

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	12/2/18	5,621.00
	12/9/18	Snow
	12/16/18	4,482.65
	12/23/18	3,053.72
Lottie Moon		9,464.94
Annie Armstrong		80.00
Grief Counseling		50.00
Local		500.00
Ministry Center Use		50.00
Poinsettias		120.00
Christmas Parents		120.00
Loaves & Fishes		100.00
Parade Dinner		61.00
Total		23,703.31
Running Total		226,466.39

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Dec. 2	52	70
Dec. 9	Snow! No services	
Dec. 16	69	90
Dec. 23	58	72

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for supporting my trip to Haiti. I really appreciate the Bengay and IcyHot. I'm so thankful to have a church family that supports and prays for me in all I do.

-Bethanny Jo Hall

My sincere thanks to all those who remembered Amy and me with cards and gifts this Christmas. Also, thank you to the church for the monetary gift. Our love and best wishes to Amelia Baptist Church members, and we wish for you a most blessed and Happy New Year!

-Mildred Maxey

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

"For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!" (Psalm 117:2)

Happy New Year ABC! Another year has passed us by and oh what a year it has been to remember the faithfulness of God among us. He has remained steadfast with us through seasons of hardship, seasons of fruitful ministry, seasons of celebration, and seasons of waiting. As we head into 2019, I hold fast to the promises of the Bible that remind me that God will continue to be with His people throughout every age. There is always much uncertainty and anticipation as to what a year will bring. But no matter what is to come, the great hope of God's people is the ever-present Shepherd who is watching over His sheep. With that in mind, one of the best things we can do is entrust our hearts to God in prayer for the year ahead. Below you will find a very helpful prayer to pray for 2019. It is slightly adapted from a post by Scotty Smith who writes for The Gospel Coalition. Make this prayer your own and pray to the Lord of heaven who cares for us and who will see us through this next year for His ultimate glory and our ultimate good.

"Heavenly Father, it's the first day of 2019, and our hearts are filled with many thoughts, multiple emotions, and real hope. What a complex, consternation-filled year it's been these past twelve months, globally and personally. As in every previous year, there were big disappointments and wonderful providences. Both stir our longings for life ahead of us, in the new heaven and new earth.

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From the Pastor's Pen (continued from front page)

As much as we'd love to control a lot of things in 2019, the primary resolution we make today is to abandon ourselves more fully to Jesus—who is our “righteousness, sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30), “the ruler of the kings of the earth” (Rev. 1:5), the Lord who is making “all things new” (Rev. 21:5).

Jesus is our only boast and riches, our confidence and joy, our sanity and peace. Some trust in horses and chariots, and some rely on resolutions and rededications; but our hope is built on nothing less, more, or other than Jesus. For so great, free, and complete a salvation, we praise, bless, and adore you. Father, we are so grateful for the gospel.

During the past year, you were always faithful, loving, and present, even when we questioned your ways and, at times, felt distant from your heart. Though we worry and whine, you are always working in all things, for our good and your glory. Thank you, Father.

As we begin 2019, help us discern between the good and the best, the non-essential and the essential, and the eternal and the temporary. What relationships and missions would you have us invest more in more fully? What circumstances, heartaches, and people must we simply trust you with, Father? No matter what, please make Jesus bigger and more beautiful in our gaze. Oh, that 2019 would be the year you would send him back. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' reigning, righting, and righteous name.”

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

FAMILY MISSIONS NIGHT

Wednesday, January 9th

Dinner: 6:00pm Program: 6:45pm

Menu: The meal will consist of a variety of soups and sandwiches/ possibly a dessert.

Program: The program will be presented by the Executive Director of the Pregnancy Support Center in Farmville.

Mission Friends & Kids-in-Action will also meet.

Message from Financial Secretary

Church offering envelopes for 2019 are in the parlor area of the church for pick up. If you do not find a box assigned to you and wish to use them, contact Jane Anderson at 561-2954 and she will issue you a box.

PLEASE NOTE: Church Council meeting, Mon., January 21st, at 6:00pm.

LOVE-IN-ACTION , WMU GROUP...IN ACTION!

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 8th, at 10am in the Ministry Center. We will have a sewing project, making children's dresses from pillowcases and other materials. Others who may be interested are invited to come participate and help with this project. Ladies are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch.

The Mission Supper for January is scheduled for Wednesday evening, January 9th, at 6:00pm. The meal will consist of soup and sandwiches and possibly a dessert. Pastor Derrick has arranged for a speaker from the Pregnancy Support Center in Farmville, the Executive Director, Kathy Holsapple. A special offering will be received Sunday, January 6th, for the Center.

We are pleased to report that our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has surpassed the \$5,000 church goal. To date we have received \$9,896.94, which includes money from our Lottie Moon Post Office and the poinsettias. Our grateful appreciation to all who have contributed to this worthy cause for international missions.

UPWARD BOUND

Fourteen people attended our Christmas meeting on December 17th. If you were unable to attend, you missed a joyful meeting. Carols were sung and birthdays were celebrated. Pastor Derrick started the meeting with a devotional, and we enjoyed a meal together. Oh, did I mention we had a gift exchange? Well we did, and some great gifts were received. A few were “stolen” but they were replaced so all were happy by the time the last gift was opened. Oh, did I mention the Grinch paid us a visit, and who would have guessed the old fella has a great voice and some good stories to share.

Our next meeting will be on February 18th, and we are planning a trip to the Holocaust Museum of Richmond, followed by lunch at Golden Corral. Please mark your calendar!

Building, Facilities & Grounds Committee Notes

The propane gas fired supplemental heating system for the Sanctuary has finally been completed and is now available for use. We ask your patience as we continue to work toward restoration of the sidewalk and church yard which was disrupted by the installation process.

Acceptance of the quote by Victor Products for the new kitchen upgrades (refrigerators and warming oven) has been accepted. Victor Products would place the order with approximate delivery to the church around the second week in January.

A meeting was also held with Mr. Don Grubbs to discuss and correct current issues with the audio/visual system. Numerous issues were corrected as well as our discovering several others which remain to correct. Again, bear with us as we continue to work through these.

The next meeting of the Building, Facilities & Grounds Committee will be Monday, January 7th at 5:00pm,.

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Church Office Closed	2 No Church Activities	3	4	5
6 11am Communion 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting 6:30pm Deacons Meeting B-Winnie Grizzard B-Judy Lee	7 1pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Building, Facilities, Grounds Committee	8 10am Love-in-Action Circle Sewing Project in Ministry Ctr	9 6:00pm Missions Supper 6:45pm Missions Program 6:45pm Miss. Fr./KIA	10 6:30pm Ruritans in Minis- try Center B-Russell Everett	11	12
13 11:30am Miss.Friends/KIA 12:30pm Mandatory Good News Club Training in Minis- try Center	14 12 noon- Women's Bible Study Group Luncheon B-Trisha Weaver	15 9:00am Art Class B-Lynnette Crowder B-Julia Easter	16 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	17 B-Sтивен Hall	18	19 B-Lindsay Barker
20 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting B-Michael Wade	21 6pm Church Council B-Skip Simmons	22 Feed Girl's Basketball Team @ High School	23 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	24 6:30pm Suicide Support Group in ACTS Class A-Warren/Jane Anderson	25	26 Ministry Ctr. Reserved— Rescue Squad Dinner Meeting
27 B-Samantha Ellington	28 2:45pm—5pm Good News Club at Elementary School B-John Burton	29	30 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	31 B-JoAnne Ozmore		