



Morattico Baptist Church
MBC2028
Celebrating 250 Years 1778-2028

SEPTEMBER
2025

MORATTICO BAPTIST CHURCH

THE HILL



One of the overlooked chapters of American History is the War of 1812. It seems that the British couldn't get past having been beaten by the colonists so the young United States found itself in naval conflict with the British Empire. Causes of the war included British attempts to restrict U.S. trade, the Royal Navy's impressment of American seamen and America's desire to expand its territory.

America simply wanted to remain neutral in the conflict between Britain and France, and in its neutrality continue to conduct trade with both nations. Neither France nor Britain accepted the neutrality of America and as a result, our fledgling Navy was drawn into conflict with the mighty British fleet.

On the Northern Neck the conflict had dire impacts. The British blockaded the Chesapeake Bay and much of the Atlantic coast which led to deprivation and shortages here.

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The United States Daughters of 1812

Our church family started during the American Revolution. Our beautiful church was built just before the War Between the States. What a wonderful history if that building could talk. We do have an area where our history can talk: it's the beautiful cemetery. Walking along the headstones you can go back to generations of the members. Pastor Lewis Lunsford (The Wonderful Boy), the first preacher for Morattico Church, whose beautiful stone dates to 26 October 1793, was about forty years old.

The grave of Reverend Addison Hall alongside his three sons speaks of the tragedy of losing children to disease. Our church cemetery is full of heroes, veterans of foreign and domestic wars, fire fighters, policemen and ordinary citizens who have accomplished so much that helped to make our country great.

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IN OUR
Thoughts
AND
Prayers

Margaret Ambrose
 Betty Christopher
 Jennifer Routt Clark
 Robbie Crowther
 Eddie Dawson
 Ralph Doth
 Charlotte Evans
 Bill and Mary Fletcher
 Douglas Garrett
 Terri Groh
 Linda Herring
 Anna Keane
 Cathy Kellum
 Neal Marsh
 Donald Morgan
 Sammy Newton
 Richard, Rosie and Rich Pruet
 Sylvia Saunders
 John Staton
 Paul Stone
 Fran Stout
 Paul Stout
 Ray Frances Talley
 William and Patricia Taylor
 Rosemary Thrift
 Meredith Tompkins
 Randy Tydings
 Lynn Keane Walls
 Jay Whay
 Robert Wilkins

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



SEPTEMBER
birthdays & anniversaries

1 Charlotte Swaffin
 3 Mary Fletcher
 6 Franklin Parrish
 7 Kendra Simpson
 8 Suzanne Souders
 9 Frances Stout
 10 Glenn Fallin
 18 Tiffany Walston
 18 Richard Pruet
 19 Bill James
 23 David Hudnall
 24 Lincoln Saunders

September 7 Clay and Lisa Holcomb
 September 10 Charlie and Jane Austin
 September 13 Paul and Kim Stout
 September 28 Suzanne and Joe Souders
 September 30 Brian and Ginny Barnes

GOSPEL
of Giving



Please join us for a Gospel concert to benefit Twin Branch Wellness & Recovery Center for Women!

📅 September 26, 2025 ⌚ 7:00 P.M.

📍 Morattico Baptist Church -
924 Morattico Church Road, Kilmarnock VA

**No entry fee!
 Refreshments to follow.
 Cash & check donations accepted!**

The United States Daughters of 1812

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The United States Daughters of 1812 was founded 8 January 1892. It is a volunteer women's service organization, dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving and increasing knowledge of the history of the American people by the preservation of documents and relics, marking of historic spots, recording of family histories and traditions and celebration of patriotic anniversaries. In addition this organization teaches and emphasizes the heroic deeds of the civil, military, and naval life - deeds of those who molded this government from the close of the American Revolution 1784 through 1815 including the War of 1812. National Organization Scripture: "But now remains faith, hope, love, these three: but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

The Rappahannock Chapter 493 of the United States Daughters of 1812 was organized 30 January 2018 in Kilmarnock, Virginia and was chartered 27 August 2018 with 23 members. The chapter currently has 39 members and two associate members. Members live in Westmoreland, Richmond, Essex, Middlesex, Northumberland and Lancaster counties. The Rappahannock Chapter's mission is the same as the National organization.

Additionally we try to help our local communities with benevolent activities including providing the Sheriffs' departments, in all the members' counties, with Children's Care Bags. The care bags contain books, crayons, small toys and sometimes stuffed animals. The Sheriffs' Deputies carry these in their cars and they are given to children to distract and comfort them in times of distress. Each year we support a family in Northumberland County at Christmas time.

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To help educate the public the chapter published a driving tour of the Northern Neck marking the spots of significance during the War of 1812. Nationally, we donate to libraries, churches and historic sites related to the period of 1784 through 1815.

I do hope you all will be able to join us as we celebrate and honor the service of Pastor Addison Hall at his Grave Marking Ceremony on Saturday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m.

~Jo Ann Fickling, President
Rappahannock Chapter 493
NSUSD1812



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Interestingly, one of the most sought-after products of that era was whale oil and with the blockade whale oil became scarce and eventually non-existent. It was during this period that experimentation with menhaden oil extraction began. Rudimentary methods of extracting oil included filling barrels of fish with water, weighing down the fish with stones and allowing the fish to rot. This process created an oil skim that could be used in place of whale oil.

It would be another forty years before Elijah Reed began the extraction of menhaden oil by cooking the fish. Nevertheless, it was the blockade of the Chesapeake Bay by the British during the War of 1812 when the value of menhaden oil was discovered.

Morattico Baptist Church pastor, Addison Hall, participated in the War of 1812. This month's newsletter is dedicated to that part of his life and the impact the war had on the Northern Neck. Enjoy!

~Richard

The Society of the War of 1812 In the Commonwealth of Virginia

The General Society of the War of 1812 presented the charter to the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia at Philadelphia on March 13th 1982. Many of the members previously belonged to the District of Columbia Society. Meetings have been conducted annually since the first meeting held in Fredericksburg on June 25, 1983.¹

The Virginia Society is the men's 1812 organization that tracks lineal decedents of soldiers from the war of 1812. <https://1812va.org/> is the link to their website. The Virginia Society is active in a variety of activities throughout the year. Their website publishes past, present and upcoming events. In addition, there are articles, pictures and information about the activities of the society. There is also a link to complete an application. Membership in the Virginia Society includes membership in the General Society of the War of 1812. <https://gswar1812.org/> is the link to the General Society website. The objectives of the Society are the collection and preservation of rolls, records, books, and other documents relating to the War of 1812; the encouragement of research and the preservation of historical data, including memorials to patriots of that era in our national history; the caring for the graves of veterans of the War of 1812; the cherishing, maintenance and extension of the institutions of American freedom; and the fostering of true patriotism and love of country².

The state members actively support the National Society of United States Daughters of 1812 and have participated in and supported many of the Daughters' activities and have furnished speakers. Most recently Stuart Butler participated in the Potomac

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River War of 1812 tour with the local US Daughters of 1812 (USD1812) Rappahannock Chapter. Stuart is the current President of the Virginia Society.



There are many activities throughout the year including grave markings of 1812 veterans that honor the men and women in cemeteries throughout Virginia with 1812 markers. These ceremonies are often conducted jointly with the US Daughters of 1812. Additionally they have funded roadside historical markers that are located throughout Virginia. The society also presents recognition awards to ROTC cadets at various universities and colleges throughout Virginia.

Since this organization is non-political their activities are civic and represent their love of country and its history. Meetings are started with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and prayer. On March 29, 2025, President Stuart Butler laid a wreath at the tomb of President John Tyler on Tyler's birthday at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia. President Tyler served as a captain in a rifle company in the 52nd. Virginia Militia during the War of 1812.

~Richard Fickling

For additional information about these organizations the website links are presented in the article.

¹. Virginia Museum of History & Culture

². General Society of the War of 1812.

<https://gswar1812.org/>

COMMITTEE MEETING



MARKETING COMMITTEE

The MBC Marketing Committee has been hard at work on several exciting projects! If you haven't checked out the church's website since its most recent facelift, you should. The website now features a tab for the Historic Church Tour and a place to purchase tickets online (following the completion of the registration form). You can also check out the photography portfolio, which features pictures and videos taken by Coastal Imagery. If you have ever wondered what a bird sees when it flies over the church, visit this page and see for yourself! We cannot wait to use these pictures and images to spread the word about our beautiful church.

~Jordan Abbott

YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

On August 3rd the young adult group celebrated its 10th video upload to YouTube and Rumble. Each Sunday several young adults, some from MBC and some not, spend the evening at church in fellowship and Bible study. Lessons are recorded and uploaded to YouTube and Rumble, under the handle:

@RebornandRedeemedPodcast

We have been combing through the book of Proverbs and have had some insightful conversations. Feel free to check out our channels and if you know a young adult looking to spend Sunday evenings with us, tell them to check us out too!

~Jordan Abbott

DEACONS & DISCUSSIONS

At the July Deacons meeting the Pastor distributed a book to the deacons and asked us to read it. We are to report back on it at our next meeting. The title? Autopsy of a Deceased Church..... Should be an interesting read!

We also touched base on the frequency of our Deacon and church business meetings. In the busyness of spring and summer we got a little off schedule! The Churches Legacy Plan was discussed further and will determine how we are doing on it at our next meeting as well.

The replacement of the church roof will start soon as we were greeted on Sunday, August 11th by a huge dumpster and porta potty in the parking lot. Several construction projects are in the making for the coming months as we strive to make MBC all She can be. More to come at a later date on this!

Much concentration is being put on our 2025 Historic Church Tour. It will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

~Linda Herring

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The Morattico Baptist Church History Committee has been meeting regularly as they are preparing for the newest exhibits for the Hunton-Lunsford History Center. These exhibits will debut on Saturday, September 13th at the Historic Church Tour.

Committee Chair, Kathy Pittman, has been busy finalizing plans for the tour and is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale. See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter for more information.

~Kathy Pittman


*Then shall the earth
yield her increase; and
God, even our own
God, shall bless us.*
PSALM 67:6, KJV 



On a HOT Tuesday in July, several people from Morattico Baptist Church along with a few other community members gleaned corn for the Northern Neck Food Bank. Pastor Richard Abbott, Darlene Nonnemacker, Tish Scott, and Jacoby Scott represented MBC. Corn was donated by farmer, Craig Giese. Thanks to all!



Craig Giese and Richard Abbott



The Morattico Baptist Scholarship Committee honors eleven scholars.

Front row (L to R): Alayna Holcomb, who will attend Randolph College; and Callie Souders, Rappahannock Community College. Back Row (L to R): Addison Gordon, Shenandoah University; Meredith McManamey, Central Virginia Community College; Caroline Neale, James Madison University; Eli Pittman, James Madison University; Landon Reis, High Point University; and Gavin Simpson, The College of William and Mary.

Others include Alisa Hart, Bridgewater College; Madison Hart, Northern Virginia Community College; and Sarah Hart, Northern Virginia Community College.





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

Calendar events:

September 1 st	Labor Day
September 7 th	National Grandparents Day
September 11 th	Patriot Day
September 13th	Historic Church Tour (see back cover)
September 14th	Guest speaker Mr. Rick Claybrook
September 18th	Business Meeting 7 pm
September 20th	United States Daughters of 1812 at 2 pm Grave Marking Ceremony for Addison Hall Private 92nd Virginia Militia
September 22	First day of Autumn
September 26	Gospel Sing at 7pm to benefit Twin Branch Wellness & Recovery for Women

Bold = MBC event

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Morattico Baptist Church presents

2025 Historic Church Tour

Saturday, September 13, 2025 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by Morattico Baptist Church and her daughter/granddaughter churches.

Discover hidden gems of the Northern Neck, some dating back to 1778.

Whether you are a history buff, church enthusiast or just curious we think you will find this tour a special treat. The Historic Church Tour offers something for everyone – history, architecture, stained glass, cemetery secrets and more.



Morattico



Beulah



Corrottoman



Fairfields



First



Lebanon



Lively Hope



Macedonia



Mount Olive



Mount Vernon



White Stone



Wicomico



ADMISSION: \$10

4 WAYS TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

1. Scan this QR code
2. Visit moratticobaptistchurch.org
3. Contact One of the Participating Churches
4. Call 804-577-3043