



Morattico Baptist Church
MBC2028
Celebrating 250 Years 1778-2028

MAY 2026

Anniversary Countdown
20 Months

MORATTICO BAPTIST CHURCH

THE HILL

 **FROM THE
PASTOR**

In a normal week at Morattico Baptist there are Bible studies, meetings in the church, meetings outside the church, sermon prep, texts, phone calls and emails to answer. There is also weekly yoga classes. On top of that there is Sunday worship service, band practice and sermon practice. Our church is a busy place with things going on all the time. Then there are the picnics and bonfires that happen occasionally and Fifth Sunday Fellowships which are always a fan favorite!

So when you have work to do to the buildings it takes planning and coordination among many members. In the last month that process has been put to the test. First, we had our very own Tim Skelton paint the fellowship hall, which took about three weeks to complete. He finished on a Friday and the following Monday floor refinishers began work on the fellowship hall and classrooms. Needless to say, it has been a fast paced Spring!

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MBC LIFE IN REVIEW PHOTOS

Morattico Baptist Church has been a busy place over the past month or two! We are excited to share photos from several recent events and activities that have brought our church family together.

Our fellowship hall floors were recently refinished and the walls got a fresh coat of paint. This gave our space a fresh new look.

We enjoyed a wonderful Family Night, a meaningful Easter service, and lots of fun children's activities, including an Easter egg hunt and a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

In addition, the Hunton-Lunsford History Center was open for tours on April 22 in coordination with Historic Garden Week. We welcomed visitors from near and far continuing to share our 248 year history.

As you can see, the little church on "The Hill" has been full of life, fellowship, and activity!

We hope you enjoy the photos!

Prayer LIST

Margaret Ambrose
Liam Clegg
Sherri Comer
Brenda Crowther
Eddie Dawson
Charlie Dixon
Ralph Doth
Charlotte Evans
Pat Ferreira
Roxy Fisher and family
John Gilbert
Linda Gordon
Tom and Terri Groh
Virginia Hatton
Lloyd B Hubbard
Mike and Crystal Kappel
Cathy Kellum
Robbie McDaniel
Richard, Rosie and Rich Pruett
Jimmy Robertson
Taylor and Matt Robinson
Sheila Rollins
Brennon Saunders
Sylvia Saunders
Jude Schario
Michael Shelton
Paul Stout
Charlotte Swaffin
William and Patricia Taylor
Gail Thompson
Robert Wilkins
Jimmy Williams

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



1 Curly Harcum
4 Braylin Beauchamp
5 Stephanie Hudson
5 Beth Clegg
7 Linda Herring
9 Amy Britt
13 Jane Austin
14 Sherri Comer
15 Rhonda Tomkins
19 Beth Kellum
20 Carol Groome
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

May 31
James and Gerry Vick



Kathy Pittman



Easter Lily Dedications 2026

In Memory of:

Reverend Craig Smith
by Janet and children

Jeanne Luttrell by Page Carlson

Nell Brothers by Page Carlson

Loved ones that have gone on
by curly Harcum

Fred Swaffin III and Patsy Cayton
by Michael and Darlene Nonnemacker

Joe and Mary Anne Nonnemacker
by Michael and Darlene Nonnemacker

Eunice Whittaker
by Michael and Darlene Nonnemacker

James Albert Fisher, my dad,
by Roxy Fisher

Eva Jones Fisher, my grandma,
by Roxy Fisher

Ann Fisher, my aunt,
by Roxy Fisher

Jordan Moore, our son, and Crystal Lyles,
our daughter,
by John and Cyndi Moore

Michelle Griffin
by Lynn Walls

Tammy Benson Jett
by Perrin and Eric Jett

The Benson Family
by Raymond Benson and sisters

Dr. Donald Longest
by Anke Longest

Easter Lily Dedications 2026

In Memory of:

Rob Crowther, my son,
by Brenda Crowther

Our parent by Jan and Richard Abbott

Karen Barnes
by Brian and Ginny Barnes

Melvin and Virginia Pitman
by Brian and Ginny Barnes

In Honor of:

To all of those who love the Lord
by Ronald and Stephanie Hudson

Our Troops and First Responders
by Peggy Nolting

Our grandchildren
by James and Geri Vick

Charlotte Swaffin
by Michael and Darlene Nonnemacker

Wayson Christopher and Eddie Dawson's 90th
birthdays
by Michael and Darlene Nonnemacker

To those that keep the "inner workings"
of MBC in order
by Linda Herring

To the glory of our Risen Savior, Jesus
Christ!
by Jan and Richard Abbott



FLOOR REFINISHING 2026



FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Chef Richard



EASTER EGG HUNT



EASTER BUNNY



MEET THE MEMBER



Tim and Lisa Skelton met at the Urbanna Oyster Festival in 2012 and were married in 2013 after they purchased their first home together on Goat Island in White Stone. They are originally from the Richmond area.

Tim spent 24 years working in commercial and industrial construction before transitioning in 2020 to pursue business ownership. Over the last couple of years, Tim worked on the water as a waterman, crabbing and gill netting. He recently led the project of painting our fellowship hall. In his free time he enjoys bird hunting in season and contributing featured articles to sporting publications.

Tim has a son, Luke, from a previous marriage. Luke currently serves as head navigator aboard the deployed USS *Gerald R. Ford* aircraft carrier. Luke and his wife have three young sons, all under the age of seven.

Lisa is an honors graduate of the School of the Fine Arts at Virginia Commonwealth University and has two sons from a previous marriage, Adam and Josh. Both of her sons attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

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Lisa is a freelance designer. Her designs have been published in national and regional publications. Lisa also enjoys interior decorating and creating original art pieces.

Together, Tim and Lisa enjoy spending time with family and friends and fully embrace life living on the water, and the natural beauty that surrounds them each day. They have a beloved lab, Daisy Mae.

They began attending Morattico Baptist Church in the spring of 2025, and Tim was baptized by Pastor Abbott last June. They are deeply grateful for the warmth and kindness of the church family. They truly believe God brought them to this place to celebrate their lives and their love for Jesus Christ.

~Rhonda Tompkins



Morattico Baptist Church Outreach Ministry mails cards to the sick, shut-ins, those who have suffered loss and many other reasons or occasions. Holiday cards are also sent.

With Mae Shelton at the helm, we have an awesome Outreach group. In March they mailed 30 cards and in April 27 were sent.

Thank you Outreach!!!!

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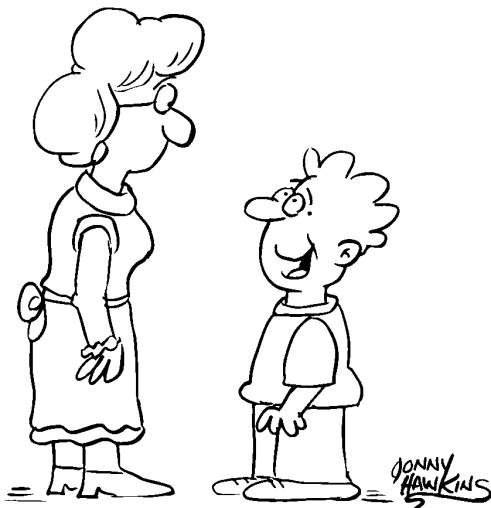
This month the newsletter provides a look back over the last few months and the amazing things that happen when a church works together and accomplishes its mission in spite of disruption. We saw the same outcome when Covid impacted our world. MBC missed two Sundays because Richmond banned church activities. But, with great teamwork and defiance, Morattico opened its campus to outside worship and we didn't miss a Sunday for a full year at which time we resumed inside services.

God provides for those who trust Him and place Him above all problems and issues and worries.

“So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.”

Matthew 6:34

Blessings and Peace!
Richard



“Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me.”

EASTER SUNDAY



Children's Sermon



After Pastor Richard's short children's sermon on Easter Sunday, Chris Love, Rhonda Tompkins and Susan Humphreys took the kids into the fellowship hall for a Sunday School lesson and craft project. Using donuts and donut holes they created masterpieces representing Jesus's open tomb.





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

Calendar events:

May 9th	Women's Breakfast w/guest speaker 8 am
May 10 th	Mother's Day
May 21st	Business Meeting
May 24th	Memorial Day Sunday and Pentecost
May 31st	Fifth Sunday Fellowship

Bold = MBC event

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