

May 2023

Hatcher Church
Memorial Baptist Church
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Sharpe Insight...

The month of May brings **Mother's Day** as well as fresh blooms, new growth, the aura of Dogwoods, and early Spring flowers. These wonderful reminders bring to us the example that from the cold, barren soil of Winter comes new life with its potential for growth and beauty. Can we at Hatcher Church allow this imagery be a Godly example as we begin visioning what God's will may be for us in His future ministries? May we prayerfully seek God's will as Hatcher moves into future visioning and evaluating new ministries of service for the love of Jesus.

Hatcher Church has had to say good bye to its Child Development Center after 47 years as Hatcher's Ministry Partner. This decision, yet very painful, but was necessary. The blessings it birthed were many and wonderful and left with us "Seeds of Hope and Love". Presently, Hatcher Church has elected an Administrative Committee with responsibilities in this Closure-Transition. The Committee will offer leadership by establishing an administrative and decision-making process for the dispensing, selling, or donating properties, as well as rendering guidelines for any unresolved financial concerns.

Please be in prayer for this committee as it endeavors to serve and represent Hatcher's needs and seek the best use of its ministry resources.

May Hatcher Church take the "Seeds of Hope and Love" left us by the CDC, sprinkle them upon the ground, and then see what new blooms and spiritual flowers may grow with God's leadership.

Prayerful blessings to you and your family,

Pastor Sharpe

The Hatcher Herald

Hatcher Happenings

Deacon Report

The Deacons are looking forward to introducing Compassion Sunday on May 21st. Compassion International is a program that encourages people to adopt a child in need and for \$38.00/month you become their sponsor, encourager in Jesus' name. Giving hope to the hopeless. Compassion Sunday is an opportunity to invite anyone person or class or group to adopt a child who is in need. Frank Martin will be returning to give the church family information on this ministry. Frank brought this unitive to the deacon body in the March Deacon's meeting. Since then, our pastor has done due diligence investigating the ministry and finds it worthy of sharing with the entire congregation. Mark your calendar for the 21st of May and be in attendance of worship to hear more about this worthwhile ministry.

Another Deacon ministry Hatcher has adopted is the Deacon on Call ministry. A deacon and pastor work together for a week ministering in a variety of ways to the congregation. Visits to those who are in the hospital, home bound members, members who are caregivers for family members, or just members who simply would love to have a visit from the pastor and deacon; are visited. Please call the church office if you know of someone within the church family who would like a visit. Or if you would like to spend some time visiting with our pastor, please let us know.

Budget Update

In March, the Church received \$25,614 for general funds offerings.

The March budget was \$27,567.

Nominating Committee

GOD'S CLASSIFIED ADS—NEW EDITION TO COME

It's that time of year again when you can learn about exciting opportunities to be of service to our Lord and His church. Be on the lookout for a display in the Sanctuary foyer of leadership and committee vacancies for the service years of 2023-2024. In the meantime, be in prayer asking God to lead you in how you can best use the gifts He has given you to serve His church.

Alice Phillips, Nominating Committee Chair

What's Cooking on Wednesdays?

Our Wednesday night meals have been a well-received ministry for our McShin partners and church members. We hear that now the time has changed, and it is staying lighter longer there are those who would love to come and eat at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Please know you are welcome to come at 5:30 pm the entire month of May to eat on Wednesdays. Our May menus are looking like this:

May 3rd - Sliced Turkey with dressing, gravy, green beans, desserts, and beverage.

May 10th - Sliced Ham, green peas, pasta salad, fried apples, desserts, and beverage.

May 17th - BBQ, slaw, buns, veggie side dish, desserts, and beverage.

May 24th—TBA

May 31st—TBA

Remember the cost of the meals are \$10.00 and you need to sign up by noon on Monday before the meal.



Hatcher Happenings

May 1

11:00am Staff Meeting

May 2

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

May 3

5:00pm McShin Dinner

5:30pm Church Family Dinner

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

May 4 *National Day of Prayer*

7:00am-7:00pm National Day of Prayer

May 7

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Deacon's Meeting

May 9

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

May 10

5:00pm McShin Dinner

5:30pm Church Family Dinner

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

May 14 *Happy Mother's Day!*

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

May 15

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

May 16

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

May 17

5:00pm McShin Dinner

5:30pm Church Family Dinner

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

May 18

11:00am Love & Fellowship Meeting

May 21 *Compassion Sunday*

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Children's Ministry Tea Party

May 23

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

May 24

5:00pm McShin Dinner

5:30pm Church Family Dinner

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

May 28

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

2:00pm-4:30pm Camp Alkulana's Cook out at Bryan Park Shelter #1

May 29 *Happy Memorial Day!*

Church Office Closed

May 30

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

May 31

5:00pm McShin Dinner

5:30pm Church Family Dinner

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Ministry

Hearts in Motion

We are looking for volunteers to help set up for and clean up after the event. We will begin setting up things at the park at 1 PM and begin cleaning up around 4:30PM.

We will also need people to cook hot dogs and hamburgers on the grills. It is a picnic, so we want you to join us as a part of our larger Camp Alkulana community. Enjoy the afternoon with us.

We are asking our families to bring a side dish or dessert to share potluck style. It would be lovely if Hatcher folks could do that too. If it were possible for you to help sponsor the event by contributing to the purchase of hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and condiments that would also be very much appreciated."

So there are several ways for us to contribute to this event. If you would like to volunteer to help with setting up, cooking on the grill, be a greeter, help with games and/or help with clean up, please respond to me so I can pass along this information to Sarah. You can also donate funds towards the purchase of the food.

Love & Fellowship

We will be meeting **Thursday, May 18th at 11am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Floyd Lane and his group will be the entertainment for this month!

Creating Kindness

Smile and wave at four strangers this month.

-Heather Stamey

National Day of Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 4th, 2023 AT HATCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH: 7 AM TO 7 PM

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EXISTS TO MOBILIZE UNIFIED PRAYER FOR AMERICA AND BRING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO INTERCEDE FOR AMERICA'S LEADERS AND IT'S FAMILIES.

THE 2023 THEME IS: James 5:16B "PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH."

We invite you to join us at Hatcher Church for a time to pray throughout the day with someone or just yourself, either outside, in the prayer garden or inside the Chapel. Prayer Guides will be available to help you pray for families, churches, business and workplace, education, the military, our government, plus arts, entertainment and media of today. We will all "pray fervently in righteousness and avail much." Come anytime throughout the day to pray for our Country. God needs to hear your voice and heart. A special scripture has been selected for each state by the NDP Task Force that you can read and pray for our state also. Virginia's scripture is Hebrews 10:23-25.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage another --- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Volunteer at CAMP ALKULANA'S Spring into Camp Cookout

Sunday, May 28, 2023, 2-4:30 pm
Bryan Park, Shelter #1 (4308 Hermitage Rd)

Can you help out at our cookout for campers and their family members? We have lots of ways you can pitch in and participate!

RSVP here
by May 7



Volunteers needed for:

- Running the grill
- Setting up
- Cleaning up
- Greeting families
- Games & Activities

Questions: Contact bwright@alkulana.org

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Let God's
promises
shine on your
problems.

Worship *AND* Discipleship

"PROMISES OF GOD AND PRACTICES OF FAITH" OR... (OUR WORLD'S CRISIS OF FAITH)

In recent global interviews and press conferences, several world leaders voiced very real concerns regarding our world's condition as division, strife, mistrust, and aggression continue to further divide our world's community, cultures and countries. Yet, no leader is willing to lead by showing understanding or reconciling to their perceived adversaries. These circumstances are revealing how humanity is imploding on itself. Incivility is becoming the standard in communication and relationships. It is most difficult to seek spiritual answers, find Godly assurance, and discover biblical direction for these life changing concerns as most churches and houses of faith in the United States are pumping out "Liberation" Theology, "Justice" Theology, "Prosperity" Theology, "Political" Theology, "Self-Help" Theology, or preaching "Denominational Dogma" as Truth.

During the Month of May, Hatcher's members are being encouraged when coming to worship to bring their Bibles, note pads, and bring their inquiring minds as we get down to brass tacks in the study of the Word of God!

MAY 7 The Promise and the Practice of Faith Reveals...
THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THE GOLDEN CALF

Mother's Day

MAY 14 The Promise and the Practice of Faith Reveals...
PARENTHOOD AND THE NEED FOR CLOSE COMMUNITY

MAY 21 The Promise and the Practice of Faith Reveals...
LIFE TODAY AND LIVING IN THE DAY OF NOAH

MAY 28 The Promise and the Practice of Faith Reveals...Life in Turmoil
NO CONFESSION- NO REPENTANCE- NO FORGIVENESS

WEDNESDAY EVENING

PRAYER AND STUDY THEMES FOR MAY 2023

"LIVING IN OUR WORLD, WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?"

MAY 3

**AS A CHURCH ARE WE STRONGER THIS YEAR
THAN LAST?**

II CORINTHIANS 2:12-3:18

Paul's Insight for Us: What Are We Learning
About Our Church?

MAY 10

**A CHURCH WITH EXPECTATION AND PATIENCE
JOHN 12:37-50, ISAIAH 6:8-10**

A Church Balancing Vision, Patience, and Joy
(TODAY, MOST CHURCHES CANNOT DO THIS!)

MAY 17

A CARING CHURCH DEVELOPS COMMUNITY

ACTS 2:2-47

(How Are We Growing Community?)

Are We a Growing Church?

MAY 24

**UNDERSTANDING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
GOSPEL**

(THE RIOT IN EPHEBUS, CAUSE AND AFFECT)

ACTS:19:23-20:3

MAY 31

PAUL'S COMMITMENT TO THE GOSPEL

ACTS 20:4-24

EUTYCHUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY PAUL

Among Our Fellowship



May BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 1	Betty Spencer
	Charles Nunn
May 2	Brian Matthews
May 3	Jim Blanchard
May 4	Samuel Dunn
	Joyce Marsh
May 6	Kimberlee Bazemore
	Angela (Martin) McDonnell
May 8	Heather Photakos
	Priscilla Weis
	Nina Wharton
May 10	Jean Beard
	Christina Mayes
	Margaret Mayes
May 11	Mark Hodges
	Jessica Wilhelm
May 14	Marie Bookman
May 16	Betty Hofmann
May 17	Gary Atwell
May 20	Carrie Elder
May 22	Rebecca Clark
	Susan Dawson
	Gayle Parpart
May 23	Christian Cook
May 26	David & Janice Lynn*
May 27	Arthur Elliot
	Larry Parpart
	Lola Weis
	Jenette
May 28	Caitlin Dawson
	Christian Atwell
May 29	George Herbaugh
May 31	Dottie Whitlock

*Denotes Wedding Anniversary

PRAYING FOR YOU

Amanda Sanders
(Dottie Whitlock's Grandaughter)
Amber Trievel
(Family of the Stamey's)
Annie Mae Emerson-Davis
Barbara and Frank Walker
(friends Sharon Newcomb)
Bernie Pomfrey
Bubba & Harriett Garnett
Carol West
Charles Brammer
Chuck Strabley
(Lamb's Basket Member)
Cindi Bruce
(Friend of Robert Redden)
Connie Johnson
Coventry Haywood
David Lamphere
(Brother in-law of the Lynn's)
Debbie Peak-Breast Cancer
Destiny Trievel
(Family of the Stamey's)
Earl Phaup
Fred Waller
(Betty Waller's Husband)
Gary Duke
Gloria Clark
Janet Henderson
(Family of Susan Dawson)

Jean Beard
Jim Haden
Judy Watkins
June Banes
Kathy Crone
LaVerne Taylor
Louise Crigger-Hospice
(Mary Dunston's Aunt)
Lucy Roberts
(Melissa Steward's Mother)
Martha Price
(Mother of Sharon Gayness)
Melissa Steward
(Barbara Trimmer's granddaughter in-law)
Nancy Walker
Pete & Eddie Delano
Rick Roddenberry
Rose Bookman
Scott Benton
(Shirley Tuck's Son)
Scout Craig
(Joe & Kay Craig's Grandaughter)
Sharon & Johnnie Newcomb
Sharon Gayness
Stuart & Frank Joerg
Teddy Martin
Thornton Clary
Zachary Unroe
(Jane Stanard's Grandson)

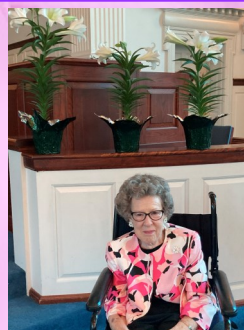
Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Sharon Gayness and family on the passing of her mother, **Martha Price**, April 23rd.

Tanya Thornton and family on the passing of her nephew, **Josiah Thornton**.

Bob Llewellyn and family on the passing of **June Llewellyn**, March 12th.

Joe & Kay Craig on the passing of their son, **Mike Craig**, March 9th.



Welcome!

Hatcher would like to welcome **Marie Stewart**! We are so blessed to now include her in our Hatcher Church Family, she is such a wonderful addition!

COMPASSION SUNDAY IS COMING TO HATCHER

MAY 21, 2023

This Sunday will allow Hatcher to learn a new mission opportunity and how to be directly involved in responding personally to human need.

Last Year, Frank Martin, one of Hatcher's Deacons, committed not to sponsor one child, but two!

**"What Compassion International
is Doing....
to Make a Difference"**



Search for a Child to Sponsor

Compassion International values relationship - specifically the relationship between a sponsor and a child. Compassion allows you to use the web site to search for a child to sponsor so that you can choose a child who is the perfect match for your family. When you search for a child to sponsor, you include as much or as little detail as you like, and we'll match you up with a child just for you.

With so many children in poverty around the world, we know how overwhelming it can be to choose one. We've made it easy to search for a child to sponsor by age, gender, country, birthdate, specific need and more. Take a moment to think about if you have a connection to a specific country or culture, a specific age or even a specific name. Our search page allows you to include all of this info, plus more, to help narrow down your choice. Often, making the decision to sponsor a child is the easy part. Choosing which child can be the hard part. Search for a child to sponsor and start your life changing relationship today.



Photos Of Your Child

Updates/Prayer Requests

A Pen Pal

Hatcher Kids



We have some unique sheep in our flock! We are so grateful that God makes us all different, to bring our own individuality and ideas to this world in order to help it be a better and brighter place.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." -Psalm 139:14 NIV



Children's Ministry Tea Party

Join us after church on May 21st at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall as the Children's Ministry host a tea party! We will dress up, drink tea, eat finger foods, and have fun!



HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2023-2024

Deacons

Co-Chairs — Lena Taylor & Carol McCann

Secretary—Alice Phillips

Treasurer—Janice Conroy

<u>2020-2023</u>	<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2022-2025</u>
Susan Haynes	Carol McCann	Wayne Duke
Terry Hoover	Frank Martin	Cookie Martin
Alice Phillips		Michael DiGaetano (yoke)
Lena Taylor		Tom Ingram

Church Officers

Moderator: Dr. Carol McCann
 Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
 Clerk: Debbie Welch
 Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione*
 Counting: Mary Atwell
 Endowment: Belinda Blanchard
 Finance: Jerry Myers
 McShin: Phyllis Johnson
 Nominating: Alice Phillips
 Personnel: Susan Haynes

Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
 Kathy Ridenour
 Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
 Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig

Team Leaders

Audio/Visual: Ray Clary
 Building & Grounds: David Dunston
 Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
 Hostess: Kay Craig
 Kitchen: June Banes
 Transportation: Ray Clary
 Ushers: Eddie Harris
 Communications: Jerry Myers

Building Use Coordinator :
 McShin Board Representative:
 Wedding Coordinator:
 LAMB'S Basket Representatives:
 Benevolence Coordinator:

William Moseley
 Phyllis Johnson
 Terry Hoover
 Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
 Alice Phillips

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J. Brandon Johnson, Maintenance
Jerry Myers, Webmaster
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator