



Morattico Baptist Church
MBC2028
Celebrating 250 Years 1778-2028

JANUARY 2025

MORATTICO BAPTIST CHURCH

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First, Happy New Year!! While I get excited at the beginning of every new year, I am looking particularly forward to 2025. In the coming months we will engage our committees and plan for successful community engagement and disciple building. 2024 was a great year in the history of Morattico Baptist Church and your church leadership is working very diligently to ensure another successful year of serving the Lord.

One of the most significant endeavors in 2025 will be to kick off planning for our 250th Anniversary Celebration in January 2028. Yes, that is three years away but in the history of both the Northern Neck and Virginia, your church played a significant role in the perpetuation of religious freedom. As such, we are going to plan a series of events that will provide adequate honor to our history. There are plans for speakers, publicity, books and celebrations to be made. Much work and planning lay ahead and your

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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
JANUARY 16, 2028**

Yes, you read that right ~ 2028. It may seem like a long way away but for a celebration of this magnitude, it takes a long time to prepare.

On January 17, 2028, Morattico Baptist Church will be 250 years old. What a celebration it will be. There will be events during the week leading up to the big celebration on Sunday, January 16, 2028.

In the meantime, The History Committee, along with the help of Pastor Abbott, will be developing the plan for this celebration. Subcommittees will be formed so please keep an eye out for ways you can help. Currently we are looking for help with the anniversary book. These volunteers would be asked to go to the Virginia Baptist Historical Society in Richmond to do some research. Others will be conducting oral interviews of people in the community. There is also a need for a few people to visit the local historical societies, museums, etc. looking for “all things Morattico Baptist Church”.



Margaret Ambrose

Jane Austin

Pam Brent

Page Carlson

Eddie Dawson

Eleanor Delano

Ralph Doth

Charlotte Evans

Wilson and Sandra Evans

Family of Alice Fallin

Bill and Mary Fletcher

Douglas Garrett

Johnny Gilbert

Terri Groh

Suzanne Henry

Mary Herndon

Greg Howell

James Jackson

Cathy Kellum

Shirley McNeal

Donald Morgan

Richard, Rosie and Rich Pruett

Sylvia Saunders

Sue B. Staton

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Fran Stout

William and Patricia Taylor

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Lynn Keane Walls

Irvington Baptist Church Pastor Search

Service Men and Women

*Please give us updates. Do we keep
praying or rejoice in being able to
remove someone from this list?
When adding someone, please provide
an address so we can send a card.*

Mae Shelton ~ 804-366-3817



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Jarrett Platsis

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Chris Love

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Dabne Parrish

4

Clay Holcomb

25

Charles Carlson

29

Ginny Barnes

January 26, 1980

Ronnie and Debbie Dodson



FROM THE PASTOR

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time and talents will be called upon over the next thirty-six months as this wonderful milestone is celebrated.

Your History Committee will be active and will communicate plans as they are made. This newsletter will outline the process and how we will achieve these ambitious plans. Please consider how you would like to help and as always, we ask your prayers as we plan.

Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!

Richard

Speaking of anniversaries, one of our dear friends in the community, Currie Funeral Home, just celebrated their 100th anniversary. In early December they had a celebration with their staff and close friends at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Gerald shared with us the history of the business.

CURRIE FUNERAL HOME PAST TO PRESENT - 1924 - 2024

Currie Funeral Home began serving the community in 1924 at 116 East Church Street in Kilmarnock under the name A. C. Elmore Furnishing Undertakers. At that time the business was the town's sole undertaker. Mr. Elmore operated the business out of his home on Main Street in Kilmarnock. A short time later, Mr. Elmore employed Emory W. Haynie, who went on to purchase the business and changed the name to Elmore-Haynie Funeral Home.

In 1960, James Latane Currie joined the firm. Mr. Currie and his wife Mary later purchased the business and under their ownership changed the name to Elmore-Currie Funeral Home. Eventually the Elmore name was removed and it became, as it is still known today, as Currie Funeral Home.

Gerald Sellers joined the funeral home in 1989, and Thomas Gale later followed in 1993. Sellers and Gale purchased the funeral home from the Curries in 2000. Tyler Haynie joined the firm in 2005 and became a licensed director. Thomas Gale retired in 2014, and Sellers and his wife Lydia are now owners of the business. Out of respect and great admiration for the former owner and president, the Sellers decided to continue business as Currie Funeral Home.



On Saturday, December 7th the MBC Band provided some Christmas cheer at the Front Porch Coffee House in Kilmarnock.



MBC hosted the annual Christmas party for the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society on Friday, December 6th. Speaking to about 40 members and volunteers, Richard told them the history of our church and its founders. This was followed by a tour of the Hunton-Lunsford History Center. The Historical Society brought in refreshments and beautiful holiday arrangements.



Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School (adult)
10 am Sunday Service

Calendar events:

Jan. 16th **MBC Business Meeting**
March 20th **MBC Business Meeting**

Bold = MBC event

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