



*“Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.”*

Philippians 4:4

Fun National Days In April

April 2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

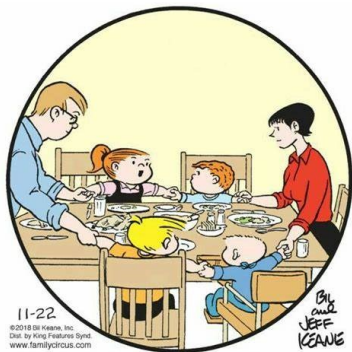
April 4 National School Librarian Day

April 5 National Caramel Day

April 10 National Siblings Day

April 14 National Gardening Day

April 23 National Picnic Day



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“We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?”

We Give Thanks To God

	BCG	WORSHIP	BUDGET GIFTS
MARCH 3	45	74	5118.18
MARCH 10	41	75	3897.90
MARCH 17	43	66	4737.90
MARCH 24	44	77	986.26
TOTAL			\$ 14740.24

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Michael Massaro
- 5 Frank Fountain
Jim Norman
- 6 Reilly Fountain
- 8 Brian Crowder
- 11 Karen Puckett
- 19 Roger Morgan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Richard & Frances Cumbie
- 13 Bruce & Deborah Davis
- 27 Gene & Linda Kirkman
- 29 Jason & Christine Robertson

THE CONNECTION

APRIL



FROM THE PASTOR

I want to encourage our guys to attend the Men and Boys Retreat at the end of April. We had a great time last year and anticipate similar experience this year. We need your applications in ASAP. They can be secured outside the Ministry Center and the Church office. Let me encourage you to get to a ball game this spring for our boys and girls Dixie Teams. This is a great way to get into our community and meet folks and create connections to our church. Jesus went to where the people were.

If you would be praying over the needs with the South Hampton Roads Mission Trip. The Lord is giving us so many opportunities to serve him. We need to pray for laborers !

Thanks for all you are doing to serve the Lord. A lot of work from many folks went into making the Easter activities such a success. Exciting things are happening with our youth. We baptized one of our teens several weeks ago. We also had fifteen present on a recent Wednesday night for youth group. We have been talking about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Pray for us on Wednesday nights.

May the Lord bless!

MESSAGES FOR APRIL

April 7th What is Heaven Like? John 14: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 12: 1-4; Revelation 21: 1-5

April 14th. What is Hell Like? Mark 9: 47-48; Matthew 8: 11-13; Revelation 20: 11-15

April 21st. A Picture of Eternity Luke 16: 19-31

April 28th Guest Speaker Pastor on Men and Boys Retreat

NEWS & EVENTS

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH. 8:00AM

All guys are invited for food and friendship. Our focus will be "Strong Men with Weak Wills". By Craig Groeschel on Right Now Media. The video may be located under Men's Ministry.

The **FINANCE COMMITTEE** has considered the comments/suggestions regarding the state of Promise Land Baptist Church. The committee will offer this motion at the April business meeting;

Motion: The Finance committee proposes that Amelia Baptist Church prepare a Love Offering for the Promise Land Baptist Church. Giving season to be from May 1st – June 30th. With a goal of \$2,000 from our membership to be matched by an equal amount from the Amelia Baptist Church operating fund.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, LOVE-IN-ACTION

The **Woman's Missionary Union** would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated items to ALOHA House Hope. Members met on Friday, March 8th to load and deliver all the donated items.

The Woman's Missionary Union continues to collect items for the South Hampton Roads Mission Project.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Love-In-Action group will meet again on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Chris Thacker will serve as hostess and Dale Johnson will provide the program.

THE MOSAIC BIBLE CONNECT GROUP will begin a new series on Sunday, March 31st. on Jesus Farewell message John 13-17. The video series by Francis Chan will be used located on Right Now Media. The Mosaic Group will also have a Game night at the Eary's on Saturday, April 20th. at 5:00pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:30

Youth Group meets in the Ministry Center. Join us for Food, Friendship, Games and Growing from God's Word!

Adults join us in the Willing Workers room for "A Compassionate Call to Counter Culture". We are learning to live for Jesus and to address the pressing cultural issues of our day.

APRIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

APRIL 3 FOLLOW UP FROM EASTER
 APRIL 10 BUSINESS MEETING
 WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE FOLLOW UP
 APRIL 17 WHAT IS HELL LIKE FOLLOW UP
 APRIL 24 A PICTURE OF ETERNITY FOLLOW UP

SPORTS MINISTRY

We will be sponsoring a Dixie Boys Team and Dixie Girls Team. We will need volunteers to take snacks to teams and be willing to pray with them. We are specifically looking for men to take snacks to our Dixie Boys Team. Let the church office know if you are willing to serve.

DIXIE ANGELS- AMELIA BAPTIST SOFTBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

PRACTICE AT RUSSEL GROVE , THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 2:30PM
4:00PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 6:30PM

FRIDAY, MAY 3 8:00PM

THURSDAY, MAY 9 6:30PM

MONDAY, MAY 13 6:30PM

THURSDAY, MAY 30 6:30PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 12:30PM

DIXIE BOYS AMELIA BAPTIST MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM

PRACTICE AT AMELIA ACADEMY MONDAYS AT 7:30PM AND FRIDAYS 6:00PM - 8:00PM

OPENING CEREMONIES SATURDAY MARCH 30 at NOON

Camp Willow Run Men and Boys Retreat will be April 26-28th in Lake Gaston, NC. Registration forms will be available in March. The cost is \$270 for each father and son with each additional son being \$135. Any men willing to volunteer as a surrogate father or grandpa to a boy in need or knows of a boy who would like to go, please contact pastor David. To sponsor an adoptive dad or boy, please mark donations "Sponsorship for Men and Boy's Retreat."

On Thursday, May 23rd from 1:00-5:00 pm. There is an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Ministry Center. We will need hosts to welcome donors to this event. Let the church office know if you are willing to serve.

SHRMP

PRAYER NEEDS FOR SHRMP June 22-29.

KITCHEN HELP : Help prepare and feed mission team meals. Cost for the week is \$50.00

PRAISE TEAM: We need a Praise Team to lead the mission team in worship each evening.

MISSION TEAM MEMBERS who are either Hispanic or multilingual in English and Spanish.

MISSION TEAM MEMBERS who are willing to serve anywhere.

IT PERSON who can run IT for worship times and training times for team.

Teaching this year will **focus** on Bible character stories and there will be a daily Hero of the Faith Emphasis. The "Jesus Story Book Bible" will be a background resource. A new witnessing approach will be introduced using emojis. We will adding some new rap songs. Also a coloring book is being developed to give to children that corresponds to daily Bible stories. Training for SHRMP and all projects will be Sunday nights June 2nd, 9th, and 16th. beginning with dinner at 5:30pm.

We are in need of **children's books and dental supplies for SHRMP**. We will read to children daily and give them the books to take home. We also want to give each child a dental packet that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss. Helen has placed bright yellow boxes in the Education Building outside the church office. One is for book donations, the other is for the donation of dental supplies.

