



# THE WORD August



Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist Church

## OUT OF MY MIND

When we suspended our times of worship in the sanctuary way back in March because of the COVID19 virus, none of us imagined at the time that we'd still be apart in August! As I write this it's been twenty Sundays since we've physically gathered together for worship!

It's a good thing that the Church is not a building! Of course, the Bible tells us how important it is to gather together and I look forward to returning to regathering physically together our times of worship again as soon and as safely as we can. But even when we aren't able to physically come together for worship, God has used this time to bring us together as the Church in love and service toward one another and our community. Though our church will not be regathering yet, here's some of what we are doing.

We continue to offer online messages. You can watch my devotion, An Encouraging Word each Wednesday, and watch my sermon each Sunday. (If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive either a DVD or a written copy of any of my messages, contact the church office.)

You can watch a Children's devotional thought by Katlyn Smals, as well as a hymn of the day selection by Alysyan Raymond during the week. The Fellowship Sunday School Class continues to meet via Zoom each Sunday Morning. (If you would like to join in contact Dale Raymond.) Our youth also continue to meet in various ways thanks to Molly Kay Moore. Lucy Wilkins continues to assemble various people from our congregation to record music for our online times of worship.

We participated in the Compassion Camp Virtual VBS with other downtown churches and had a lot of fun communicating the theme: "Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You." to the children who participated.

The WMU has shared cookies with the Community Table for a dessert, and the deacons will soon share cookies with the workers at the Rockbridge Area Health Center. We hope to share cookies with other groups in our community soon. People continue to share our casseroles with friends and neighbors. The Deacons have been actively making contact with and praying for all the families in our church. Even though we are physically apart, God's love is still being shared by our church.

The Deacons are monitoring the COVID-19 situation in our area and will guide us in making a wise, safe regathering plan when the time is right. As they prayerfully seek God's guidance as to when to regather please know that the health and safety of our congregation is at the forefront of their minds.

While I miss seeing each one of you, and miss our old Sunday routines as much as any of you, please know that we are still the church; God is still God; he is still with us, is still inviting us to partner with him in sharing his love and good news in our weary and worried community.

At Manly, we are a family that can make it through anything together because the God of hope sustains us and will guide us, even through these unsettled, uncertain, and unusual times. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. I'm praying for you and I'll see you online.

Your Pastor,  
Mike



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## Daily BIBLE READING

August 3 – Psalm 34:1 - 10  
August 4- Psalm 34: 11 - 22  
August 5 – Psalm 35: 1- 10  
August 6 – Psalm 35:11 - 28  
August 7 – Psalm 36: 1 - 12

August 10 – Psalm 37: 1- 11  
August 11 – Psalm 37: 12 - 24  
August 12 – Psalm 37: 25 - 40  
August 13 – Psalm 38: 1- 22  
August 14 – Psalm 39: 1- 13

August 17 – Psalm 40:1 - 10  
August 18– Psalm 40: 11 - 17  
August 19– Psalm 41: 1- 13  
August 20 – Psalm 42: 1 - 11  
August 21 – Psalm 43:1 - 5

August 24- Psalm 44:1 - 8  
August 25 – Psalm 44: 9 - 26  
August 26 – Psalm 45:1 - 17  
August 27 – Psalm 46:1 - 11  
August 28 – Psalm 47:1 - 9

August 31 – Psalm 48: 1- 14



- 1 Will Higgins
- 2 Laura Jones
- 4 Bucky Joyce
- 6 Camden Glass
- 11 Carole Judy
- 14 Payton Miller
- 16 Brandee Hartbarger
- 18 Evan Wranek
- 20 Jacob Thayer
- 22 Haley Cruze
- 26 Danielle Pruett
- 28 Robbie Moore
- 30 Bonnie Slater



- 12 Scott & Nora Berger
- 19 Sean & Laura Huffman
- 21 Andrew & Brenda Grose
- 31 Roger & Patsy Williamson

*If you have a birthday  
or anniversary coming up,  
please share it with us!*



As you may recall our March project was baby items for the Caring Pregnancy Center. We had to cancel the program and a few people left items at the church. They are still there and we would like to deliver them the end of August.

Items needed are diaper bags, diapers (size 3 to 6), baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion and Desitin cream. If there is anyone who would like to join this project please bring the items to the church **any Wednesday morning in August** and we will deliver them the end of the month. They do not have to be wrapped.

Thanks to all who provided cookies for the Community Table. They were greatly appreciated!

*Patsy Paxton*



We will have another online Lord's Supper service on **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.**

Please contact Pastor Mike Wilkins at [pastor@manlybaptist.com](mailto:pastor@manlybaptist.com), if you wish to attend this Zoom time of worship.

If you are interested in singing a song to enhance our Lord's Supper service, please contact Lucy Wilkins at [lucy.wilkins@manlybaptist.com](mailto:lucy.wilkins@manlybaptist.com).



Item of the month for August is school supplies.

Please drop all donations off at RARA (350 Spotswood Dr., Lexington). Thank you!

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)*

During these extraordinary times, we ask that you please continue to give to our church. It's very important that we remain steadfast in this area, even though we are not meeting together, in order to sustain our budget, pay our staff, and maintain our building.

You can continue your support for the church in several ways: mail your offering envelope to the church; designate the church to receive automatic transfers from your local bank; or click on the Give button on Manly's website ([www.manlybaptist.com](http://www.manlybaptist.com)), and follow the directions on how to use Paypal.

We certainly understand that some people are not able to give or give as much right now due to the COVID-19 situation. If you have financial or other needs, please let Pastor Mike or the church office know how we might help.

*John Wranek*



Those of you keeping up with Mike's sermons on Facebook or the website may have noticed that we have a new group of singers providing some music to go along with his series on the 23rd Psalm.

Our "Quarantine Quartet" members are Deb Pruitt, Lee Higgins, Jen Fuller-Spears and Brian Kave. Alysyan Raymond is accompanying and I am filling in when the other members are away. As usual, Don Heckman is doing the recording and mixing magic for the recordings. Don has been essential to our church's efforts to stay connected and worship in this crisis. We are so grateful to have him as part of the team.

The Quarantine Quartet will continue to do some recordings this fall as we are able. Lee Higgins and Bill Berger are working up some music and we hope to have some additional soloists and duets as time goes on. Please keep praying for our music ministry as we get creative in these circumstances!

*Lucy Wilkins*



Both VMI and W&L will resume classes for the Fall Semester in mid to late August. Buena Vista, Lexington and Rockbridge Area schools will reopen on Monday, August 31st.

This will undoubtedly be one of the most challenging years students, teachers, staff, and administrators have ever faced. Please be in prayer for all of our schools!

If your student would like a "Blessing of the Backpack" tag for their backpack, please contact the church office at [office@manlybaptist.com](mailto:office@manlybaptist.com).



In August we will begin a new series "The YOU Effect". If we really stop and pay attention, it is easy to see how nearly everything and everyone around us has the potential to have an effect on us! That means we have the potential to have an effect on the world around us as well. From family to classmates to neighbors, we all have an effect on somebody around us. We have influence, and what we do with that influence matters! In this series, we challenge youth to pay attention to their "you effect," while encouraging them to use their influence to improve and impact the lives of the people around them.

**Sunday, August 2 6:00 pm**  
Dinner, Bible Study & Swimming/Fishing (Jordan's Point)

**Friday, August 7 6:00 pm**  
Dinner, Games, Bible Study, Bonfire, Camping and Breakfast (Molly Kay Moore's Home)

**Sunday, August 16 No Youth Meeting**

**Sunday, August 23 3:00 pm**  
Hike/Swim Roaring Run Falls and Furnace Trail, Dinner & Bible Study

**Sunday, August 30 No Youth Meeting**

