

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

In September, we resumed bible study for the youth! In the first couple weeks, we discussed putting together a Youth Christmas Program! And from that, What a Beautiful Name Youth Christmas Program was born! Mark your calendars for December 19th at 5p.m. to join us for a beautiful program the kids have worked VERY hard on!

Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776
 "The Lighthouse"



DECEMBER 2021

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st-5th Wk of Prayer—International Missions
- ◆ 5th 2nd Sun. of Advent
- ◆ 11th Breakfast in Bethlehem
- ◆ 12th 3rd Sun. of Advent
- ◆ 15th Scholarship deadline
- ◆ 18th Children's Christmas Caroling
- ◆ 19th 4th Sun. of Advent & Children's Christmas program
- ◆ 24th Christmas Eve service
- ◆ 25th Christmas Day
- ◆ 31st New Year's Eve

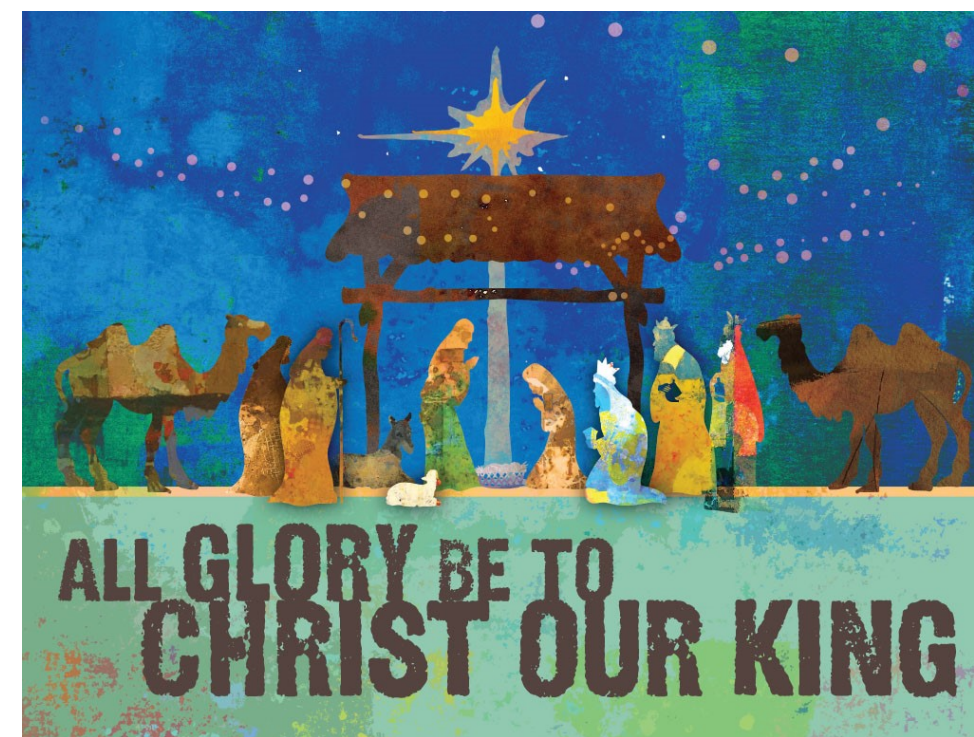
C MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF

of Mathews Baptist Church—Pastor Brian Kramer, Michelle Denkinger, Janet Bowman, Cathy Rowe & Patricia Ambrose

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 Return Services Requested

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7:00 pm
Candlelight
Christmas Eve
Service in the
Sanctuary.



Christmas Card Exchange

Want a way to show love to your MBC family *and* to God's children throughout the world? Send your Christmas cards to your church family through our MBC Christmas mailbox and enhance your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gift with the money you save in card postage. Mailboxes are located at entrance of sanctuary and multipurpose building.



Christmas Message from the Pastor

At Christmas we celebrate the birthday of a King. But there is an irony in this king's birth and life. This king's father wasn't a king but a carpenter. His mother wasn't a queen but teenager. This king wasn't born in a vast kingdom but in the little town of Bethlehem. He wasn't born in a palace but in a barn. He wasn't placed in a royal crib but in a manger, a feeding trough. This king wasn't attended to by many servants but dirty shepherds. His birth wasn't celebrated in earthly fanfare but among the heavenly hosts. This king would not sit upon a throne but would be nailed to a cross. He would not be hailed as king but killed as a criminal. This king was not buried in a royal tomb but a borrowed tomb.

But this king, the King of Kings, rose from the dead and reigns from a throne in heaven! In Handel's Messiah, the Hallelujah Chorus describes Him beautifully, "King of Kings forever and ever. And Lord of Lords hallelujah, hallelujah. And He shall reign forever, forever and ever." Happy birthday to our King!

Merry Christmas from Pastor Brian

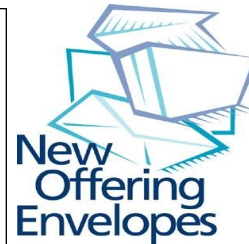


God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
1 Timothy 6:15, NIV



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tues., Dec. 7th and will be sponsored by the Mathews' Women's Club and the American Legion Post 83. It runs from 2-7PM and will be held at the Piank-tank Ruritan Building. Masks are required and reservations for a particular time can be made by going to redcrossblood.org. All types of blood are needed, but there's an urgent plea for type O. Come out & give the gift of life at Christmas time!

Vaden Wise scholarship applications for the spring semester are available on the counter in the welcome area. Completed applications are due back no later than Wed., Dec. 15, 2021.



Remember to pick up your 2022 offering envelopes in your classroom or entryway to worship. If there aren't envelopes for you & you would like a box, please call the church office.

If you have any questions, contact Phil Putnam at 804-815-3564.

Mission News

Our WMU had a nice meeting in November with prayer, mission study and planning mission programs. We also prepared 125 Thanksgiving baskets for the Meals on Wheels' recipients and delivered 72 shoeboxes to Newington BC for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who took part in this special ministry.

We will be giving out fruit baskets to shut-ins and small businesses around Mathews in December.

This year's Lottie Moon Offering goal is \$7,500. Collected as of 11/28: \$615.²⁰

Thank you, church family, for all your donations this past year of non-perishables, paper products & yarn for making blankets for cancer patients.

Our next meeting will be Tues., Jan. 11, 1 p.m. All are welcome!

Merry Christmas!
Tee Mallon
WMU Director

Church Attendance-Nov. 2021			
Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
11/07/21	103	96	13
11/14/21	98	93	17
11/21/21	115	112	20
11/28/21	128	112	17



Please pray for...
†Charlie & Mildred Lockwood who are moving to a retirement home this month.

Long term care...

†Doris Clements (Commonwealth Sr. Living), Martha Hall (Mathews Conv)

Homebound: Louise Diggs, Julie Harvell, Ed Haufler, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Long Term Illness/condition...

†Derek Zwiers †Mildred Hudgins
†Pauline Barrick †Sam & Mary Vogel
†Cathie Wahlers †Leonard Downs, Jr.
†Carol Buckley (Delena Nelson's mom)

†Don & Christy Talbott †William S. Smith

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

†Mike & Susan Mangerchine (Navigators)

Our love any sympathy go out to the family and friends of...

† Joyce Downs at the passing of her brother-in-law Alvin Knight on Nov. 14.

† Patrick & Pam Harrington and their family at the passing of Patrick's mother on Fri., Nov. 26.

Youth Corner: FALL FUN!



Events: Fall Full of FUN!!

October 10th: We braved our first bus trip to Busch Gardens! We left church, hit Wendy's for lunch and then spent the afternoon riding rides, eating good food, watching the shows, and having a great time! We left before the goonies came out and had dinner at Tropical Smoothie before heading home! These kids never cease to amaze me when it comes to being respectful and responsible!

October 29th:

Fall Festival at the Nelson's!

Bill and Cathy welcomed the Youth into their home and beautiful back yard in fellowship! We ate pizza, sides and desserts. The kids broke into groups and decorated pumpkins! Their patience and creativity provided some great results! We roasted s'mores, had great fellowship and headed home with our hearts full! This tradition is a FAVORITE among the kids!

A huge THANK YOU to Bill & Cathy!