

AMELIA BAPTIST CHURCH


JANUARY 2026

# THE CONNECTION


*Connecting to God*  *Connecting to People*



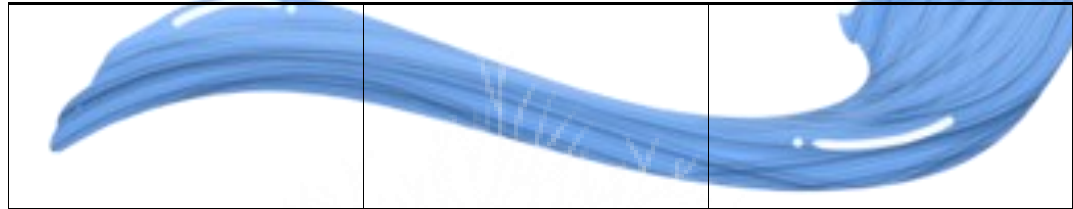

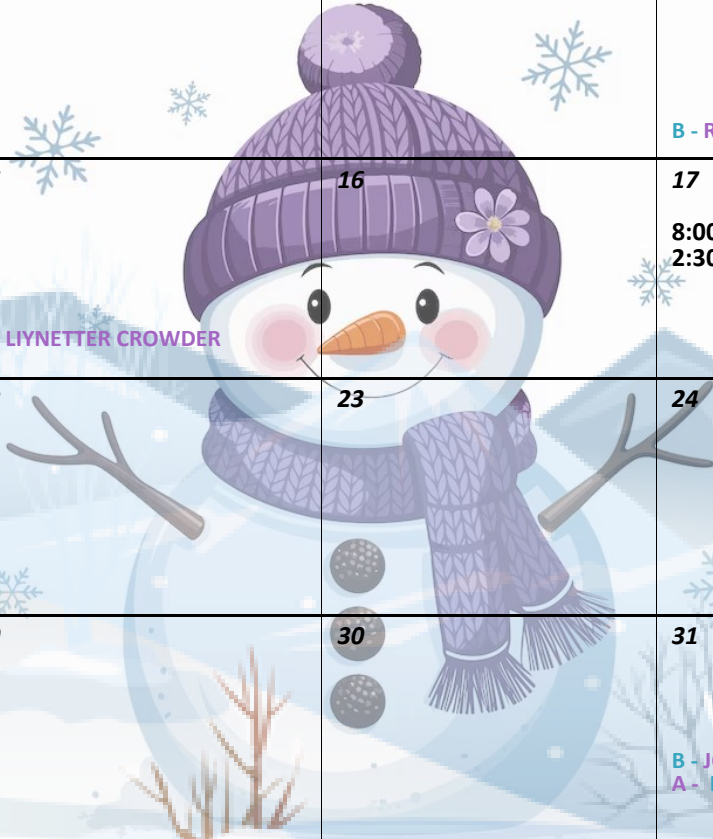
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## THE CONNECTION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<div>1</div>  <div>(office closed)</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9:00 Wrestling Tournament</div> <div>6:30 Basketball Game</div>
<div>4</div> <div>8:30 Praise &amp; Prayer</div> <div>9:15 Bible Connect Groups</div> <div>10:30 Worship/Lord's Supper</div> <div>5:00 Evangelism Committee</div> <div>6:00 Youth Group</div>	<div>5</div> <div>12:00 Women's Bible Study</div> <div>5:00 Wrestling Team/Basketball Team</div>	<div>6</div> <div>5:30 Building &amp; Grounds</div> <div>6:30 Choir Practice</div> <div>7:30 Praise Team Practice</div> <div>B - WINNIE GRIZZARD</div>	<div>7</div> <div>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer</div> <div>6:30 Adult Bible Study</div> <div>6:30 Young Adults</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>B - RUSSELL EVERETT</div>
<div>11</div> <div>8:30 Praise &amp; Prayer</div> <div>9:15 Bible Connect Groups</div> <div>10:30 Worship</div> <div>6:00 Youth Group</div> <div>6:00 Church Council</div>	<div>12</div> <div>1:00 Women's Bible Study</div> <div>5:00 Wrestling Team/Basketball Team</div>	<div>13</div> <div>2:00 WMU Love In Action</div> <div>6:30 Choir Practice</div> <div>7:30 Praise Team Practice</div> <div>B - DEBORAH DAVIS</div>	<div>14</div> <div>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer</div> <div>6:30 Adult Bible Study</div> <div>6:30 Young Adults</div> <div>B - TRISH WEAVER</div>	<div>15</div>  <div>B - LIYNETTER CROWDER</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>8:00 Men's Breakfast</div> <div>2:30 Basketball Game</div>
<div>18</div> <div>8:30 Praise &amp; Prayer</div> <div>9:15 Bible Connect Groups</div> <div>10:30 Worship</div> <div>6:00 Youth Young Adult Potluck Game Night</div> <div>B - PAM REAMS</div>	<div>19</div> <div>1:00 Women's Bible Study</div> <div>5:00 Wrestling Team/Basketball Team</div> <div>B - LINDSAY BARKER</div>	<div>20</div> <div>6:30 Choir Practice</div> <div>7:30 Praise Team Practice</div> <div>B - MICHAEL WADE</div>	<div>21</div> <div>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer</div> <div>6:30 Adult Bible Study</div> <div>6:30 Young Adults</div> <div>B - SKIP SIMMONS</div>		<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>25</div> <div>8:30 Praise &amp; Prayer</div> <div>9:15 Bible Connect Groups</div> <div>10:30 Worship</div> <div>6:00 Youth Group</div>	<div>26</div> <div>1:00 Women's Bible Study</div> <div>5:00 Wrestling Team/Basketball Team</div> <div>B - ALBERT JORDON</div>	<div>27</div> <div>6:30 Choir Practice</div> <div>7:30 Praise Team Practice</div>	<div>28</div> <div>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer</div> <div>6:30 Adult Bible Study</div> <div>6:30 Young Adults</div> <div>B - JOHN BURTON</div>		<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>
						<div>31</div> <div>B - JOANNE OZMORE</div> <div>A - KENNETH &amp; LISA WADE</div>



# January

WHAT DO YOU SING AT A SNOWMAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY?

FREEZE  
A JOLLY GOOD  
FELLOW

WHY DID THE  
SNOWMAN GO  
TO  
THERAPY?

BECAUSE  
HE HAD A  
MELTDOWN

JAN 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY  
JAN 4 - NATIONAL SPAGHETTI DAY  
JAN 12 - KISS A GINGER DAY  
JAN 15 - NATIONAL HAT DAY  
JAN 19 - NATIONAL POPCORN DAY  
JAN 21 - NATIONAL HUGGING DAY  
JAN 22 - NATIONAL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE DAY  
JAN 23 - NATIONAL PIE DAY  
JAN 26 - NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY  
JAN 31 - NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY



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skiing  
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holidays

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icicles  
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skating

winter  
ice  
snowflake  
gingerbread

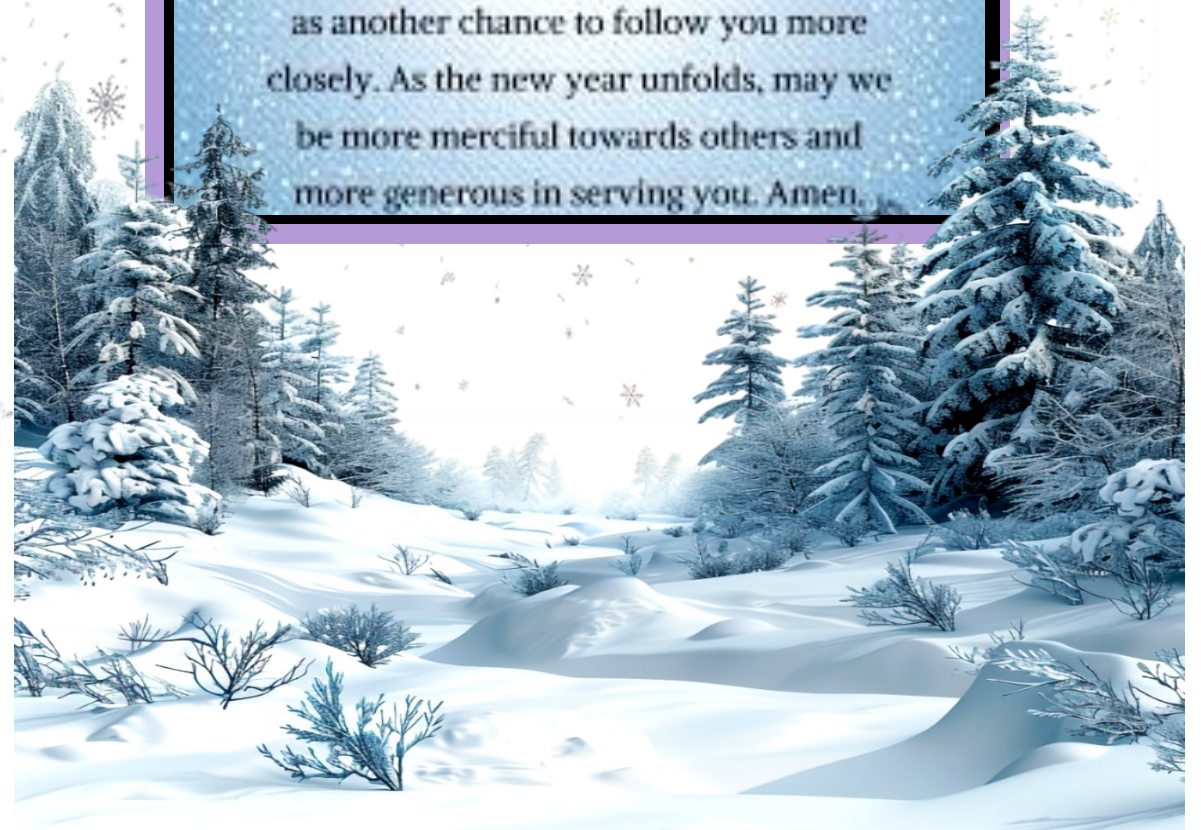
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### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen.





# CHRISTMAS MINISTRY



STAR CHILDREN



JINGLE JAM



SHOEBOXES



## BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Winnie Grizzard
- 10 Russell Everett
- 13 Deborah Davis
- 14 Trish Weaver
- 15 Lynnette Crowder
- 17 Steven Hall
- 18 Pam Reams
- 19 Lindsay Barker
- 20 Michael Wade
- 21 Skip Simmons
- 26 Albert Jordon
- 28 John Burton
- 31 JoAnne Ozmore

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 Kenneth & Lisa Wade



The Pregnancy Support Center sends their thanks for your continued support. Your partnership is a blessing!



Thank you for all the thoughtful Christmas gifts and cards! It is a pleasure working for and with you all! ~Leanne Jordon



Pastor David & Helen would like to thank the church family for the cards and remembrances during the Christmas season.

*Thank You*





# UPCOMING Events

## JANUARY

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT  
POTLUCK DINNER & GAME NIGHT  
JAN 18 - 6:00 PM

## FEBRUARY

DEACON'S BANQUET  
(to be announced)

## MARCH

SHRMP RETREAT  
MARCH 14 - 10:00AM

## NIGHT OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Presented by BLDG 511  
(to be announced)

## APRIL

MEN & BOYS RETREAT  
(to be announced)

## JUNE

SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS  
MISSION PROJECT  
JUNE 20-27



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## FROM THE PASTOR

I want to commend you for the giving and outreach you have carried out the last months of 2025. In November you filled over 90 shoe boxes to go overseas to children for Christmas. We surpassed our international missions goal! This will help support 3500 missionaries. We provided Thanksgiving food baskets for four families. We offered a Christmas Vacation Bible School to twenty -two children in Amelia. We provided \$1105.00 for the Amelia Christmas Father. We adopted 25 children from Amelia for Christmas providing them with both gifts and a Christmas Day dinner for them and their families. We partnered with Amelia High School wrestling team to provide snack and sponsored a basketball team through Amelia Parks and Rec. We also went caroling to shut -ins.

Thanks for all you did to make so much happen and touch lives from Amelia to parts of the world we do not even know of. God will use all of this to his glory!

When I served this church in the 80's as a youth minister I was impressed with the emphasis on missions and the impact a rural church could make. You are keeping that commitment alive and well. Blessings!

Our theme verse for 2026 is Romans 1:16 " For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

This year will provide us with many opportunities local and beyond to share the Gospel. We do not need to be ashamed of that Gospel. The Gospel being the Good News that Jesus came, died, was buried, and rose from the dead. Therein is the power of God that will bring people to him. Let's continue to share the gospel at every opportunity in 2026!

The Lord is providing funding for the South Hampton Roads Mission Project (SHRMP) as well as many locations for Vacation Bible Schools in the Hampton Roads area. SHRMP will be June 20-27. Please pray about going. Our greatest need is for workers. Jesus said to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest.

Looking forward to what the Lord has for us in 2026!  
Your Pastor, David

## MESSAGES FOR JANUARY

JAN 4

"Baptizer In The Spirit"

Mark 1:8

JAN 11

" Substitution "

Isaiah 53:5

JAN 18

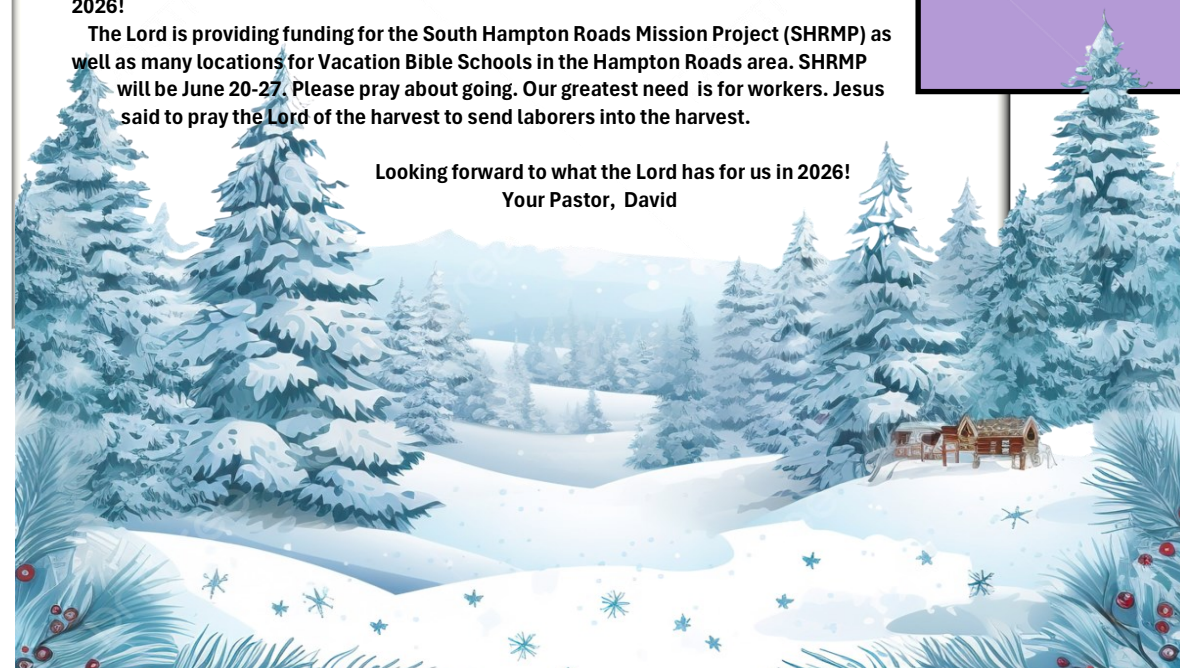
" The Plan of the Gospel "

Romans 1: 13-15

JAN 25

" The Power of the Gospel "

Romans 1: 16-17





# NEWS

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, January 5th at noon. We will have a fellowship lunch, bring your favorite covered dish, and we will finish the last chapter of the Fruit of the Spirit study. Our next study - "I Am - Seven Powerful Claims of Christ"

## BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The church sign that was located at the front entrance to the Sanctuary was removed by the building committee last month. It was in need of some repairs and was missing letters necessary for updating sign information. Since its removal we have learned background information worth sharing. The sign was installed around 1958 in memory of Claude William Whitaker who was called home in 1957. Claude had been a Deacon, a Trustee, he had served on Pastor Search committee, and had held any number of leadership positions in Amelia Baptist Church. We express our appreciation to the family members who shared this information. It is our desire that the sign can be renovated and put to use by a church with this need.

## LOTTIE MOON MISSIONS OFFERING

Our goal for this year's Lottie Moon offering was \$8,000. With your generous giving, we exceeded that goal and our total offering was \$9730.00.

*Wash me,  
and I will be  
whiter than snow.*

Psalm 51:7

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**YOUTH GROUP  
SUNDAY NIGHTS  
6:00PM  
MINISTRY CENTER**

**YOUNG ADULTS  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
6:30PM  
MINISTRY CENTER**

Youth & Young Adults 12-25, are welcome to join us for a fun night of food, games, and fellowship! **JANUARY 18 6:00PM**  
Board games & Potluck dinner! Time to connect and have fun. Bring your favorite dish to share and invite a friend!

## SPORTS MINISTRY

We will meet and serve a snack to the Amelia High School Wrestling Team each Monday at 5:00pm. We sponsor a 13-15 yr old basketball team through Amelia Parks & Rec. We will provide a snack to them following our time with the wrestling team. This will resume on January 5th. Watch calendar for game and match schedules.

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## ADULT BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:30 PM

The Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study group will resume our study time beginning January 7 @ 6:30pm. This 12 week Study "The relationship between Faith and Works" comes from Dr. David Jeremiah, Book of James. See Roger Morgan for more details. We have a few study guides available if interested.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
JANUARY 17  
8:00 AM**

	BCG	WORSHIP	OFFERING
NOV 30	40	50	4516.75
DEC 7	40	52	7021.35
DEC 14	40	66	3401.75
DEC 21	50	60	12937.35
DEC 28	80	48	6749.32
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$34626.52</b>

## STEWARDSHIP

2 Corinthians 9:7 states "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver".

We are blessed with faithful givers. Your continued support helps us with not just our ability to meet our monthly obligations but also allows us the opportunities to reach our community and beyond to share the Good News of Jesus in all. It is greatly appreciated.

Our churchwide annual budget for 2025 is \$252,173, which will require monthly offerings of \$21,015. We give thanks to the Lord for all He provides and praise His Holy name.

You can also give online at [ameliabaptistchurchva.com](http://ameliabaptistchurchva.com)

2025 Annual Budget	Offering for NOV	Expenses for NOV
\$252,173.00	\$21,527.00	\$26,950.00
Year to Date	\$208,083.00	\$207,364.00

## BLDG 511 - CAREER ADULTS

All adults between 20-40 are invited to join BUILDING 511 for a place of genuine community and relationship through our shared faith. We have a Sunday School class every Sunday at 9:15am, and we have monthly get-togethers of all kinds. We are currently reading the whole Bible through in a year together, and we have daily discussions as we go. The start of a New Year is a great time for you to jump in and join us! We have many exciting things coming up in worship, service, and fun in the New Year!