

May 2022

Memorial Day in May

Dear Church Family,

I once visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, located in Arlington, Virginia. On that day, I was struck by the silent solemnity of that special place. On those hallowed grounds, I sensed the gravity of the ultimate price paid by those brave soldiers.

On Memorial Day, we remember the brave men and women who fought and died to protect our homeland and defend our freedoms. As a nation, we honor their sacrifice, and rightly so. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

On the Lord's Day, His people remember Him. We praise Him for Who He is, and we thank Him for what He has done. His people remember Him. We honor the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ. He died on the cross in our place for our sins. We solemnly remember His sacrifice.

The tomb of the Lord Jesus Christ is empty - He is risen! Jesus Christ is not unknown - He is known personally to all who receive Him as Lord and Savior! Remember Him and He will remember you: "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

In Christ,
Pastor Calvin

Andrews First Baptist Church



2022 VISION:

The Lord Jesus Christ said:
"I will build My church." Matthew 16:18



A New Day:

**Celebrating our Past,
Anticipating our Future,
Building on 120 years
of Worship and Ministry**

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WMU NEWS MAY 2022

April showers bring May flowers or so they say. Hopefully, this month will bring some warmer temperatures as well. The outside is calling!!

May is also the month we celebrate Mother's Day. If your mother is still with you, celebrate her with more than just gifts or flowers, but with yourself. Tell her how much you love her and how special she is. I wish I still had my mother with me, but I am so grateful to God for giving me a Christian mother (and father) who loved the Lord and who shared that love with me. I am so blessed by God's gift of my mother. Don't forget, May 8th is Mother's Day!

Also in May, we accept the special offering for NC Baptist Hospital which has been known as the Mother's Day Offering. Envelopes and inserts will be available outside the sanctuary.

Other May dates to put on your calendar include:

May 5th-National Day of Prayer. Be sure to take time that day to be a part of an organized event or be alone to pray for our nation and ask God to have mercy on us all.

May 10th-Far West Aging Well Conference, held at Peachtree Memorial; 10 AM-2 PM. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. See sign up sheet on Young At Hearts bulletin board.

May 14th-2022 Disaster Relief Training Region 10. Held at Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church. Information on WMU bulletin board.

May 27th- Our Game Night resumes after a long winter. Bring your favorite game and friends to Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We'll have a fun time of fellowship and snacks, of course.

So, mark your calendars with all these dates so you won't miss these special event.

God bless you all-Helen



.I am your God, I will strengthen you I will HELP you. Isaiah 41:10

We rejoice in the HOPE of the glory of God. Romans 5:2

After rescheduling because of snow and rain, God blessed us with a beautiful day Good Friday. for our Operation HELP/HOPE clothes give away. Ministering to approximately 100 we noticed so many that came were grandmothers looking for grand and great grandchildren clothes and shoes. This putting a vision before us to do a fall/winter clothes give away in September. Therefore, we are accepting clean donations for children. We gave christian tracts and water to our adults with scripture. Jesus says in John 4:14 He that drinks of water I give will never thirst. For the children that came, we gave juice box and cookies with Jesus Loves Me sticker verse. Realizing our grocery bags did not hold as much as needed, Beth Phillips Mountain View Church said "I'm going to get large garbage bags. I said let me give you some money. Beth replied, No I want to do this. It was at this time a lady placed \$11 in Kelley Ritcher's hand and said I want to give this. Kelley told her we were not "selling" clothes. She said I know but I want you to have this. When Kelley told me this we took to Beth and told her this was donated. When Beth saw \$11 she said "That is exactly what the bags cost.!" We noted this is experiencing God. Words of thanks are not enough to Kit & Judy Bolus, Susie Bryant, Kelley Ritcher, Dustin & Beth Phillips for all their HELP to spread HOPE. We are so thankful for a conveniently located site with adequate space and parking.

Cups and Cones working on ice cream cone coupons for our end of year Kid's Food Bags. These coupons will be placed in supplement bag letting the kids know they will receive two scoops ice cream cone with the scripture Taste and See the Lord is GOOD. Psalm 34:8.

Again, many thanks for our faithful packers. Also working with Manna and our community churches for VBS food bags. Some churches have committed to wanting food bags, waiting to hear from other churches.. We appreciate the many comments on Manna's Newsletter article about our Kid's Food Bag Ministry and Robert's service to this ministry.

Sad to report we did not hear from Pampering & Prayers TCCC scholarship candidate. As Dolly Rice says God has a plan B, His ways are not our ways and His thoughts not our thoughts.

Nancy



Mother's Day Offering

NC Baptist Hospital





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PASTOR CALVIN AND HIS FAMILY!!!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our moms and to the women that have been motherly figures to others.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES, High School and College!!!

Adam Bobo: Murphy High School

COMING SOON!!! YES to VBS!!!
Summertime is almost here!

Please keep all our VBS Workers in your prayers and our VBS Director, Sherrie Hammond.



(Music Team Schedule:)

Wednesdays:

- Youth Praise Team 5:30 p.m.
- Kids Praise Team 6:00 p.m.
- M&Ms Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Sundays:

Solos & Special Music Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us and Uplift the Name of Jesus!!!

Always at His feet! Jennifer

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2: 8-10



YOUNG AT HEARTS

A delightful time was had by the 22 who attended the Young At Hearts "Show and Tell" luncheon on Thursday, April 21. Jim and Pat Lancaster prepared a yummy ham, and everyone else supplied other meats and complementary dishes. Ronney Craig decorated the tables with spring bunnies. Priscilla Cope shared a devotional about the Seven Wonders of God that reminded us how great God is and how much He cares about us as individuals, and how His desire is for us to live for Him. An offering of \$34 was collected for the Food Bank.

May is a special month, in that the first Sunday we celebrate Senior Day. There will be some special "Senior Moments" in the morning service, and in the evening we'll share a church-wide fellowship meal in our Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, May 10, there will be a special program for seniors at the Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church. Sessions will address particular needs that seniors face. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include lunch.

We will also have a "field trip" to Meeks Park in Blairsville on our usual third Thursday meeting date, May 19. We plan to take the bus.

We have many ways to exercise our privilege of prayer. One of the areas is to remember our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine, that families will be reunited soon. Pray also for the displaced persons who are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. We need to be in continued prayer for the persecuted church around the world, especially in America. Pray for our governmental leaders, especially with elections coming up this month. Know who the candidates are that support Godly values and vote them in.

Pray for healing for Reba Gibson, Kenneth Lloyd, Michael Donovan, Pat Sealy, and Faye Parker after recent surgeries; and for others with major health problems, including Steve Booth, Bettie Barfield, David Brooks, Frank and Helen Wilson, Priscilla Cope, Jean Higdon, and Shelby O'Neal. Pray also for those who have recently lost loved ones, including the family of Jack Postell.

Those with ongoing needs include Burke and Dianne West, Dana Jones, Mack and Jeannie Huscusson, Bill and Nancy Huffines, Ralph and Charlotte Clutton, Art and Kelly Richter, Neil and Modean McKeehan, June Brooks, Cricket Gray, Gay West, Marna Chapman, Marilyn Raxter, Linda Graham, and Ronney Craig.

Pray for the health and strength of Christian family relationships around the world. Pray for the Personnel Committee as they seek a youth pastor, and for those who are working with the youth. Pray for our church's financial need and for unity as we work together to further the Kingdom of God.

Pray for Pastor Calvin and his family, deacons and their families, Jennifer Farr and musicians, teachers and leaders in the various Sunday ministry and Wednesday evening classes, and each one who has a unique part in making Andrews First Baptist Church a lighthouse for Jesus. Remember our students as they near the end of another school year, with various tests to take. Pray for our college students, high school and middle school students, and all those in elementary school, as well as teachers and staff in our schools, that they may let their lights shine for Jesus. Remember to pray for our military on a daily basis as they protect our freedoms, and pray that their families may be reunited soon, too.

Lord, make me a blessing to someone today!

The Young At Hearts Committee
Ronney Craig, Jean Higdon, Jim and Pat Lancaster,
Faye Parker, and Jeanette Wilson

Sunday Services & Classes:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 6:00 p.m.
Children's Class 6:00 p.m.
(3 years-5th grade)
Solos & Special Music Rehearsals 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Services & Classes:

Youth Praise Team 5:30 p.m.
Kids Praise Team 6:00 p.m.
M&M's Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
Disciples in Training 6:30 p.m.
(3 years-Kindergarten)
Children In Action 6:30 p.m.
(grades 1-5)
Bible Study for All Ages 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.



May Birthdays

1. Brady McLelland 7. Gus Prate 8. Joel Franks 8. Gay West
9. Samuel Preston 10. Larry Phillips, Jr. 11. Rev. Calvin Bobo
11. Adam Brooks 11. Jackie Higdon 12. Teresa Wood
16. Heather Luther 18. Nicole Gibson 19. Cindy Gibson
22. Adam Bobo 23. Madilyn Brooks 23. Robin Gibson
24. Tom Cox 24. Josh Postell 24. Laura Postell 24. Tanner Postell
25. Janet Bobo 25. Bonnie Lloyd 26. Tammie Johnson
27. Brandon Allen 28. J. B. Bettis 28. Shelby O'Neil
29. Meredith Higdon 29. Brady Luther

May Anniversaries

1. Jim & Betty Bryant 5. Dick & Jackie Higdon
10. Ralph & Charlotte Clutton 22. David & Nancy Allen

MAY 2022 EVENTS

- Sun 5/1 Senior Adult Sunday
Churchwide Potluck Meal 5:00 p.m.
Experiencing God Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- Wed 5/4 WMU Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- Sun 5/8 Mother's Day
No Evening Services or Meetings
- Fri 5/13—Sat 5/14 FEW CONFERENCE w/
Patrick & Darlene Neely/The Neely Team
at Andrews First Baptist Church
- Sun 5/15 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Tues 5/24 Andrews High School Baccalaureate Ceremony
5:00 p.m.
- Fri 5/27 Game Night 6:00 p.m.
- Sat 5/28 Men's Ministry Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- Mon 5/30 Memorial Day

Deacons On Call/May



James Bolick-828.360.2572;
Lane Raxter-828.226.1836
Eddie Wood-828.361.4157

Home Delivered Meals (Meals On Wheels)

10:00a.m. –12 Noon

- Tues. May 3 Joe Gibson, Volunteer Needed
Tues. May 10 Lane & Marilyn Raxter
Tues. May 17 Sandra Marr, Lane & Marilyn Raxter
Tues. May 24 Volunteer Needed
Tues. May 31 Volunteer Needed

