



Morattico Baptist Church
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MAY 2025

MORATTICO BAPTIST CHURCH

THE HILL

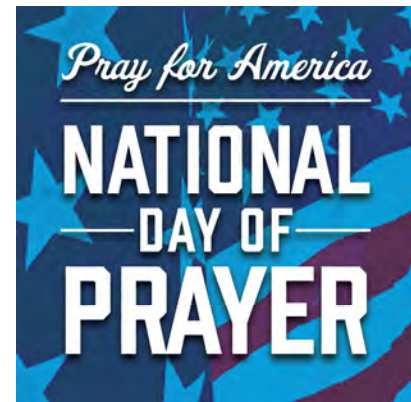


Our newsletter takes on a different tone for May. Its topic is undetermined and several subjects will be covered. I suppose the best description is that this newsletter is a smorgasbord! In that light I have chosen a couple topics to share with you in my “corner” of the newsletter.

First, music. During the Easter season our little church was filled with the musical genius of our band, the men’s choir sang one of your pastor’s favorite hymns, and of course the beautiful music made by our congregation always brings joy to the heart. As in most churches we love our music. One of the most prolific hymnists was Fannie Crosby. She was born in Putnam County, New York on March 24, 1820. At six weeks old she lost her eyesight to inflammation and mistreatment by a doctor.

Of her blindness she wrote, “Blindness can not keep the sunlight of hope from the trustful soul. One of the easiest resolves that

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The National Day of Prayer shares common roots with the celebration of Thanksgiving; both were national proclamations establishing a day of prayer. In the New England Colonies under British rule, traditional observances in late fall called for prayer and thanksgiving, while observances in the spring or summer called for prayer and fasting.

The fall observance was established by President Abraham Lincoln as the official Thanksgiving holiday in 1863. The spring observance was established by President Harry S. Truman in 1952 as the National Day of Prayer.



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

- Sheryl George Allen**
- Margaret Ambrose**
- Susan Ashburn**
- Jennifer Routt Clark**
- Eddie Dawson**
- Ralph Doth**
- Willow Drinkwater**
- Charlotte Evans**
- Wilson and Sandra Evans**
- Family of Billy Fallin**
- Bill and Mary Fletcher**
- Douglas Garrett**
- Johnny Gilbert**
- Terri Groh**
- Suzanne Henry**
- Greg Howell**
- James Jackson**
- Cathy Kellum**
- Donald Morgan**
- Richard, Rosie and Rich Pruett**
- Sylvia Saunders**
- Paul Stone**
- William and Patricia Taylor**
- Clint "Scooby" Walker**
- Gail Warwick**
- Those who are struggling**
- United States of America**



- 1 Curly Harcum
- 4 Braylin Beauchamp
- 5 Stephanie Hudson
- 5 Beth Clegg
- 7 Linda Herring
- 9 Amy Britt
- 13 Jane Austin
- 14 Dayton Rhinehart
- 19 Beth Kellum
- 25 Jenny Crandall
- 26 Lily Reih
- 29 Amy Rhinehart
- 31 Roxanne Fisher

- May 20, 2020 James Kendrick and Charla Compton
- May 29, 1976 Curly and Karen Harcum



If you are a member of the church, child or grandchild of a member and would like to apply for a college scholarship, please contact Charlotte Swaffin for an application.

cswaffin@gmail.com
or 804-761-1057

DEADLINE: June 1, 2025.

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



On Sunday, March 30th, five adorable children enjoyed a children's sermon and then painted and decorated crosses in preparation for Easter! They loved showing their finished projects to the congregation!

They also had lots of fun listening to bible stories and chasing bubbles outside!



Thank you Jeems Love for always sharing your musical talents with us.



PLEASE HELP SUPPORT HEALTHY HARVEST FOOD BANK

HHFB has reached out to us for help. It appears that their shelves are getting bare and they could benefit greatly from shelf stable donations.

Please consider donating items like peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, rice, beans, shelf stable milk and cereal, just to name a few.

Donations of food items should be placed in the designated boxes in the church.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation:

**Make checks payable to:
Healthy Harvest Food Bank**
(place in offertory or give to Pastor)

**Collection ends:
May 20th**



In Memory of:

Reverend Craig Smith by Janet and children

Jeanne Luttrell by Page Carlson

Nell Brothers by Page Carlson

Our dads by Eddie and Beth Gay

Eddie's mom by Eddie and Beth Gay

Loved ones that have gone on by Curly
Harcum

Fred Swaffin III by Charlotte Swaffin and The
Nonnemacker Family

Joe and Mary Anne Nonnemacker by Charlotte
Swaffin and The Nonnemacker Family

Eunice Whittaker and Pat Swaffin by Charlotte
Swaffin and The Nonnemacker Family

James Albert Fisher, my dad, by Roxy Fisher

Eva Jones Fisher, my grandma, by Roxy Fisher

Ann Fisher, my aunt, by Roxy Fisher

Lewis and Nell Brothers by Linda Herring

Dennis Hart, my one love, my husband by
Anita Hart

Mary Jane Thornton by JoAnn Fickling

Nancy Fortunato, my aunt, by Salle Boltz

Roy Groome, my husband, by Carol Groome

Eric Williams, my brother, by Sherri Comer



In Honor of:

Our loving church family by Ronald and
Stephanie Hudson

Our First Responders by Peggy Nolting

Our great grandchildren by James and Geri
Vick

Page Carlson, our mother, by Nina Page,
Robert, Gin, and Len

Granddaddy and Mimi by Maya Stevens and
Kinsley Hudson

Beth's mom by Eddie and Beth Gay

The History Committee by Kathy Pittman



**Men's Choir
Sunday, April 13th**

Back row (l-r)

Jeems Love, Terry Brown, Ray Britt

Front row (l-r)

David Humphreys, Richard Abbott, Ned
Goode

**EASTER EGG HUNT
And LUNCH
Sunday, April 13th**



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**CHURCH
YARD
SALE**

MAY 10TH

8 am to 1 pm

Please bring donations to the church.

Donations will be accepted

May 4th – 9th

There will be no pick up service.

For a drop off appointment call
Linda Herring ~ 804-580-1612

OR

Debbie Dodson ~ 804-436-4453

We are accepting household items, art work, collectibles, small furniture and more.

We ARE NOT accepting clothes, books, large furniture or exercise equipment.

All donations should be clean and in good working order.

Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund

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I formed was in my young and joyous heart was to leave all care to yesterday, and to believe that the morning would bring forth its own peculiar joy.” Fanny Crosby was an exceptional role model for Christians of every age but especially for young women. In an era when women had little standing, she leveraged her faith in God to excel in writing poems and hymns. The list of hymns is extensive but one stands out to me for the reason she wrote it.

On April 30, 1868, musician Howard Doane met with Fannie and played a tune for her to consider. He was in a great hurry to catch a train and after hearing the tune she took thirty minutes to write “Safe in the Arms of Jesus.” Almost ten years earlier she had given birth to a child. It is unknown if the child was a boy or girl because Fanny never spoke of the loss but it is known to have deeply affected her, and she bore the sorrow in silence and solitude. “Safe in the Arms of Jesus” is a hymn that was created through prayer and experience. It is a hymn that has comforted parents of lost children for over one hundred years. “Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast, there by His love o’er shaded, sweetly my soul shall rest.” Perhaps we can all take a lesson from someone who did not allow blindness and tragedy to define her, rather she gave God the glory for every breath she took. Let God define who you are and who you will become!

Second, prayer. As we enter into the summer months and life becomes consumed with vacations and outdoor activities, our prayer lives may wane. Let’s all make a

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commitment to increase our prayer time during the summer. Ensure that you make time to speak with God if you are boating or beaching. The gift of life is no less worthy of gratitude in summer. I submit that it is even more so as we enjoy His creation and take advantage of the most pleasant season of all. Pray. Not because you have to but because you need to.

Blessings!
Richard

EASTER SUNDAY





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

Calendar events:

May 1 st	National Day of Prayer
May 4 th	Blessing of the Fleet 3:30 pm Reedville VA
May 11 th	Mother's Day
May 15th	MBC Business Meeting
May 17 th	Armed Forces Day
May 26 th	Memorial Day

Bold = MBC event

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