

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	12/30/18	2,945.00
	1/6/19	7,069.89
	1/13/19	No services
	1/20/19	2,929.19
Lottie Moon		940.00
Annie Armstrong		40.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		140.00
Refrigeration		205.00
Pregnancy Resource Ctr.		567.00
Memorial (Mary B. Hastings)		5,000.00
Total		20,336.08

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Dec. 30	54	70
Jan. 6	65	68
Jan. 13	No Services—snow	
Jan. 20	59	75

Thank You Notes

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and flowers during my time of recovery. I am so blessed to have a loving and giving church family. God bless you, and thank you!

-Terri Barker

I am very grateful that God gave me the ability to enjoy music. I think it is an honor and praise to share with others the gifts He has given us. Thank you so much for your gift to me at Christmas.—Della Nearhood

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift at Christmas. I do enjoy my job and working with the choir. It is my way of serving my Lord. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

-Carol Vaughan

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

As I am writing this, it is currently 18 degrees outside of the church office. Needless to say, it is bitterly cold. Now I'm not sure about you, but it is during the dead of winter that I begin to seriously long for the warmth of the spring and summer days. There is nothing quite like feeling the warmth of the sunshine without the piercing bite of the cold. Yet, as I think about the reality of winter, I'm thankful that God has woven together a picture of our lives. The seasons not only proclaim the glory of God, but they also reveal a significant truth about the brevity of life. You see, cold winter days such as this remind us that what was once warm and full of life, is now cold and dead. The natural things of this earth have come for a season but are now gone. That might seem like a depressing thought to think about. But just as the seasons depict the brevity of the natural world around us, the Scriptures themselves testify to the transitory nature of our physical lives.

Moses, the great prophet and receiver of God's Law, came to understand just how fleeting our lives really are. And he reflects upon this truth in Psalm 90 where he is recounting how God is eternal and man's physical life is momentary. He speaks of God existing before the foundation of the world was laid. He likens humanity to that of the dust of the earth and the grass of the field. In all, our days and our strength is limited. So how does Moses counsel us with this sobering reality?

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He says that we are to consciously number our days by remembering that mortality is a fact for all of humanity. Again, this sounds depressing doesn't it? Who really likes to think about death? Our culture seeks to suppress any thought of death. And even our churches at times focus more on the victorious Christian life instead of living faithfully in light of our future death. But beloved, we must remember that the only reason we have a victorious hope in the next life is because of the death of One who died in our place; the Lord Jesus. So as believers we cannot escape the reality of death.

Now when we (those who follow Jesus) think much on the brevity of our lives and the larger picture of God's eternal kingdom to come, it will work in our favor to sober us up to realize what matters most in this life. This is seen at the end of Psalm 90:12. Moses counsels us to number our days, but he does so knowing that there is an end goal. The goal is that we may get a heart of wisdom. But what is a heart of wisdom? The heart of wisdom is understanding that our lives are not our own and that we are to make our days count for the glory of God, not the glory of self. That is what matters most for believers. You see, this focus rightfully kills pride and humbles us to think about living for the glory of God. So beloved, as we continue in this cold season called winter, please do not ignore death nor fall into a morbid introspection about death. Rather, number your days so that it would stir your affections for Jesus in order that you might live faithfully for Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

Widows, Widowers, Senior Singles Luncheon

The Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 17th, after the 11am worship service. The meal will be prepared by the deacons and their wives and served by the deacons. We want to save a special place for you, so please call the church office (561-4512) by Thursday, February 14th.



The Women's Bible Study Group will have a luncheon Meeting on Monday, January 28th, at 12 noon in the home of Vivian James. Their new study for the coming year will be "A Story of Unlikely Joy" by Lisa Harper.

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 12th, at 10am in the Ministry Center. We will continue with our sewing project, making little dresses for needy children in foreign countries. Ladies are reminded to bring a sandwich for lunch. If others wish to be involved in this ministry, we welcome them to come and help.

We will be collecting items for Madeline's House, a center for victims of domestic violence in Southside Virginia, through the remainder of January, during the month of February, and until March 3rd. A container for collecting items is outside the church office, as well as a complete "wish list".

UPWARD BOUND

We are moving our next meeting from February 18 to March 18. We think the weather may be a little more comfortable for a trip to the Holocaust Museum of Richmond, followed by lunch at Golden Corral. Please plan to join us, and bring a friend. More details will be made available in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendar.

YOUTH

The Youth are going to the Amelia Nursing Home on Saturday, February 23rd, and play bingo with the residents. Please arrive at the Nursing Home by 2:15pm. Bring small items for prizes for the winners. If anyone else in the church would like to contribute to this, please give items to Jody Hall before the 23rd. Youth, please note: the meeting on February 3rd will be held right after church in the Ministry Center.

Building, Facilities & Grounds Committee Notes

The new kitchen upgrades (refrigerator and warming oven) finally arrived in January and are now in use.

A second meeting was also held with Mr. Don Grubb to further correct current issues with the church audio/visual system. We now have audio sound in the Nursery as well as audio and video to the Ministry Center. We are currently exploring providing video to the Nursery as well as options for providing further audio and video to other areas in the Education Building.

The next Building & Grounds meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4th, at 5pm.

***Please take note: Baptist
Women's Day will be Sunday,
February 17th.***



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11am Communion (Terri Barker/Barry Layman) Youth Meeting right after worship	4 Good News 3:30-4:45pm B-Nola Johnson	5 6:30pm Deacons Meeting B-Taylor Sutphin	6 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	7	8 B-Barry Layman	9 <i>Samaritan's Purse Mission Trip, 9th-16th</i>
10 11:30am Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action	11 Good News 3:30-4:45pm A-Robert/Jean Morris	12 10am Love-in-Action Circle in Ministry Center B-Warren Anderson B-Louise Boyles	13 7pm Business Meeting	14 Ministry Ctr. Reserved- Ruritans Meeting-6:30pm	15	16
17 <i>Baptist Women's Day</i> 12:30pm Widow, Widowers, Senior Singles Luncheon 5-6:30p,mYouth Meeting	18 B-Ian McDonald, Sr.	19 9am Art Class	20 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	21	22 B-Jackie Easter	23 9am Ministry Center Re- served –Gideons Pastor Appreciation Brunch Youth to Amelia Nursing Home 2:15pm—Bingo
24	25 Good News 3:30-4:45pm	26 B-Jeanne Hall	27 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	28 6:30pm Suicide Support Grp.—ACTS Classroom		