

YOUTH NEWS

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Sunday School:

The High School Sunday School class has been focusing our January lessons on Ephesians. We have dug into several chapters and correlated it to the notion of New Years Resolutions.

Top picture (right to left): Michelle Denkinger, Colton Barrick, Chelsea Lowe, Catherine Moore, Whitney Stewart, Hailey Denkinger, Claire Kramer and Annalise Morse.



SNOW DAYS:

This month, we had a Spaghetti Dinner and Game night planned at church! Our event got snowed out twice, but the youth had a great time enjoying the snow and having a little extra time off from school to relax. Elizabeth Moore enjoyed the fresh snow (pictured left) and a game day with her mom. I also had a great time in the snow with my kiddos (pictured below right).

UPCOMING EVENT:

Feb. 19th, 2022- Hope for Appalachia Mission
Bus Leaves MBC at 9 am

FEB Ice Skating Trip TBD



Mathews Baptist Church Org. 1776

“The Lighthouse”



FEBRUARY 2022

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st Blood Drive
- ◆ 2nd Groundhog Day
- ◆ 13th Super Bowl
- ◆ 14th-20th Focus on Missions' Week
- ◆ 14th Valentine's Day
- ◆ 19th Hope for Appalachia Packing Event
- ◆ 21st Presidents' Day
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There was a song by Johnny Lee that came out in 1980 with the lyrics, “Looking for love in all the wrong places.” That seems to describe the world today. We are all looking for love and acceptance, but many are looking in all the wrong places. We want to be loved and accepted by our family, our peers, our co-workers, our bosses, our classmates, our teachers, our teammates, our neighbors, our club members, our special interest groups, and our online followers. It is hard, because not everybody is going to love and accept us. Some people don't even like us. But there is One who loves us, has always

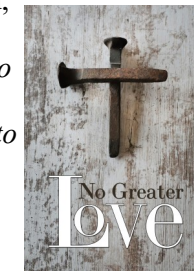
loved us, and will always love us. That is our Heavenly Father. I believe the words that God spoke to His people, Israel, many years ago, He speaks to us, His children, today, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.” (Jeremiah 31:3) There is no greater love than His love. His Son, Jesus, said, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.” (John 15:13) And that is exactly what He did for us. “God demonstrates His own

love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

When looking for love, don't overlook the One who absolutely loves you 100%!

Faithfully,

Pastor Brian



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"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."



SAVE THE DATE

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA PACKING EVENT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10 AM-12:30 PM
HERMITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

The MTBA Community Missions Team wants to invite you to be a part of this year's mission project. We will be packing 1200 Hope Boxes to give to students who are living in poverty deep in the Appalachian Mountains. Many of these children are without hope and living in great despair. Our prayer is when these 1200 students receives a Hope Box, they will know that God has not forgotten them, and they are loved. Each box will contain such items as pencils, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, gloves, and age-appropriate fun items.

There are 3 ways you can be part of Hope for Appalachia.

1. The first is to pray for all the folks working on logistics and preparations. Pray for the children and families who receive Hope Boxes that they may feel God's love in a powerful way.
2. Give a financial gift to the MTBA Week of Prayer for Missions, which is providing all of the funding to purchase the items for our Hope Boxes. We think the cost for this will be about \$10,000 to \$13,000. As of this today we have received almost \$9000 from our MTBA churches and friends.
3. Sign Up and Show UP at the February 19th Hope Packing Event at Hermitage BC 10:00 AM. We would like to have an estimate number of attendees from each church, since Hermitage will be providing lunch for us. Please call the MTBA office to let us know if you are planning to attend.

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Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

A. Miriam
B. Keturah
C. Bathsheba
D. Tamar

Answer on p. 3

Mission News

Focus on WMU Week is February 14-20 and we will observe WMU Focus Sunday on February 20. Our focus this year is on the Balkans. The WMU group will sing during the meditation time at the 11:00 worship service on that day also. Anyone is welcome to join with us in singing God's praises!

Our mission this year is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

On Saturday, February 19, from 10AM-12:30 PM, there will be a Hope for Appalachia Packing Event at Hermitage Baptist Church. This project is open to everyone. Lunch will be provided by the MTBA, but they ask that you let them know you are coming no later than Feb. 14, 9 AM.

The "Hope for Appalachia Virginia, Inc.," a non-profit organization, is a network of churches, businesses and individuals throughout Virginia and North Carolina that bring much needed basic necessities in "Hope Boxes" to children in some of the poorest counties in the Appalachian Mountains. In 2022, the "Hope for Appalachia" prayer is that they will be able to present a "Hope Box" and share the love, prayers and hope of Jesus Christ with at least 22,000 children at over 60 public schools.

February 14 is Valentine's Day and our corresponding secretary, Joyce Downs, will be sending cards to our shut-ins and friends.

When the weather is better, our WMU group will be making homemade soup and delivering it to our shut-ins and at-home recovering parishioners.

We are praying for all our fellow church members and a special prayer for Janet Bowman as she recovers from open heart bypass surgery.

Happy Valentine's Day to All!


Tee Mallon, WMU Director

Dear Church Family,
Young People Away is MBC's ministry serving young adults who have left the area for college, the military, or another pursuit to prepare for their future. The ministry



sends encouraging cards, gift cards, snacks, and other goodies to remind them that God and their church family loves them and are praying for them. Please join in praying for these young adults, and if you're so led, support the ministry financially by noting "Young People Away" on your offering envelope. Thanks so much!

Linden Barrick, YPA committee

 Please pray for...
† Derek Zwiers and Janet Bowman recovering from surgeries
†
PRAYERS Our love and sympathy go out to the family and friends of...
CHURCH †Willard R. "Buddy" Hudgins, III (son of Buster & Lois Hudgins) who passed away on Mon., Jan. 24, 2022.
Praise God for...
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Congratulations to...
†Josh & Mallory Schaible on the birth of their daughter Josie on Wed., Jan. 26. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and is 20.5 in. long.
Long term care....
†Doris Clements (Commonwealth Sr. Living); Martha Hall & Ed Haufler (Mathews); Charlie & Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)
Homebound: Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Jim/Gloria Travenski
Long Term Illness/condition...
† William S. Smith †Pauline Barrick
† Carol Buckley †Sam & Mary Vogel
† Leonard Downs, Jr. †Derek Zwiers
† Cathie Wahlers †
† Don/Christy Talbott †

Our Church Families' Missionaries...
† Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigators)
We welcome the following new members to our fellowship...
† Teddy & Nancy Pait
† Wayne (assoc. member) & Christy Brown

LOVE Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*
1 Corinthians 13:4

Church Attendance-Jan. 2022

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
01/02/2022	12	74	17
01/09/2022	86	99	21
01/16/2022	no services		
01/23/2022	93	64	8
01/30/2022	76	72	9

Quiz answer: B (see Genesis 25:1)



Coming...

- 4-6th: HS Retreat
- 11th: Family Drive-in Movie Night
- 12th: Suicide Prevention Workshop @Newington BC
- 6-13th: Week of Prayer-North Amer. Missions
- 13th: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- 20th: Spring Begins