

*A Look at What's Happening at*  
**Mt. Airy**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

*May 2026*

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Thank  
*you,*  
moms

### May Message Series "Family Matters"

*Dating • Marriage • Children • Love*  
Begins May 10 at 9:45 & 11:00am



### SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

**Graduate Sunday - May 3**

*We will honor our graduating students in the 11:00am service.  
We are proud of you!*

**Mother's Day - May 10**

*We are planning a very sweet surprise to honor the mothers,  
grandmothers and special ladies of our church - you  
don't want to miss it! No PM service that evening.*

**Memorial Day Sunday - May 24** •••••

*No PM service that evening. We are not hosting  
our traditional picnic this year, but be on the lookout  
for more information regarding our plans for July 4th!*

### Upcoming Events

**YOUNG AT HEART CHOIR** - The YAH Choir will rehearse May 6 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**SENIOR SINGLES** - The Single Seniors will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 10:00am in Building A. This will be a breakfast meal from a local restaurant. In order to get an accurate headcount, please contact Lisa Stone at 864-325-7701 via phone or text no later than May 4 if you plan to attend. This will be the last meeting before we break for the summer.

#### LADIES' GROUP MEETINGS

- The Dot Tripp WMU will meet in the church parking lot at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 12. Our mission is filling several nearby "Blessings Boxes" in our community, for the needy/homeless. See email for item details (pop top cans, etc). We will eat out afterward at a nearby restaurant.
- The Margaret Mitchell Group will meet on Wednesday, May 20, at 2:00pm in Building A.

**YOUNG AT HEART** - YAH (ages 55+) will meet in the church parking lot on Thursday, May 21, at 10:00am for a picnic at Mineral Springs Park in Williamston. We will meet at Shelter #4. Please bring a side dish or dessert. RSVP to Maripat Herring at 864-905-3192 by May 18 to attend.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - The Mt. Airy Men's Ministry will sponsor a breakfast on Saturday, May 30, at 8:00am in Building A. Please come and bring a friend! Call or text Gary Lyons at 919-323-0118 if you are planning to attend.

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# CELEBRATE



## High School:

Ella Drayton	Simon Poole
Aiden Herron	Loren Venton
Jackson Meaders	Victoria Walters

## College:

Thomas Drayton	Hallie Meaders
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We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 3, at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Graduates and their families are invited to a dinner in Building A following the service.

# Operation Christmas Child



The OCC items for May are coloring books and toothbrushes (multipacks preferred). Please deposit items in the bins in the LC and in the connector between Bldgs. B & C.

**DID YOU KNOW?** NO used items can be sent in OCC boxes, as this can cause entire shipments to be stopped at Customs.

## Missions Moment

### Expand Foundations: Step 1 - Foundations

**Expand Powdersville**, Mt. Airy's three-year vision, has officially launched. Pastor Keith unveiled the high-level plan on Vision Sunday, March 22. We then turned to prayer and began the launch initially with our trustees. The trustees were presented with the more detailed plan, and they approved both the plan and the corresponding strategic budget on April 8, 2026. We then presented the plan to the deacons on April 15 and to our BSF teachers on April 22. Praise the Lord, we had our first official Foundations class on April 29.

What is the **Foundations** class, and why do you need to attend? This class is two sessions long and is designed to communicate the plan, why we are executing, and the many changes that will be coming. There is time for you to ask questions, to ensure you are informed, and to respond and pray as we launch this three-year initiative together. You will begin to see changes around campus over the next few weeks, and it has been exciting to work together for a common purpose.

This class is for everyone. You do not need to be a member to attend. If you are already engaged in serving, we need you in the class as soon as possible. You will be able to contribute the most because you know our infrastructure and how we can better reach our community.

The **Foundations** class is essential for the successful launch of **Expand Powdersville**. If you have not signed up for a class, you can find the form online, call the church office, or stop by the Next Steps Table. Please lead the way and attend **Foundations** as soon as you can. We are limiting the class to 50 people so that we can see your eyes and answer questions nearly immediately.

Thank you to all who have attended. We are excited to see what God will do with His Church, His people, and His resources. See you in **Foundations** soon.

### Campus Upgrades

One of the initiatives approved in the strategic planning and detailed in **Foundations** was a security and safety system. We take the safety of everyone attending, working, and using our facilities at Mt. Airy seriously. The installation of additional cameras, a better security system, and access-controlled doors has now been completed. Our staff will be trained on the system in early May as we move from using physical keys to programmed cards. The system is designed to unlock doors as people enter, but to secure them during services when movement should be minimal. The children's building (Building C) and the students' building (LC) will have tighter controls, and more information will be shared in the near future.

We need 5 trained volunteers on a 6-week rotation (30 total volunteers) to help us re-launch our safety team. If you sign up to serve, you will be trained on the system and the layers of communication we intend to deploy during each service.

Please stop by the Next Steps Table to sign up. We need to be fully functional before Vacation Bible School, so don't delay.

Thank you for helping us keep Mt. Airy and everyone attending safe!  
-Rob



### Children's Ministry

- 5/3 - AWANA Last reg. club night
- 5/13 - Club 4: 12 last regular club night
- 5/17 - AWANA End of the Year Bash! Inflatables, awards, hot dogs & fun! 12pm in the Life Center.

### Looking Ahead...

**6/3-6/5**-Camp Three 18 - "Game On" is a kids summer day camp that will take place June 3- 5 from 9:00am until noon at Mt. Airy (K5 - 5th grade). To register for this camp, please visit the children's ministry webpage at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids).

**6/7** - VBS Volunteers Meeting at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room. (This meeting is for everyone involved in this year's VBS.)

**6/10**- Preschool playdate at Kids Play & Cafe in Easley; 10am until 12pm; Pizza for lunch; Register on our website at [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids) by 5/27.

**7/16**- Children's Museum of the Upstate; 10am until 12pm; bring snacks or lunch; Register at [mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://mtairybaptist.com/kids) by 7/5.

**VBS 2026**  
**Illumination Station**  
**June 21 - 25**  
**6:00pm Nightly**



Scan to register!

### Student Ministry

#### STUDENT SUMMER CAMP

MFuge Camp at Ridgecrest Conference Center is June 13- 17. Total cost is \$325. Final payment is due May 24. Sign up at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/students](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/students).

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