



# THE WORD



Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist Church

## OUT OF MY MIND

Most likely you have better things to do with your time than wonder how many individual hairs are on your head. But just in case you have considered that burning question, scientists have the answer. They report that the average person with red hair has 90,000 hairs; with black hair 103,000; with brown hair 109,000 and with blonde hair, 140,000.

Of course, this is just the average and the actual amount differs from individual to individual. Certain males are known to have quite a few less hairs on their head than average (your truly included!) and if you have children at home, the number of hairs upon your head may depend on how many you've been tempted to pull out lately.

Now if you tried to count how many hairs were actually on your head, it would take quite a while (at least for most of you.) But in the Bible Jesus tells us that God already knows how many hairs each of us has at this very moment. (Matthew 10:30) My guess is that he also knows their real color too!

As revealing as this statement is about the incredible scope and depth of God's knowledge, the point Jesus is making reminds us of our worth to God. God loves us. He cares enough about us that he is intimately aware of what is happening in our lives, moment to moment. Nothing that happens to us is too small to pass his attention.

All the changes and challenges, as well as all of the uncertainty and social isolation of these days brought on by the Pandemic, may leave us feeling as if we're all alone or that no one really cares or understands us. Despite how sincerely we may feel that way, we're wrong. Whatever you're feeling or facing today, God knows all about it and he cares about you. You are never out of God's sight nor are you ever beyond his love. As the old gospel song put it, "His eye is on the sparrow and he's watching over me."

So, the next time you're combing your hair and you notice that a few hairs have come out, or you look in the mirror and see that a few more gray hairs have appeared, rather than complain, thank God. Thank God that he knows all about it, and most importantly, that he cares for you.

Your Pastor,  
Mike



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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Hooks
- 3 Celia Jones  
Wes Sherman
- 7 Carol Furr
- 12 Carole Barton
- 13 Tony Muterspaw
- 14 Joan Huff
- 15 Fred Seaman
- 16 Maggie Moore
- 19 Judy Davis
- 20 Bobbie Canfield  
Reid Glass
- 21 Bob Mears  
John Fix
- 23 Brenda Grose  
Sharon Martin
- 24 Erica Turman
- 26 Barbara Cash
- 28 Jan Meador
- 30 Mike Bozeman  
Minnie Belle Moore

## Daily BIBLE READING

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| September 1 – Psalm 49       | September 16 – Psalm 60       |
| September 2- Psalm 50:1-15   | September 17 – Psalm 61       |
| September 3 – Psalm 50:16-23 | September 18 - Psalm 62       |
| September 4 – Psalm 51:1-9   | September 19- Psalm 63        |
| September 5 – Psalm 51:10-19 | September 20 – Psalm 64       |
| September 6 - Psalm 52       | September 21 – Psalm 65       |
| September 7 – Psalm 53       | September 22 – Psalm 66:1-9   |
| September 8 – Psalm 54       | September 23 – Psalm 66:10-20 |
| September 9 – Psalm 55:1-8   | September 24 – Psalm 67       |
| September 10 – Psalm 55:9-23 | September 25 – Psalm 68:1-10  |
| September 11 – Psalm 56      | September 26 – Psalm 68:11-20 |
| September 12 - Psalm 57      | September 27 – Psalm 68:21-35 |
| September 13 – Psalm 58      | September 28 – Psalm 69:1-18  |
| September 14– Psalm 59:1-8   | September 29 – Psalm 69:19-36 |
| September 15– Psalm 59:9-17  | September 30 – Psalm 70       |

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 K.C. & Laura Jones

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



Thanks to all who contributed to the school supplies!

Future projects are:  
*September* - cookies for teachers;  
*October* - Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes;  
*November* - toiletry items for Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center (items needed will be posted later);  
*December* - Christmas gift program at Western State Hospital.

*Patsy Paxton*



We are happy to announce the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Minnie Belle Jenkins Moore on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Minnie Belle misses attending church and Sunday School and seeing her many friends. She wishes to avoid crowds and invites friends for a brief visit by phone. A card or note with memories would be appreciated since she doesn't have the strength for personal visits.

Her phone number is (540) 463-4202 and her address is 35 Stoneview Circle, Lexington, VA 24450.



*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine (Proverbs 3: 9-10).*

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*



Item of the month for September is cooking oil. Please drop all donations off at RARA. Thank you!

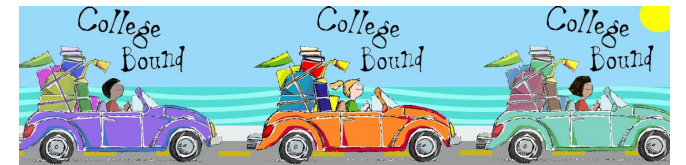


I hope everyone is staying well and safe as we continue this journey through a very trying time. Over the past few weeks I started a new video series for children and parents to interact with, and I hope those videos were entertaining and educational for you and your child.

In the upcoming weeks I have been working to enhance that video series to a whole new level. Using new programs, lessons, videos, experiments, and many other learning tools to bring you and your child the best educational experience possible in these trying times. I want to give the best options for you and your child to learn and Grow in your faith.

With that being said please keep an eye out on all of our social media accounts (Website, Facebook, Instagram and Youtube). Great things are coming soon, in the meantime I hope you are finding time to spend with God and are learning something new every day. Stay well and safe, as I hope to see everyone very soon.

*Katlyn Smals*



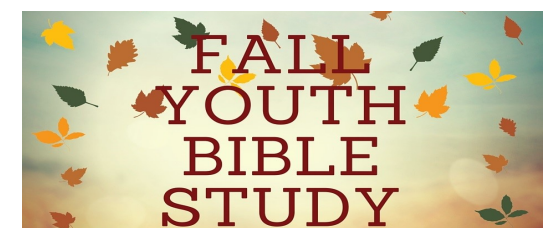
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This month we will begin a new Bible study called "Like Me". We all have a tendency to compare ourselves to others. The grades they're getting, the people they're dating, the friends they have, the clothes they wear, the highlight reel on their Instagram feed—it all feels like one long list of what others have that we just don't! This month we will discover that comparison not only keeps us from liking others, it often holds us back from being able to like ourselves! The further we move away from comparison and toward contentment, the more we will be able to love who we are just as we are!