. Students had the opportunity to explore their spiritual gifts, and to learn how their gifts help build up the body of Christ. It was a great time of bonding for the students, and a weekend none of them will ever forget.

On St. Patrick's Day, we headed to the Ted Constant Center at ODU to see Toby Mac's Hits Deep Tour. We had an amazing time singing and worshipping with seven Christian artists and bands, along with thousands of our closest friends!

Wednesday nights we've been learning about the importance of surrounding ourselves with solid Christians. We talked about how our friend choices impact our character. We also spent time talking about Satan, the father of lies, and how we need to constantly be on guard against him. We ended the month focusing on the way Jesus views us, and how much He loves each of us. We are looking forward to seeing what blessings April will bring!

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**April 7th**– Youth Lock-in 10:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. (Gr. 6-12)

**April 12th**–Ministry Project (Eggs) (6:30-7:30)

**April 19th** Hang Time (6:30-7:30)

**April 26th**–MHS Soccer Game (leave MBC at 5:45)

**May 3rd**–Hang Time

**May 7th**–Churchwide BOOM Service at 6:30

**May 10th**–Hang Time (6:30-7:30)

**May 12th**–Scavenger Hunt (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

~2 Thessalonians 3:3

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## “The Lighthouse”



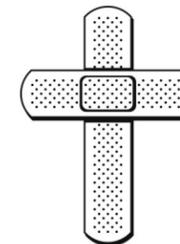
## Rx for Health

Recently I took Claire to the doctor due to her constant coughing. She was coughing so badly, a nurse at the doctor's office handed her a mask to wear over her nose and mouth. Claire and I were both embarrassed at first. Then I realized, Claire is sick just like all the other patients sitting next to us. The place for a sick person is at the doctor's office. This is where she needs to be.

In the Bible, the scribes and Pharisees were complaining about Jesus hanging out with tax collectors and sinners. When Jesus overheard them, he responded, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”* (Luke 5:31-32) Jesus, the Great Physician, came to heal sinners.

The church is like the doctor's office for sinners. It is where we sinners come

to get healthy. It is where sinners need to be. Saint Augustine once said, “The church is not a hotel for saints, it is a hospital for sinners.” So when we come together at church, realize the person sitting next to you is a sick, sinner in need of a Savior, just like you and me. So invite all you can to Mathews Baptist Hospital to meet the Great Physician!



Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Brian Kramer

## APRIL 2017

### SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> April Fool's
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> Last Family Meal
- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Overnighter
- ◆ 9<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday
- ◆ 16<sup>th</sup> Easter
- ◆ 19<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Bs. Meeting
- ◆ 23<sup>rd</sup> WMU Spring meeting
- ◆ 30<sup>th</sup> MTBA Spring Meeting

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**Left:** MHS Students Heading to Eagle Eyrie; **Middle:** Journey Weekend-Students getting ready to get their worship on; **Right:** Youth Headed to Toby Mac Concert

### Expanding our view of service

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other "least of these" members of society — serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, Ged King, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, "For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it" — or "My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it." Then the King will say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV; emphasis added).

### Notes from the Music Staff

The Worship Team is now preparing for the Easter season. Following are the special dates:

- † April 9th: Palm Sunday,
- † April 10-14th: Holy week services held at noon at Westville Christian Church (next to the library) where pastors from various churches give the message.
- † April 13th: Maundy Thursday (The Last Supper). Check the bulletin for further information on this.

- † April 16th: Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day) - Sunrise service at 6:15 am at Mary Simpson's home in Redart; worship services at 9 and 11 and Sunday School at 10. Check the bulletin for further information on these special events. I do hope you will participate in this glorious season with us. Although Wednesday, April 5th, will be the last family meal for the season, the children's Music and

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 26th (the 12th is spring break and the 19th is business meeting night), from 6:30 - 7:30 through the end of May. The youth group will also continue. Check the bulletin to see what adult studies will continue. Childcare will be provided also.

I wish you a fulfilling and glorious Easter season and a Happy Spring!

Janet Bowman  
Music Director

### Missions

April is the month for collecting items for the Laurel Shelter which is a facility that provides shelter for battered women and children. Some of the items needed are hand soap, shampoo, wash cloths, etc. A detailed list of items needed is on the table in the welcome area and sanctuary.

Thank you Church Family for supporting our March project with your donations of paper products for our Social Services. Homemade soup was also made and delivered to shut-ins in March.

Our next WMU meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4, 1 pm, at the church. The Mission Prayer for our pro-



This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV). In Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant.

Tee Mallon,  
WMU Director

gram will be, "God Speaks, are you listening?" John 10: 1-10 with our focus on verses 3-5. Our prayer focus is on the North American and International Mission Boards and the missionaries that serve under each. Also for our volunteer chaplains, as listed in our Mission Mosaic magazine.

Our Annie Armstrong Easter offering goal this year is \$3,000.<sup>00</sup>. As of 3/26/17, we have collected \$1,838.<sup>00</sup>.

Thank you, Church Family, for your generosity and support for our monthly projects and offerings.



#### Please pray for...

- † Our youth minister search team.
- † Billy Bowden & his family
- † Robin Thompson who hurt her ankle again.
- † Kelly Flowers recovering from surgery.

#### Praise God for...

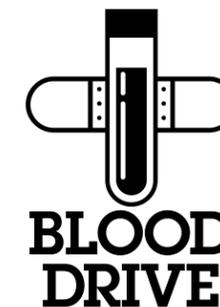
- † Spring season and new beginnings.
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#### Nursing Home/Assisted Living...

- † Martha Hall, (Mathews), Betty Lewis (Dockside), Cathy Liggins (Walter Reed. Conv.)

#### Long Term Illness/condition...

- † Frances Dickert † Gloria Travenski
- † Julie Harvell † Ed Haufler
- † Ron Mallon † Raymond Owens
- † Bob & Ruthie Hyde † Bert Miller
- † David Marshall † Barbara Buchanan
- † Billy Bowden † Nellie Mae Owens
- † Derek Zwiers † Pauline Barrick



Tuesday,  
April 4, 2017  
2-7 PM @Piankatank  
Ruritan Club  
Sponsored by MHS  
Beta Club

#### Church Attendance-Mar. 2017

DATE	8:30	9:45	11:00
03/05/17	105	123	29
03/12/17	97	98	37
03/19/17	107	111	14
03/26/17	115	126	27

**care net PENINSULA**  
**Walk 4LIFE**  
2017 | CareNetPeninsula.org  
**REGISTER TO RAISE FUNDS**  
**SATURDAY | APRIL 29, 2017**  
CareNetPeninsula.org  
For more information, see Nikki Pollard.

**Happy EASTER!**  
**COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!**  
Mathews Baptist Church  
Hudgins, VA  
Sunday, April 9,  
2:00 p.m.  
(rain or shine)  
Preschool—5th Grade  
(bring a basket)



MTBA SPRING MEETING

Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association

Spring Meeting

Sunday,

April 30, 2017

3:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Stephens Baptist Church

#### Our spring messengers:

Joy & Judy Lowe;  
Charlie & Mildred Lockwood



Wednesday,

April 19,

6:30 pm

#### Coming in May:

- 4<sup>th</sup>: National Day of Prayer
- 7<sup>th</sup>: BOOM Service
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Youth Scavenger Hunt
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Tour de Chesapeake
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day