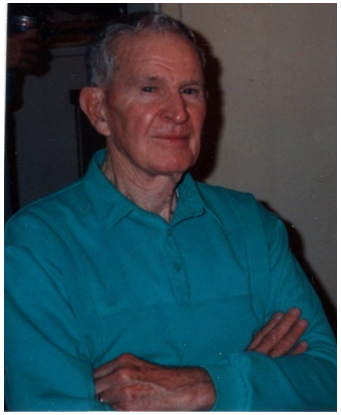
Giving to the Scholarship Fund

During the past several years Sharptown Church has been adding to the amount of money which was set aside immediately following "Pop" Nixon's death. Proceeds from the Strawberry Festival have assisted in making certain that this award will be a perpetual scholarship for students today and students in the future.

If God is leading you to contribute to the Sharptown Scholarship Fund, you can do so easily. Tax deductable donations can be made out to "Sharptown Church Scholarship Fund" and dropped into the offering plate on any Sunday.

In honor of William "Pop" and Marie Nixon



Sharptown Church began in 1795 in the living room of a local farmer. The people who gathered to seek God were particularly interested that their life investment to spread scriptural holiness throughout the Salem County community and around the world would endure. That is an incredibly rich heritage and a challenging legacy. The Sharptown Church family stands upon the shoulders of faithful men and women who have established a legacy and vision for the future.

William "Pop" Nixon is among the number of faithful people whose life has been woven into the fabric and history of our congregation. On May 20, 2000, "Pop" lost his battle with cancer, but gained his heavenly reward. During the closing years of Pop's life, a renewed spiritual passion was ignited in his heart. His time was invested in his family, the Kingdom of God, and other people. His greatest joys were centered in the progress of the Gospel message through the ministry of Sharptown Church. During the long conversations about his death and speculating about the legacy which would endure, "Pop" requested that money be set aside for a scholarship to assist college students with their education. It is our sincere belief that the giving of an annual scholarship honors his life and commitment.

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Sharptown Church Scholarship Fund

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The William "Pop" and Marie Nixon Scholarship Program

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The William "Pop" and Marie Nixon Scholarship Fund exists to honor the lives and vision of "Pop" and Marie Nixon by providing a one-time $1,000 scholarship to high school seniors that demonstrate financial need, are active participants in Sharptown Church, and are preparing to live out God's plan for their life.

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Who: A scholarship is awarded annually to one male and one female high school senior entering college.

What: A one-time scholarship of $1,000 is given in the form of a check made out to the institution which the student is entering in the fall.

How: Fill out an application (available at the information desk or online at http://www.sharptown.org) and submit it to the church office by June 9, 2019.

Scholarship Committee Members:
Lori Buckner, Taryn Simmons, Martie Buzby, Dan Ascenzi, Ralph Homan, Brian Kanady

Application Requirements

Students wishing to apply must submit TWO (2) references (one from inside Sharptown Church and one from without). SUMC staff may not submit letters for this scholarship.

- Students wishing to apply must answer several questions about their involvement at Sharptown Church, leadership in the community, financial situation, academic success, and plans for the future.
- Applications will be reviewed early June and scholarships will be awarded by the end of the month.

Please direct any questions you might have to the church office at sharptownchurch@comcast.net or 856-769-4716.