

Thank You

Steve and Margaret Lloyd send their thanks for all your prayers and concern.

Tamara and Liam Haver send their thanks for the beautiful and thoughtful dish garden. She has been "focusing on Liam and our grief journey".

Lisa Wade & family send their thanks to the church for the many wonderful things you have done for their family.

The Pregnancy Support thanks the church for your generous financial support. They are seeing women choose life and their lives being transformed.!

Mothers hold their children's hands for a while, but their hearts forever.



We Give Thanks To God

	BCG	WORSHIP	BUDGET GIFTS
MARCH 31	39	74/53	4887.16
APRIL 7	40	63	7163.90
APRIL 14	42	63	3952.90
APRIL 21	47	50	3631.90
APRIL 28	36	42	1098.90
TOTAL			\$20734.76

CELEBRATIONS

Fun National Days In May

May 11 National Mini Golf Day

May 13 National Apple Pie Day

May 16 National BBQ Day

May 29 National Flip Flop Day

A dry May and a leaky June, make the farmer whistle a merry tune."

ANNIVERSARIES

25 Tim & Jessica Anders

25 David & Helen Slayton

BIRTHDAYS

5 Ian McDonald, Jr.

5 Kenny Wade

9 Betty Jo Simmons

15 Phillip Critchfield

25 Paxton McDonald

25 Chris Thacker

26 Linda Kirkman

28 Ronald Burton

THE CONNECTION

Connecting to God  Connecting to People

MAY 2024

FROM THE PASTOR

On Sunday, May 5th, we will honor our graduates. It is exciting to see how the Lord is working in their lives and how the Lord is using our church to touch a new generation.

Please support the blood drive on May 23rd. Your involvement could well save a life.

There will be a survey available during May to tell us how you would be willing to participate in Worship Leadership. This may be reading scripture, praying, singing, playing an instrument etc. Let us know. We want to involve more people.

Finally, allow me to encourage you to pray about how the Lord would use you through the activities listed in this newsletter. The Lord is opening so many doors for us. Let's follow him!

May the Lord lead and bless as we serve Him!

David

MESSAGES FOR MAY

MAY 5 - GRADUATE SUNDAY

"A GPS FOR LIFE"

Proverbs 3:5,6

MAY 12

"CONFIDENCE FOR LIVING"

Proverbs 31:25,30

MAY 19—LORD'S SUPPER

"WHAT JESUS IS DOING IN HEAVEN"

Hebrews 7:25; 8:1

MAY 26

"WHAT'S NEW"

Revelation 21:1-5



Congratulations to all our graduates

NEWS & EVENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, MAY 23 1:00PM -5:00PM Ministry Center

We are **in need** of the following to make this drive a success and save lives.

An overall coordinator. Pastor David can provide information and our rep from the Red Cross, Marla Watson will guide through the process.

Volunteers are needed to **help with set up:** one hour prior to drive and one hour following drive.

Greeting Donors: 15 minutes prior to the drive and during drive.

Assisting Donors in the refreshment area 15 minutes prior to the drive and during the drive.

Donors: you may volunteer to donate blood by:

Calling 1-800- 733-2767
Going to RedCrossBlood.org
Downloading the blood donor App.
Signing up on the information board across from the church office.

SHRMP

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 going to be given 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.

AMELIA DAY May 11

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for a variety of outreach opportunities at this community event. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve in His name.

ATTENDANTS NEEDED:

BOUNCY HOUSE
PARKING LOT
SNO_CONE
TENTS
GOLF CARTS

SHIFTS NEEDED:

9:00-11:00
11:00-1:00
1:00-3:00
SETUP: 8:00-9:00
TAKE DOWN: 3:00-4:00

South Hampton Roads Mission Project June 22-29

We will stay at Indian River Baptist Church in Chesapeake. Training will be offered the first three Sunday nights of June with dinner at 5:30pm followed by training.

Help is needed in the following areas:

IT for mission sites, team training and worship times.

Crafts leaders (crafts are provided)

Bible story teachers (lessons are provided)

Music

Recreation (games are provided)

Snacks help

Crew Leaders to guide children

Youth Workers (lessons are provided)

Readers to share books with children

Adult Workers (lessons are provided)

Kitchen Help

Applications are available outside the Ministry Center, church office, and hallway into the sanctuary, as well as brochures.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, LOVE-IN-ACTION

For the month of April, ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), Love-In-Action Group, gathered on April 9, 2024, to discuss current and upcoming activities.

Collections for Annie Armstrong will begin on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

For the May meeting, members of the Woman's Missionary Union group will be visiting the Amelia Nursing Home to play BINGO with some of the residents.

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

The Woman's Missionary Union group will meet again in the Church Ministry Center on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 1:30. After a short meeting, members will proceed to the Amelia Nursing Home to visit and play BINGO with the residents.

Anyone interested in placing flowers in the church, please contact JoAnne Ozmore @ 804-240-5103 or Judy Morris @ 804-334-8960.

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.

MAY 1ST UNITY IN DIVERSITY: THE GOSPEL AND ETHNICITY
MAY 8TH CHRIST IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE: THE GOSPEL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
MAY 15TH THE MOST URGENT NEED: THE GOSPEL AND THE UNREACHED
NEW SERIES ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE:
MAY 22ND THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE
MAY 29TH THE NATURE OF OUR ENEMY PART I

This series will continue on Wednesday nights in June. The resource book is "Spiritual Warfare the Battle for God's Glory" by Jerry Rankin B&H Publishing. Cost \$17.00 If you wish to order a copy contact the church office.

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 8:00AM

COME GUYS, FOR GREAT FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!

Our focus will be: "Spirit Led, not Emotion Driven". We will be viewing the video by Craig Groeschel on Right Now Media on this topic.

SPORTS MINISTRY

Please take the time to attend a Dixie Girls Game and/or a Dixie Boys Game. Their schedules are listed in the calendar. Guys practices are on Monday nights at 7:30pm at Amelia Academy and Girls are on Thursday nights at 6:30pm at the Russel Grove field.

SPORTS BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
8:00AM

SPEAKERS: JUSTIN POLLOCK, long snapper for Virginia Tech and Christina Easter:

A motion carried from the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** that Amelia Baptist Church prepare a Love Offering for the Promise Land Baptist Church. The giving season will be from May 1st - June 30th, and the goal is \$2,000 from our membership, to be matched by an equal amount from the Amelia Baptist Church operating fund.

MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

COUNTER CULTURE: