



**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

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THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



Primetimers Program

Thursday, May 2, 2024 - Program at 11 am

Welcome

Yvonne Johnson, Mistress of Ceremonies

Greeting & Opening Prayer

Rev. Jerry Parker,
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care - MVBC

Devotional

Laura Cottrell,
Preschool Director- MVBC

Introduction of Guests

Children of Mount Vernon Preschool
Laura Cottrell, Preschool Director

Announcements

Yvonne Johnson

Video

Video #1: "If There's a Phone in Heaven"
Video #2: "Thank you Soldiers"

Introduction & Welcome of First-Time Guests

Wanda Reid, Program Hostess

Celebration of May Birthdays

Wanda Reid

Celebration of May Wedding Anniversaries

Wanda Reid

Travel Announcements

Nancy & Charles Hudson, Travel Coordinators

Closing Remarks & Blessing of the Food

Tommy Christian, Program Coordinator

Dismissing Tables by Numbers for Luncheon

Overhead Screens



On the **National Day of Prayer**, people of different faiths are invited to pray for the United States of America and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May and in 2024, it is being observed today, Thursday, May 2nd.

The very first day of prayer was declared in 1775 by the Continental Congress, which asked people to pray for the fledging nation. This initial declaration gradually evolved into two formalized events. In 1863, President Lincoln over-saw the naming of the autumnal observance of prayer and thanks as Thanksgiving Day.

Almost a century later, President Truman oversaw the establishment of the spring tradition of prayer and thanks as the National Day of Prayer in 1952. The intent of the Day was to honor the history of public prayer in the United States by designating a day for Americans to come together and pray or meditate according to their own belief systems.

In 1988, President Reagan amended the 1952 resolution to designate that the National Day of Prayer would be the first Thursday in May. Every year since then, the sitting U.S. President, regardless of party of denomination, has issued an official proclamation on the National Day of Prayer. Similarly, each of the 50 U.S. governors issue annual proclamations. Many religious, interfaith and community groups hold events recognizing the day.

While the U.S. government officially recognizes the day, it does not mandate or provide any guidelines as to how the day should be observed. Organizations and people from any tradition can create a National Day of Prayer observance, including interfaith groups. Anyone can organize an event, from a prayer breakfast to a moment of silence.

In some places, a local Chamber of Commerce or service organization (e.g. Kiwanis) may organize a day of community service or similar type of charitable event to celebrate the day. Individual temples, churches, mosques or other houses of worship may hold their own events or come together for an interfaith event.

Thanks to all Primetimers & MVBC Staff who help make our Primetimers Programs a success!

Welcome Guests: Children of Mount Vernon Preschool



Mount Vernon Preschool (MVP) is a weekday preschool ministry of MVBC. There are currently 173 children ranging in age from 2 years through 6 years old who attend two, three, four or five days each week.

MVP is a Christian preschool & kindergarten that follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum for the children. Their day is planned with exciting opportunities to learn including chapel, music, creative movement, art, Bible story time, puzzles, home living, crafts, etc. Academic skills such as letter recognition, numbers, social studies, science, fine motor skills, etc. are taught on an age-appropriate level. They also learn social skills as well as problem-solving skills. The goal is to help children grow as Jesus grew—in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man.

Laura Cottrell & 30 staff members devote many hours to planning and implementing the daily classroom routine of the preschool. MVP is a state-licensed facility. The children have prepared the beautiful table decorations for our Primetimers Program & Luncheon today. A special 'Thank - You' goes out to both the children & teachers!

Primetimers' Senior Adults
Travel Time

Thursday, May 16-Friday, May 17
Sight & Sound's "DANIEL" and
National Air and Space Museum, Chantilly, VA

Join us to witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life at Sight and Sound's new production of "DANIEL." We will board the bus at MVBC at 6 a.m. and make a breakfast stop in Fredericksburg. We should return to MVBC on the 17th around 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18-Wednesday, June 19
Sight & Sound's "DANIEL" and
National Air and Space Museum, Chantilly, VA

Join us to witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life at Sight and Sound's new production of "DANIEL." Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord is always a welcome treat! On Wednesday, we journey to Chantilly, VA where we will have lunch and a guided tour of the National Air and Space Museum to witness the story of aviation and space exploration. Cost: \$315 per person double occupancy; \$390 single occupancy.

Sunday, September 29 - Riverside Theater
"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical"

Before she was hit-maker Carole King – she was Carole Klein, a spunky, young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with Tapestry, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical takes you back to where it all began and takes you on the ride of a lifetime. Join us for lunch and this inspiring true story! We will be departing MVBC immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Cost:\$115 per person due at sign up.

Sunday, December 1-Thursday, December 5
Nashville's Opryland Country Christmas

Start your Christmas celebration with a stay at Nashville's legendary Gaylord Opryland Hotel where you will enjoy the Two Million Lights, the Delta River Flatboat Ride, the Brightest Star Fountain Show and the Themed ICE Sculptures and exhibits, A Country Christmas Dinner Show and a luncheon cruise with entertainment aboard the General Jackson are sure to get your toes tapping! One of the highlights of our stay will be an evening performance at the Grand Ole Opry! Enroute to Nashville we will overnight in Pigeon Forge where we will enjoy an evening at the Christmas at Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show. On our return, we'll once again overnight in Pigeon Forge and enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner and an entertaining show at the Hatfield & McCoy Christmas Disaster Dinner Theater! Trip includes 5 shows, 3 Dinners, 5 Breakfasts and 1 lunch. Cost is \$1,250 per person double occupancy; \$1,750 Single occupancy. A \$250 deposit secures your seat. Final payment will be due August 1. Travel insurance is available and advised.

Brochures are available at the Travel Table & online:
mountvernon.church/seniors

All trip information - destination, date & price
 - is subject to change..
mountvernon.church/adults/seniors
 Travel Time Info Contact: **Charles & Nancy Hudson:**
 (804) 542-2695 or nancycharles.hudson@gmail.com

Opportunities for all Senior Adults



THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY

CLASSICS & HYMNS TOUR
Monday, Sept 30, 7pm

Order Tickets Online mountvernon.church/worship-arts
Mount Vernon \$5 Discount Code: CFAM
 (off for General Admission and Gold Circle)

VBS
 Pre-Registration is Open
July 15-19
8:30am-12pm
 Ages: 5 years old (as of 7/15/24)-completed 6th grade
BREAKER ROCK BEACH
 GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS
 ROMANS 10:3
mountvernon.church/kids

KAMPJAM
 Music & Arts Camp
Pre-Registration is Open
Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2; 9am-12pm
A fun week of musical & arts immersion. Campers learn a musical in less than a week and perform it on Friday night.
completed 1st-5th grade
\$50 per camper (\$5 discount per child)
 Register Online
mountvernon.church/kids
 NEW in 2024: Track Options: performing arts or fine arts
 Musical
HANS BRONSON'S GODS GREAT MISSION

The Connecting Point contains all MVBC opportunities for worship, prayer, outreach, learning, serving and fellowship. Online: mountvernon.church/connectingpoint

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	13	22
Sally Boykin	Michael Vines	Rebecca Baker
Lloyd Bromley	Pam White	Laura Martin
2	14	23
Linda Almond	Beatrice Peyton	Jim Van den Berg
Pat Barth	Clark Rose	24
Fred Bullock	15	Shirley Jenkins
Jean Domurat	Kakki Aydlotte	Libby Stennett
Deborah Williams	Carolyn Leary	Larry Willis
4	Dianne Pollock	25
Joe Crenshaw	Jean Wildbore	Mary Brown
Lee France	16	26
5	Jim Dickerson	Ken Stalls
Don Godbey	Ken Jenkins	Bill Tuck
6	Betty Leap	27
Bob Botkin	17	Louise Condrey
Lorraine Powers	Andrea Overman	David Wright
7	Phyllis Waters	28
Jodi Anderson-Jones	18	Anne Allen
8	Charles Anderson	Deborah Holder
Shirley Foutz	Vickie Gidley	Guy Williams
Don Swanson	19	29
Susie Tribble	Hatcher Cole	Pete Johnson
10	20	31
Kathy Dyer	Linda Allen	John Almond
11	Steve Burton	Emily Snellings
Linda Frye	Dave Driver	Bill Stennett
Rachel Smith	21	Steve Sykes
Michelle Stetter	Betty Cox	Dottie Whitlock
12	Carolyn Ingram	
Bob Wildbore	Roberta Rucker	

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4
Pat & Farris Maddox - 67 years
Ronnie & Anne Maxey - 56 years
5
James & Sally Boykin - 59 years
9
Joe & Barbara Broach - 21 years
Pete & Yvonne Johnson - 43 years
10
Guy & Aleen Williams - 38 years
16
John & Anita French - 63 years
18
Edward & Janet Arnold - 50 years
19
Joe & Carol Miller - 13 years
20
John & Terri West - 31 years
21
Kenny & Linda Campbell - 41 years
23
Donald & Susie Hudson - 37 years
24
Bob & Lynn Lee - 55 years
Rob & Alison Peck - 38 years
26
Tim & Mary Jane Turner - 45 years
28
Jim & Bonnie Spain - 64 years
Cesar & Linda Paz - 36 years
30
Dwight & Kelley Gordon- 32 years
Bob & Libby McCluan - 26 years

JOKE of the DAY
 Q. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
 A: Pilgrims

If you and your spouse want your anniversary to be in our newsletter, leave a note at the registration table. Give the names of the couple & the anniversary date & number of years married. This information will be in our newsletter the month of the anniversary.

Primetimers *Programs*

2024 Monthly Program & Lunch

Young at Heart Choir Thursday, June 6

Will present their annual spring concert.



Primetimers Canceled - July 4 Enjoy your day with family & friends

Smokey Wilson Thursday, August 1

Will present his ministry through song.



Chip & Nikki Headley Thursday, September 5

Will present a program that spreads God's word one song at a time.



Damian & Kathy Muller Thursday, October 3

Will present uplifting songs of faith, family & fun



Ed Polich & Paul Muller Thursday, November 7

Will provide a variety of music for enjoyable entertainment.



(All monthly entertainers are subject to change)

Primetimers Senior Adults (ages 55 & over) meet the first Thursday of each month (11am • Program)

Various speakers & entertainment make this a time filled with grace, laughter & friendship.

Registration is not necessary.
All senior adults are welcome.



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PRIMETIMERS Senior Adults through monthly programs and travel is an outreach ministry to all senior adults.

PRIMETIMERS programs are canceled if Henrico County Schools are closed or open late because of weather conditions.

Prayer Requests

mountvernon.church/prayer

If you would like prayer for an illness, hospitalization, or sympathy, please call the church office (804) 270-6600.

SYMPATHY

Linda Allen (daughter of Nancy Vaughan)
Audrey Ellington (mother of Donna Jackson)
Everett Wilkinson (husband of Shirley)

PRAYER

Delores Atkins
Marjorie I. Glass (sister of Guy Hall, Sr.)
Charles Hudson
Wayne Kimble
Ken Kramaritsch
(son-in-law of Beverly Stephenson)

PRAYER (continued)

Ron & Julie Kuykendall
Bob McEachern
Margaret Martin (mother of Jim Martin)
Ken Mears (son-in-law of Ben & Kay Wilkinson)
David & Sue Page Maiden
Brenda Powers
Kathleen Radford (friend of Carol Parsons)
Tonya Rudd (daughter-in-law of Beverly Rudd)
Jim van den Berg
Susan Woodson

PRIMETIMERS NAME TAGS

Permanent name tags can be purchased to wear for Primetimers' travel & events.

Name tags are \$5 each payable when ordered.

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