

THIS WEEK	
SEP 3:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00 PM – AA
SEP 4:	7:00 PM – SNL – High School Labor Day 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
SEP 5:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
SEP 6:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – NA 7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group
SEP 7:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – Bible Study 12:00 PM – Set-up for Chicks Picks 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal
SEP 8:	8:00 AM – Chicks Picks Pop-Up Boutique 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
SEP 9:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 AM – Community Lunch Set-up 9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation Meeting 12:00 PM – Community Lunch 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	36
8:00 AM	RI	29
9:30 AM	RII	155
11:00 AM	RII	90
Faith Factory		65
Sunrise	MP	5

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF 27 AUGUST, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$411,732

CONTACT INFORMATION
Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
 703-430-2121 (phone)
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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 David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
 Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
SEPTEMBER 3:	Mona Cosgrove
SEPTEMBER 3:	Mimi Nyman
SEPTEMBER 3:	Cara Seeley
SEPTEMBER 6:	Tom Smith
SEPTEMBER 6:	David Hester
SEPTEMBER 6:	Colin Deaso
SEPTEMBER 6:	Greg McKeown
SEPTEMBER 6:	Ethan Jacks
SEPTEMBER 7:	Sydney Severino
SEPTEMBER 9:	Anjoli Cranson
SEPTEMBER 9:	Bobby Olson
SEPTEMBER 9:	Jack Jacoby

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH
 September 3, 2017

Welcome...
 ...to Saint Matthew's. We trust you will find us to be a church of joyful worship, loving community, and vibrant witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We could not be more excited about all that God is doing in our midst. We are grateful for this opportunity to worship with you today. We look forward to sharing our life with you in whatever way God leads – whether just this Sunday or as a long time member.

Save the Date
 September 3 – Faith Factory Kick-off
 September 9 – Community Lunch
 September 11 – ESOL Begins
 September 13 – Prayer and Praise
 September 20 – Financial Peace Univ.
 September 24 – Saint Matthew's Day
 September 27 – Alpha Begins
 September 28 – Talking to Kids about Race Workshop
 November 2 – All Souls Day Service
 November 4 – Annual Convention
 November 11 – Veteran's Day Service and Community Lunch

It's Back! Prayer and Praise!
 Yes, that's right: Prayer and Praise returns on Wednesday, September 13th, from 7-8pm. Please join us for an hour dedicated to worshiping God, lifting our hearts to him in prayer, and learning to listen more closely to God's voice.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
SEPTEMBER 4:	Heidi & David Lathrop
SEPTEMBER 6:	Erin & Matthew Fano
SEPTEMBER 6:	Mary & Pete Lunn
SEPTEMBER 8:	Nancy & Greg Johnson

Intercessory Prayer List
 The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. Please pray for the following people:

Alan, Virginia, Becky, Stacey, Norm, Nicholas, John, Kathleen, Brian, Marilyn, Christine, Jackie, Allison, Cara, Tom, Bilma, Kim, Marilyn, Gladys, Barbara, Braley & family, Ellie, Zader, Ken, Keegan family, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Shannon, Patricia, Deb, Ray, Charlene, Kim, Jerry, Bob, Marcia, Valerie, Dean, Kerstin, Jim, Keno, Ava, Mary & family, Anna, Rick, Allene, the Lutz family, Mart, Marie, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Ryan, Frank, Frances, Jackie and family, Dan, Lorraine, Mac, Ayden, the Brittain family, Vera, Candace, Jane, Vivian, Chervenak family, Camden, Grace, Jack, Bill, and citizens of Texas.

If you or someone you care about is in need of Pastoral Care, please do not hesitate to call 703-430-2121.

Requests for Prayer Shawls
 To request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please send a request to barocon7@aol.com.

Addresses for College Students
 We'd like to stay in touch with our students. Please provide your college student's address to Miriam@stmmts.org.

Sunday Night Live for Teens

SNL meets Sunday nights in the trailer. 6th-8th graders are invited to join from 5:30-7:00, and 9th-12th graders from 7-8:30. We'll see you there for relevant teachings, life-changing small groups, wacky activities, and worship.

Join us tonight, September 3rd, for a special Back to School SNL!

Add Your Voice!

The choir is seeking new members. No experience required and all ability levels accepted. Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. For more information contact Kevin at kevin@stmmts.org or 303-834-0601.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to get on a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. FPU is that plan.

Whether you are trying to figure out how to balance saving for retirement, college savings and vacations or you are struggling to make ends meet, FPU has something for you.

Class will officially begin on Wednesday, September 20th and run on Wednesdays **from 7:15-9:15pm** until the week before Thanksgiving. We hope you'll join us. For more information or to register for the class go online to: <https://fpu.com/1043797>. If you have any questions, please email Miriam or Mason at Family@turnerville.us

Thursday Noon Co-Ed Bible Study

You're invited to join us as we begin a new study on the book of Romans. We will be using the commentary by N. T. Wright "Paul for Everyone".

Alpha

Wednesdays, starting September 27th

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith and is open to anyone. **Each meeting will start at 7pm** with a simple meal, a short DVD on the subject for that week and then small group discussion.

The course is designed for those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church and those wanting to brush up on the basics of our faith. This is an opportunity for you to bring a friend to explore the faith in a nonthreatening environment.

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the hallway or email Alpha@stmmts.org with any questions.

Community Lunch

Saturday, September 9th, 12pm-2pm

Are you looking for a way to build relationships with people in our community you might not otherwise meet? You're invited to our next Community Lunch!

Here are few ways you can contribute to this vital ministry:

- 1) Donate children books - new or gently used
- 2) Bring a dessert to share
- 3) Volunteer – (Greeters/Kitchen Help/Servers/Set Up/Clean Up/Kid's Activities/Displays)
- 4) Attend – join us for lunch – meet our wonderful neighbors
- 5) Offer to share a skill, hobby or talent with the children and/or adults
- 6) All of the above

Donations can be dropped off 9am-11 am on Saturday. Have questions? Contact Sandra at sandra.gentry1@verizon.net.

Become a Lay Eucharistic Minister!

Ever wondered what really goes on at the altar during services? Do you like to read aloud, or are just called to serve? We need you to volunteer as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)! Training is short and easy and the more of us there are, the more flexible your schedule can be. For more information please contact Katt Hancher at 703-405-4057 or cathrinekatt@gmail.com.

Backpack Buddies is Gearing Up

Backpack Buddies is gearing up for the new school year! We are in search of volunteers to help with delivery to Horizon ES. If you could donate thirty minutes a week to this cause, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at HLLlearning@gmail.com or 571-269-8648. We need packing volunteers every Tuesday at 11 am (except for first Tuesdays of the month at 7pm).

SAVE THE DATE:

Next Backpack Buddies pack: **Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm** in the Classroom on the Hill.

Consolidated Ask

There are many ways to become involved in and contribute to our Saint Matthew's community. We thought that you might want one list of all opportunities so you can figure out what works with your calendar and interests. Early next week we will be sending out a SignUpGenius that will contain a consolidated list of volunteer and participation opportunities. There will be opportunities for everyone: young, not so young, working, homebound . . . If you want to be added to or deleted from this email distribution list, please contact Susan Jones at Susan@stmmts.org.

After Charlottesville: Talking to Our Kids About Race

Thursday, September 28th at 7pm

In these politically charged times it can be very difficult to explain to our kids what is going on in the world. This becomes even more challenging when it comes to race, particularly if we are not ourselves people of color. Even well intentioned efforts can quickly reveal our inadequacy when we try to discuss racism in America. Everyone is talking about race however: it's in the news, in our Facebook feeds, and on the radio. You are talking about it, your friends are talking about it, and you can bet your kids are talking about it. Join us at Saint Matthew's Thursday, September 28th for a workshop on what racism is and how we might begin talking about it in the church, with each other, and with our children. Prayerfully consider coming to this event, and inviting others if you wish!

St. Matthew's Day Luau

Sunday, September 24 at 12pm

On Sunday, September 24 we will be celebrating our patron, Saint Matthew, with a Luau! The Luau will begin around noon. If you want to help with planning and executing the Luau, please come to the planning meeting on Sunday, September 10 at 10 am in the Parish Hall. The Luau will be pot luck. If you want to start planning a fund dish to share, please visit go.stmmts.org/LuauIdeas.

Get Ready for ESOL

If you have not participated in this ministry, please consider doing so. It's a very rewarding experience. You don't need to be a teacher, and you don't need to know another language. You do not have to come every week. Classes themselves meet from 7:00-8:15pm every Monday during the school year.

For further information, contact Roz Gann: rgann@gmail.com or 423-202-0007.