

Fall Fun

MBC Youth would like to thank Bill and Cathy Nelson for hosting us last Friday night. Students enjoyed a delicious meal, and then spent the rest of the evening participating in the annual pumpkin carving contest. This has been a popular favorite among our youth for years! Congratulations to Macy Johnson and Chelsea Lowe for being this year's winners. The competition was fierce and the pumpkins were amazing!



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." ~1 Timothy 4:12

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"The Lighthouse"



NOVEMBER 2020

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st Daylight Saving Time ends
- ◆ 3rd Election Day
- ◆ 11th Veteran's Day
- ◆ 15th Camp Fire
- ◆ 16th Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- ◆ 26th Thanksgiving
- ◆ 29th 1st Sun. of Advent
- ◆ 29th Beginning of Week of Prayer for International Missions
- ◆ 30th Deadline for Mathews Co. Christmas Store donations

My favorite Christmas movie is *Scrooge*, the 1970 musical starring Albert Finney. My favorite scene involves my favorite song also. During the visit of the ghost of Christmas yet to come, the citizens start singing the song, "Thank You Very Much," in front of Scrooge's office. Scrooge thinks he has done some great service for the people and starts making a speech (of course, they cannot see or hear him). Unbeknownst to Scrooge, they are actually thanking him for dying, because all their debts (to him) are canceled. They parade down the street, even dancing on his coffin. That scene reminds me that we should be singing "thank you very much" to Jesus Christ for dying on the cross for us and

canceling our debts also, our debt of sin. The Apostle Paul wrote, "And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross." (Colossians 2:13-14 CSB)

At the end of the movie Scrooge repents of his stinginess and claims he will "start anew" and "make amends." He decides to cancel all the debts owed to him by the town's people and they again sing, "Thanks You Very Much," in the grand finale. As Thanksgiving approaches,

take time to tell the Heavenly Father "thank you very much" for canceling our debt to sin and giving us the gift of eternal life. Paul writes, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23). And like Paul, let's be thankful of God's gift. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Happy Thanksgiving!

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Brian



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Mathews County Christmas Store sponsored by the Dept. of Social Services. Donations due *no later than Nov. 30*. Monetary contributions with check payable to Mathews Dept. of Social Services (note "Christmas Store" in memo) or donate *NEW* toys, clothing, household items, jewelry, cosmetics, etc. to their office during normal business hours. Direct questions to Bernadette La Casse at 804-384-7740 or email her at bclacasse@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help too!



Poinsettia Orders
Contact the church office to order your poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost: To be announced. Deadline to order—11/25.



Sunday, November 15, 5:00 PM
@Mathews Baptist Church
"Fellowship Around the Camp Fire"
Bring your hot dogs, s'mores & chairs. There will be music & laughter heard around the fire.



Please pray for...
† Stephanie Anthony recovering from surgery.
† Charlie & Mildred Lockwood's son recovering from a fall.

Praise God for...
† This season of Thanksgiving and for the many ways God has blessed each of us this year.

Long Term Care...
† Martha Hall (Mathews)
Homebound: Barbara Buchanan, Ed Haufler, Bert Miller, Julie Harvell, Edward & Louise Diggs, Estelle Tankard
Those who need our continued prayer...
† Archie Owens †Gloria/Jim Travenski
† Sam/Mary Vogel †Leonard Downs, Jr.
† Stephanie Anthony & her son Chris
† Judy Higginbotham † Ron Mallon
† Cathie Wahlers † Raymond Harris
† Derek Zwiers †Don & Christy Talbott
† Carol Buckley (Delena Nelson's mom)

Our love and sympathy go out to...
†Meg & Rusty Royals on the passing of Meg's sister Beth last month.
Congratulations to...
†Dusty Moore & Nadina Vavala who were

married on Sat., Oct. 17, 2020.
†Janet & Ron Mallon on the birth of their great-grandson Bentley Luck Boyd-Jenkins on Sept. 2, to Brittany Boyd & Josh Jenkins.



Church Attendance-October 2020

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
10/04/20	36	N/A	13
10/11/20	40	N/A	12
10/18/20	54	N/A	9
10/25/20	63	N/A	10

Mission News Our ongoing *projects are:
⇒ Collecting yarn to make items for the CHKD & Gloucester Adult Cancer Units.
⇒ Paper products for our local Social Services and non-perishable shelf food for Hands Across Mathews.
*Baskets for all donations in welcome area.
Next WMU meeting is Tues., Nov. 10, 1 PM.

Seasonal Projects:
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes—see info on right



- 1 Kathy Harris, Stephanie Lowe
- 3 Lauren Perreault
- 5 Stephanie McBurney
- 6 Virginia Lewis
- 8 Landon Diggs
- 11 Logan Diggs, Bill Shears, Chelsea Faith Sears
- 13 Teresa Childress
- 15 David Frayser, Nicolas Goodrich
- 16 Jensin Clark
- 17 Caroline Bray
- 18 Ava June Pollard
- 20 Judy Lowe
- 24 Timmy German, Ellis Hudgins, Jonny Nelson
- 25 Mary Johnson
- 26 Cathy Adams, Mike Adams
- 27 Seth Elias, Chelsea Jarvis, Howard Winder, Jr.
- 29 Delores Sanger
- 30 Erik Davis



30 Tommy & Lorna Eriksen

*If your name is not listed above and you had a b'day or anniversary, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!

Week of Prayer for International Missions is Nov. 29-Dec. 6, & our Lottie Moon offering goal is \$7,500.

Fee Mallon
WMU Director



Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!



Empty boxes are available in the welcome area & entrances to worship. Please include \$9 per box for shipping costs.

Your filled box can be left in the multipurpose building or welcome area.

Deadline to bring filled box to church: November 16

Coming in Dec.:

Nov. 29-Dec. 6th: Week of prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

1st: Blood Drive

24th: Christmas Eve

25th: Christmas Day

31st: New Year's Eve