August 9, 2009

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

Welcome! It is or goal to be the family of God. Therefore, we encourage everyone to welcome and greet warmly all who worship in this house of God.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Walk with Me"* Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 145 *"Morning Has Broken"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 848 – Psalm 130

*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed

*The Gloria Patri: 70 – *"Glory Be to the Father"*

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 364 *"Because He Lives"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 939 – Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

ANTHEM *"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"* Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 852 – John 6:35, 41 - 51

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: ***"Soul Food"*** Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 398 *"Jesus Calls Us"*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"* Choir

*RECESSIONAL

***Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP …

TODAY:

9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship

THIS WEEK: **********

Mon., Aug. 10, 7:00pm – Art Class

Wed., Aug. 12, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Aug. 13, 6:30pm – Men's Club

NEXT WEEK: **********

Mon., Aug. 17, 7:00pm – Art Class

Wed., Aug. 19, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Aug. 20, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

SERVING OUR LORD:	**Today**	**Next Week**
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *Loving God, you bring overwhelming joy to us all. May we remember to express our gratitude to you for all your gifts. Amen.*

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, *or* sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

Homecoming – Sunday, August 23, 2009!! Our service will begin at 10:45am with **Rev. Mary Teasley** as our guest speaker. We will also have special music. Our covered-dish meal will begin at 12:00pm in the Social Hall. The church will provide the meat, we ask everyone else to bring a covered-dish. If you know of anyone that you would like to have invited, please fill out one of the address forms that we have located in the vestibule and on the altar rail. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Gospel Singing – Mathews UMC is hosting a Gospel Sing on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 7:00pm. This event features the ***Ken Clubb Singers*** and the ***Centurions*****.** This is a free will / love offering concert. We will also have a Hot Dog sale before the concert from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Plan now to bring your family and friends to an enjoyable evening of food and 'good ole' gospel music.

VBS Mission Project: School Supplies – During Vacation Bible School, our mission project was to collect school supplies for Mathews Elementary School. We are asking the congregation of Mathews Church to help with this project. Please pick up a supply list from the display table in the sanctuary. Bring your purchases back to church and put them on the display table. We will take up supplies through next Sunday, Aug. 16. Thanks for your help!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness during our recent illness. Your prayers and the prayers of others have contributed so much to our ongoing renewal. Love,

John & Carol Hipp