

January 11, 2009 / Baptism of the Lord

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What a friend we have in Jesus! May the spirit of friendship exude from each of us as we gather in the house of the Lord. We eagerly welcome all who have come to worship.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

"He's Able"

Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

\*Hymn of Praise: 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Proclaiming the Word

\*Psalter: 761 – Psalm 29

\*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: 145

"Morning Has Broken"

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.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 889 – Acts 19:1 - 7

ANTHEM

"Carol of the Epiphany"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 795 – Mark 1:4 - 11

This is the Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

"What Does Your Baptism Mean to You?"

Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn of Commitment: 382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"He's Able"

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: \*\*\*\*\*

Tues., Jan 13,

6:30pm – Cub Scouts

7:00pm – Mathews Village Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14,

7:00pm – Bible Study

7:45pm – Choir Practice

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

Tues., Jan. 20,

6:30pm – Cub Scouts

7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting

Wed., Jan. 21,

7:00pm – Bible Study

7:45pm – Choir Practice

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

**Preparation for Worship:** Dear Lord, may we follow your will rather than our personal desires in this new year. Make us restless until we surrender completely to you. 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.

**Newspaper Ad** – The cost of our ad in The Index Journal that appears every Saturday on the religion news page is \$30.00 per month. If you would like to help pay for this ad please place \$30.00 in a brown offering envelope and mark it 'newspaper ad'. Thanks!

**Gospel Sing** – Mathews UMC is hosting a Gospel Sing on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at 7:00pm. This event features The Atkins Family & The Centurions. This is a free will / love offering concert. No admission charges required. Bring your family and friends, and plan now to attend this event.

**High Attendance Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009** – Ever wonder what the sanctuary would look like if every member of the church was present on the same Sunday? Let's find out on January 25. Plan to be present for Sunday School and Worship. Put the date on your calendar now!



**Harris / Mathews United Methodist Churches  
Revival**

Sunday – Tuesday, January 25 – 27, 2009

7:00pm at Harris UMC

Preacher: Dr. J. William Harris

Music:

Sunday – Reel Robertson

Monday – Mike Funderburk

Tuesday – Ann Lawton

Covered-dish Fellowship Meal – Sunday, 5:30pm

"The New Year is our opportunity to refresh our relationship with the One who says, 'See, I am making all things new'". (Revelation 21:5, NRSV)