



THE WORD

October 2021 Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist Church

The Church Family confirmed the Pastor Selection Committee after the service in a special called business meeting on Sunday the 19th of September. Your Deacons gave them the following charge to provide a framework for their duties.

In that God has led us to recommend and confirm each of you as our representative of the Manly Memorial Baptist Church Family to prayerfully seek His guidance in the identification of our next pastor, we ask that you consider the following:

The church family, the Deacons, and you as well do not know who the right person might be to become our next pastor. However, God knows. Your challenge will be to identify through prayer, training, consultation, and reviewing many potential applicants who the unique individual should be. That person should be presented to the church family for consideration and a call to lead our church.

Prayer: We ask that you pray much as we Deacons and all members of the church family commit to prayer.

Training: We ask that you develop your background in the many tasks and process ahead through assistance from Skip Wallace, reading references such as 'A Change of Pastors' by Loren B. Mead, and working together to reach a consensus on your recommendations.

Consultation: We ask that you consult with the Field Strategist, Skip Wallace, in developing your perspective in the process you shall undertake. Further, in developing a current understanding of the church family and the community in which we live to allow you to develop a job description of who you should be seeking. Also, utilize the knowledge base of the BGAV in assessing potential candidates for both an interim position and for our called next pastor.

Your search: Initially you will recommend an Interim Pastor for us to have while the full search for the called pastor progresses. We ask that you widely consider candidates based on the job description that you have developed earlier and rely on the council of the BGAV in helping you to screen applicants. After a thorough search and evaluation of those you are led to fully assess, you are to present a singular selection to the church family for consideration.

Your work should be confidential but you need to keep the church family well informed on a weekly or bi-weekly basis on your progress. All reasonable expenses may be presented to the treasurer for reimbursement. The Deacon Body is available to assist in any way. Once a new pastor is called your role is not complete until you have assisted in introducing the new pastor and their family to the community.



Children are invited to Layman Family Farms (1815 Mountain View Church Road, Blue Ridge, VA 24064) on **Saturday October 16th at 11 am.** Everyone will meet at the farm for a day full of pumpkin patches, cow trains, corn mazes, and many more activities. If you and your child(ren) are interested in going, **please RSVP with Katlyn Smals (children@manlybaptist.com) by Sunday, October 10th with how many will be attending.**

BUSINESS MEETING & 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION

At our quarterly business meeting on **Wednesday, October 20th, 6 pm** the Stewardship Committee will present their proposal for the 2022 church budget. Please remember that any changes to this proposal must be made at this meeting.

Then it will lay over until a special business meeting on Wednesday, November 17th for final approval. Copies of the budget proposal will be available beginning October 13th.



Item of the month for October is canned pumpkin. Please leave your donations in the box outside of the choir area. Thank you!



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Daily BIBLE READING

- October 1 – Galatians 4:1-7
- October 4 – Galatians 4:8-11
- October 5 – Galatians 4:12-16
- October 6 – Galatians 4:17-20
- October 7 – Galatians 4:21-25
- October 8 – Galatians 4:26-31

- October 11 – Galatians 5:1-6
- October 12 – Galatians 5:7-12
- October 13 – Galatians 5:13-15
- October 14 – Galatians 5:16-18
- October 15 – Galatians 5:19-21

- October 18 – Galatians 5:22-26
- October 19 – Galatians 6:1-6
- October 20 – Galatians 6:7-10
- October 21 – Galatians 6:11-18
- October 22 – Ephesians 1:1-10

- October 25 – Ephesians 1:11-14
- October 26 – Ephesians 1:15-23
- October 27 – Ephesians 2:1-10
- October 28 – Ephesians 2:11-18
- October 29 – Ephesians 2:19-22



- 4 Larry & Linda Bond
- 24 Jennifer & Justin Spears

Celebrating an anniversary or a birthday? Share it with us!



- 3 Nena Woody
- 8 Debbie Fox
- 13 Janne Charland
- 16 Gary Judy
- 24 Tracy Joyce
- 28 Molly Kay Moore
- 30 Sylvia McCullough
- 31 Bob Camper

Getting to know the Manly Memorial Baptist Church Pastor Selection Committee

Linda Hooks (Chair) – Linda is a professor of economics and department head at Washington and Lee University, where she has taught since 1993. Before coming to W&L, she worked as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. She received her Ph.D. from UCLA and her B.A. from LSU. Linda has served as a member of the leadership team for the Journey; as a deacon, including as chair; as chair of the board for the endowment fund; as a Sunday School teacher and a nursery volunteer; and as chair of the nominations committee. Linda is a native of Louisiana, where she grew up in the First Baptist Church of Haynesville. She has two sons: Tal, a freshman at Trinity University in Texas, and Will, a sophomore at RCHS.

Curtis Caylor – My wife, Deborah, and I have been at Manly since 1988. She retired from W&L in November this year, and I retired from teaching middle school in 2016. Both of our daughters were baptized in this church. We have been through many highs and lows here. Our oldest daughter was married here, and we had the memorial service here for our youngest. I have served in a variety of roles here; on just about every committee at some time over the years, and have been a Sunday School teacher and a deacon. I also served on the last search committee 19 years ago. My wife and I look forward to being part of this church family for as many more years as the Lord grants us.

Anita Fuller Cruze – My family moved to Lexington from Jacksonville, FL almost 50 years ago because my dad got a job driving a tractor trailer with his brother, Harold Fuller. I started attending Manly Memorial after Dot and Harold Fuller invited us to attend. I started singing in the choir at 10 years old since there was no children's choir at that time. I believe I sang my first solo at age 13 and it was "Oh Holy Night"! I was baptized by Reverend John Moore at the age of 12. When my children were young, I taught Sunday School. Once they were older, I started participating on church committees. I am on the Youth Committee, Chair of the Communion Committee (which is under the Worship Committee) and a member of the choir. I am starting my 39th year working at the Virginia Military Institute and 36 of them have been in the Chemistry Department. I am married to my husband, Rick Cruze, and have two children, Ryan, a Virginia Tech graduate and Haley, a senior at the University of Mount Union.

Laura Jones – Laura is a Nurse practitioner at Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital. She has worked with Carilion for 14 years, 8 1/2 of those here in Lexington. She is married to K.C. and they just celebrated their 20th anniversary. They have three children: Keven (13), Celia (12), and Annalee (8). Laura loves Jesus and Duke Basketball.

Clyde Keen – I have been a member of MMBC for 50+ years. I have served as a deacon and a trustee and been on most church committees. I taught Sunday School to different age groups over the years and did community outreach for 33 years including nursing home ministry. I retired from the Lexington City Schools in 1994 along with my wife, Jerri. Together we served on mission teams at home and abroad for 20 years. We have a daughter, Sara,

and her husband, Bob, and three granddaughters. I believe God has great plans for our church as we seek and do His will; Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Steve Higgins – Steve is a current member of Manly's Deacon Body. He and his wife Wendy, with their four kids, started attending Manly almost 5 years ago; though Steve had family ties to this church through his mom and was an occasional visitor all his life. Since that time, we were married in this church by pastor Mike. Steve is an ER Nurse and co-owner of two businesses. He and Wendy have been active in the music ministry and are both on church committees related to the children and youth programs. Their kids currently participate in both the children's and youth ministries.

John Wranek – John grew up in Lynchburg, VA and graduated from VMI in 1985. Following graduation, he served for 30 years as an engineer officer in the Virginia Army National Guard, retiring at the rank of colonel in 2015. During his military career, John deployed twice overseas: first, in support of NATO's peacekeeping mission in the Balkans in 2001-2002; second, in Afghanistan in 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. John, who has worked in multiple industries throughout his professional career, joined the Marshall Foundation in 2018 where he directs their fundraising activities. John, Cathy, and their two boys Evan and Will, have been members at Manly since August 2006. John has been an active member of the church serving as a deacon and currently as the Finance and Stewardship Committee Chair. John has also taught the Fellowship and Youth Sunday School classes, participated in the choir, and now coordinates the praise band activities. He and his boys have participated in three mission trips to Nickelsville. John and Cathy have also been active in Manly's student relations outreach and have been a host family to many VMI cadets since moving to Lexington in 2002.



Music will always be a significant part of the worship experience here at Manly. Thanks so much to the dedicated adult choir members who are faithful in their participation week after week. We also know that there are those in our church family who have musical gifts and talents that aren't being utilized. We are always looking for new choir members, people who would enjoy playing an instrument in worship, soloists, or folks who would sing in an ensemble. Please ask God if he is leading you to share your talents and gifts with us and then contact any member of the Music Committee (Brian Kave, Alysyan Raymond or Lee Higgins) about participating.

The Children's Choir began rehearsals on September 26 and are preparing to share a sweet, fun musical in worship on December 5. If you have or know of a child who would enjoy singing with us, please let Lee Higgins know.

Manly Memorial Baptist Church Endowment Fund 2020 Annual Report

This is the annual written report of the Manly Memorial Baptist Church Endowment Fund by the Endowment Fund Directors. It covers January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

Financial Highlights:

Beginning balance, January 1, 2020	\$169,016.39
Total contributions	4,545.00
Total ordinary income and capital gains	3,669.24
Total distributions	(3,500.00)
Change in market value	20,932.23
Total fees paid to VBF (0.644% of fund)	1,272.94
Ending balance, December 31, 2020	\$197,701.40
Net change in balance	\$28,685.01

Distributions for 2020:

The available funds from 2019 were used to expand and enhance the church's audio and video services. These enhances can be seen in the use of web communications during the COVID-19 shut down of physical church meetings. For 2020, there were no distributions from the endowment. When there are funds distributed from the endowment, only income generated is used thus leaving the principal invested for continued growth.

Returns:

The Virginia Baptist Foundation manages the funds. The Directors allocated the funds as listed below. The table reports the market returns on each fund with their associated benchmarks for the period ending December 31, 2020.

Fund Name	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
VBF Equity Portfolio	21.87%	11.37%	12.80%	9.68%
Benchmark – Equity	15.20%	9.56%	12.04%	9.49%
VBF Balanced Portfolio	16.16%	8.98%	9.36%	7.34%
Benchmark – Balanced	12.54%	8.27%	9.20%	7.52%
VBF Fixed Income Portfolio	6.84%	4.74%	3.96%	3.41%
Benchmark – Fixed Income	7.20%	5.44%	4.57%	4.02%

Contributions:

The Endowment Fund accepts gifts at any time. You might wish to make a gift in honor of or in memory of someone, or you might include the Endowment Fund in your estate planning. If you would like to talk to someone about a gift, please contact one of the Directors. The Endowment Fund is a tangible legacy in support of the MMBC mission in our community.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Z. Caylor, Chair



First of all, thanks to all who generously donated to the hygiene bags for Afghan refugees. We don't have a final count but we have lots of bags and some other needed items thanks to your generous donations.

Also, a special thanks to those who met on September 18th to prepare the shoeboxes for our October project-- Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes. We have over 150 boxes ready. These will be available early October so you can take as many as you want to fill. **Please return filled boxes starting Sunday, October 31st but no later that Sunday, November 7th.** Our number was low last year so lets make up for it this year.

November project will be hygiene bags for Fluvanna Women's Correctional Unit. A list of items for those bags will be available in the November newsletter.

Our offering for Alma Hunt Virginia missions will be collected through the month of October.



Friday, October 1 6:00 - 9:00 pm
NBBA/FCA Youth Community Fellowship, Games, Dinner & Bonfire (Lexington Baptist Church)

Sunday, October 3 9:45 am
Breakfast & Bible Study at Niko's

Wednesday, October 6 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Youth Group Fellowship (Dinner, Game & Bible Study)

Sunday, October 10 9:45 am Bible Study

Wednesday, October 13 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Youth Group Fellowship (Dinner, Game & Bible Study)

Saturday, October 16 7:00 pm
FCA Soar Dunk Community Event at Maury River Middle

Sunday, October 17 9:45 am Bible Study

Wednesday, October 20 NO YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, October 24 9:45 am Bible Study

Wednesday, October 27 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Youth Group Fellowship (Dinner, Game & Bible Study)
(Please bring items to pack Christmas shoeboxes)

Sunday, October 31 9:45 am Bible Study