



Morattico Baptist Church
MBC2028
Celebrating 250 Years 1778-2028

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MORATTICO BAPTIST CHURCH

THE HILL

FROM THE PASTOR

I was an active member of the Future Farmers of America while in high school. Ernie Palin and Johnny Mathias were the faculty leaders of the FFA and we had a large group because of the dedication of these two men. Thomas Gale still reminds me of the awards banquet where I received awards for cow judging and tractor driving. When my name was called I was shocked because I never judged a cow or drove a tractor so for more than forty years, Tom has reminded me of my mysterious success!

These organizations have been downsized or eliminated from many public schools and that is a shame. These organizations create comraderie and lead to life-long friendships. Two of our own, Rachel and Nathaniel Barnes are participating in 4H, which still has a presence here in the Northern Neck.

Morattico Baptist has offered our fellowship hall to them for meetings and I'm very pleased that they have done so.

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Northumberland 4H

Northumberland 4-H Club competes in regional Livestock Judging Competition

Many of us are familiar with the logo of the 4-H organization– the four-leaf clover with an H emblazoned on each lobe. 4-H was started by the US Cooperative Extension Service in 1902 as an outreach effort of our land grant universities but the organization has grown to include chapters in over 80 countries. The mission of 4-H is to assist youth and adults working with those youth in gaining knowledge, life skills and attitudes that will further their development as self-directing, contributing and productive members of society.

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PRAYER list...

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

Margaret Ambrose
Susan Ashburn
Jennifer Routt Clark
Eddie Dawson
Ralph Doth
Charlotte Evans
Wilson and Sandra Evans
Wayne Fallin
Bill and Mary Fletcher
Douglas Garrett
Terri Groh
Linda Herring
James Jackson
Cathy Kellum
Neal Marsh
Donald Morgan
Barbara Murray
Sammy Newton
Richard, Rosie and Rich Pruett
Sylvia Saunders
Paul Stone
William and Patricia Taylor
Rosemary Thrift
Clint "Scooby" Walker
Lynn Keane Walls
Robert Wilkins
Dixie Wood
U S Service Men and Women
United States of America
Ukraine and Israel



8	Colter Walston
11	Brian Barnes
13	Elizabeth Parrish
24	Janet Smith
26	Kathy Pittman
27	Adley Nonnemacker
29	Don Gill
30	Jeems Love



Our friend Dixie Wood opening her
"thinking of you" card from MBC.
It was greatly appreciated.

The logo for Twin Branch Wellness & Recovery for Women features a stylized tree with green leaves and a brown trunk. The text "Twin Branch" is in a large, white, serif font, and "Wellness & Recovery for Women" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

**MBC is collecting donations for
Twin Branch Wellness and
Recovery Center for Women.**

**Please consider donating the
following full size items (no
travel sizes, please!):**

- ♥ Socks
- ♥ Deodorant
- ♥ Lotion
- ♥ Fixodent

Monetary donations also accepted



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In the fall of 2024, a new 4-H chapter was formed locally and dubbed the Northumberland River Ranchers. So far our chapter has been solely focused on Equine and Livestock care, husbandry and showing. On May 2nd and 3rd, two of MBC's own young parishioners competed in the Fredericksburg area FFA/4H Livestock Show and Sale at Meadow Event Park in Doswell. Nathaniel and Rachel Barnes have been raising a pair of Suffolk show lambs since February. While the Barnes family raises a flock of around 250 ewes and lambs, show circuit animals must be of pedigreed stock from a handful of breeds, so the family purchased two beautiful ewes for their show projects. Rachel and Nathaniel have been caring for them daily ever since. During the long weekend, they competed in categories including Showmanship, Herdsmanship, Animal Conformation and Stockman's Challenge. It was an excellent educational experience!

Some of you might be familiar with the 4-H pledge: "I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

Even better is the 4-H prayer: "Help me, oh Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better, because Thou hast made me."

~Ginny Barnes



On Sunday, June 8, 2025, Morattico Baptist Church celebrated Baby Dedication.

Wayland Dunaway Carter V was dedicated to the Lord. Baby Way is the son of Wayland Dunaway Carter IV and Carly Carter. He is also Debbie Dodson's great nephew.



Carly, JT, Baby Way and Wayland





Rachel Barnes
Age 14

I like livestock showing because the competitive atmosphere pushes me to be the best possible version of myself. Working with my animals has also taught me patience, discipline and passion for not only the animals but being able to step into the show ring and know that maybe my animal isn't the best looking or maybe she doesn't have the most muscle but I know I put my heart into working with this animal. A ribbon or a banner will never be enough to showcase how dedicated all livestock kids are to their animals. I enjoy being able to show off my animal to the best of my ability, regardless of how well I place.

~Rachel





Nathaniel Barnes
Age 16

4-H is a program that aims to teach young people about livestock nutrition, care, and handling. Each participant raises an animal then takes them to a Show. We walk them around in a ring and they are inspected, as are we. I have learned valuable information that I can bring back to our farm regarding nutrition and animal husbandry tools.

~Nathaniel



The Carter Family

In addition to the Baby Dedication on June 8th, we also celebrated having three generations of Wayland Dunaway Carter's present. The Carter family runs deep in the history of Morattico Baptist Church. The Senior and Junior Carters are buried at Morattico.



Left to right
Wayland D. Carter III
Wayland D. Carter V
Wayland D. Carter IV

Healthy Harvest Food Bank



Another successful food drive by the generous members and friends of Morattico Baptist Church! Thank you for packing the large boxes of food for our less fortunate neighbors!
God bless you!

Young Adult Committee

After four grueling months of technological configuration, the young adult group is back up and running! We have officially rebranded to the Reborn and Redeemed Podcast and you can find us on Rumble and Youtube ~ @RebornandRedeemedPodcast.

We ARE still meeting on Sunday nights and we are still serving dinner each week. We encourage any 16-25 year olds to join us for Bible study, fellowship and a great time. We do not want the community element of this group to be overshadowed by the new equipment and streaming presence.

Discussion and interaction during lessons is still very welcome! We meet at 5:30 and we post any meeting information to our Instagram page and @RebornandRedeemedPodcast as well. We always welcome more visitors. If you know anyone in that age range looking for somewhere to spend their Sunday evenings, feel free to pass along our info!

~ Jordan Abbott



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Ginny and Brian are building a wonderful business at her homeplace and to have their children active in this venture will pay dividends for their entire lives.

Opportunities such as FFA and 4H are rare in our tech driven culture so I encourage you lift these young folks in prayer and to support them as needed. We at MBC stand ready to help in any way possible and we are proud of the work that Rachel and Nathaniel are doing in 4H.

~Richard

The Flower Committee Report

The Flower Committee had their second quarter meeting in May to discuss the success of the Easter lily drive which resulted in the purchase of 21 lilies that created a beautiful backdrop for the music and the service on Easter Sunday. In addition, the committee planned the sanctuary flowers for the summer holidays to reflect the spirit and message of each of the holidays. Our next meeting will be in August with a focus on the flowers for the Historic Church Tour in September.

Each month a member of the committee is assigned to ensure we have flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday. (*see below for schedule) A grateful thank you to Beth Gay and Shelley Ritter who covered April and May, respectively. Anita Hart provided coverage for June.

We are always ready to accept your floral arrangement donation to celebrate a special occasion, to remember a loved one, or to let someone know they are appreciated. Please contact Beth Gay when you wish to provide a floral arrangement. She will be able to help by answering all your questions about the process. Simply email Beth (bethg0215@gmail.com) or text (804-436-5724) to start the process.

The Committee hopes you continue to enjoy the flowers. And please, if you have any questions or comments reach out to one of the committee members. Remember, *a flower is a smile from heaven.*

The Flower Committee
Anita Hart, Page Carlson, Beth Gay
Wendy Deihl covering July
Ginny Barnes covering August
Shelley Ritter covering September



On Sunday, June 1st a group from church went to the Mexican restaurant in White Stone to celebrate Roxy's birthday. A great time was had by all! They also determined that Mae Shelton does not like guacamole!



The Flower Committee wishes to thank the following individuals who provided flowers for the Sanctuary April through June.

In celebration of:

Eddie and Beth Gay's 39th wedding anniversary by Eddie and Beth Gay.

Pastor Richard Abbott's birthday by the Flower Committee.

Jan Abbott's birthday by Richard Abbott and family.

Baby Dedication by Kathy and Timmy Pittman

In remembrance of:

In celebration of the life of her beloved husband, Lewis Shelton (March 1, 1928-March 25, 2024), who loved the Lord, his family and his country by Mae Shelton.

Billy Fallin by his brother, Wayne Fallin.



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

Calendar events:

July 4th Independence Day
July 6th Patriotic Music during Sunday service
July 17th Business Meeting
July 27th Scholarship Sunday
Sept. 13th Historic Church Tour 9 am to 3 pm
Sept. 18th Business Meeting

Bold = MBC event

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