

AMELIA BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 2026

# THE CONNECTION

*Connecting to God*



*Connecting to People*

The LORD is good to all,  
And His tender mercies are over  
all His works. ~ Psalm 145:9



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# Hello

# 2026

# THE CONNECTION

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# May

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<b>3</b> 8:30 Praise & Prayer 9:15 Bible Connect Groups 10:30 Worship / Lord's Supper 11:30 Children Ministry Training 6:00 Youth Group	<b>4</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deacon's Meeting	<b>5</b> 5:30 Building & Grounds 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Praise Team Practice  <b>B - IAN MCDONALD, JR</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg 7:00 Diamond Baseball	<b>7</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study "Way of Wisdom" 6:30 Deacon's Meeting  <b>Ministry Ctr reserved Ruritans 5:00</b>	<b>8</b>      <b>B - PAULA BASS</b>	<b>9</b> Am 7:00 am-6:00 pm shifts   <b>B - BETTY JO SIMMONS</b>
<b>10 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:30 Praise & Prayer 9:15 Bible Connect Groups 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	<b>11</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>12</b> 2:00 WMU Love In Action 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Praise Team Practice	<b>13</b> 8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg 7:00 Diamond Baseball	<b>14</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study "Way of Wisdom"	<b>15</b>      <b>B - PHILLIP CRITCHFIELD</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 11: 00 Diamond Baseball
<b>17</b> 8:30 Praise & Prayer 9:15 Bible Connect Groups 10:30 Worship Grad Recognition Day 11:30 Widows, Widowers, Senior Singles Banquet 6:00 Youth Group	<b>18</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Praise Team Practice	<b>20</b> 8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg 7:00 Diamond Baseball	<b>21</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study "Way of Wisdom"	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12:00 Diamond Baseball
<b>24</b> 8:30 Praise & Prayer 9:15 Bible Connect Groups 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	<b>25 MEMORIAL DAY</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study  <b>B - PAXTON MCDONALD</b> <b>B - CHRIS THACKER</b> <b>B - DAVID &amp; HELEN SLAYTON</b> <b>B - TIM &amp; JESSICA ANDERS</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Praise Team Practice  <b>B - LINDA KIRKMAN</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg 7:00 Diamond Baseball	<b>28</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study "Way of Wisdom"  <b>B - RONALD BURTON</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Pastor to Hampton Roads</i>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:30 Praise & Prayer 9:15 Bible Connect Groups 10:30 Worship 5:30 Missions Training						

Why couldn't the flower ride its bike?  
IT LOST ITS PETALS



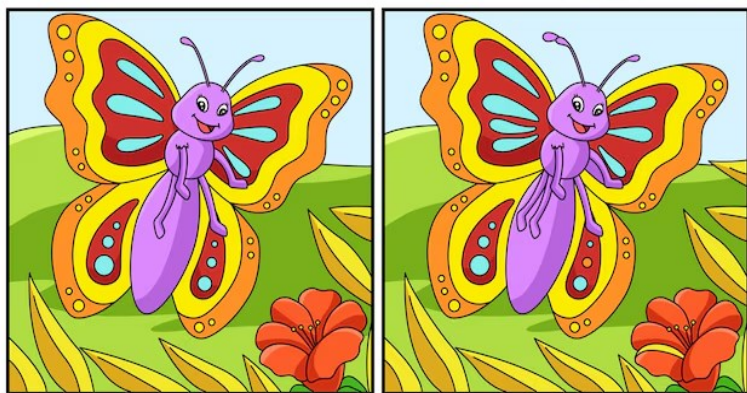
- MAY 4 NATIONAL LEMONADE DAY
- MAY 10 MOTHER'S DAY
- MAY 11 NATIONAL TRAIN DAY
- MAY 13 NATIONAL APPLE PIE DAY
- MAY 16 NATIONAL PIZZA PARTY DAY
- MAY 24 BROTHER'S DAY
- MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY
- MAY 28 NATIONAL HAMBURGER DAY
- MAY 31 NATIONAL SMILE DAY

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- basket
- celebrate
- dancing
- doorbell
- flowers
- holiday
- May Day
- Maypole
- May Queen
- ribbons
- run away
- spring



Find 8 differences



How is the letter  
"A" like a flower?  
A BEE  
COMES AFTER IT

# THE CONNECTION

MAY 2026

Connecting to God  Connecting to People



## AMELIA DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 9

details inside

## THE AMAZING RACE

Last month the BUILDING 511 class participated in THE AMAZING RACE. Modeled after the television competition of the same name, teams set out on an 8 hour race, covering 120 miles, over three counties, seeking a total of 33 clues and performing 21 various tasks and random acts of kindness in a race to be the first team to the finish line.

While the day was full of fun and laughter, as well as frustration and challenge, this group showed love and kindness and represented Christ and Amelia Baptist everywhere they went. We have received so many comments from people from all three counties wanting to know more about the race and asking about our church. God used this group and a team building day of celebration to connect to the community. It was a great day and an unforgettable memory! CONGRATULATIONS to Russell and Abbie for winning the race!

We want to send HUGE thanks to all of you who took part and agreed to some crazy things, like setting fires on your property, hiding food baskets, and fishing clues out of your pond!

Specifically, thank you to David & Helen Slayton, Gail Grubb, Roger & Myra Morgan, Marvin & Vivian James, Wayne & Amy Campbell, Barry & Carol Layman, Jerry & Judy Morris, and Wes & Dana Eary!

Also thank you to Greg and Janis Longbons, our special ops team in Farmville!  
We could not have done it without all of you!

Special thanks to the following businesses who also graciously took part in tasks along the race. Be sure to check them out and thank them if you meet them.

The Amelia Food Pantry, Jetersville  
Crewe Tractor, Crewe  
The Crewe Railroad Museum, Crewe  
Appomattox River Company, Farmville  
Spoonful of Buttercream, Farmville  
Flat Creek Farm & Petting Zoo, Amelia



# May



*To all our Mothers*

Thank You

*Deborah Davis sends her thanks for the beautiful plant and the many cards following the loss of her dad.*



*Thank you very much for all the cards and gifts for Administrative Appreciation Day. It meant a great deal to me! ~ Leanne Jordon*

### ANNIVERSARIES

25 Tim & Jessica Anders  
25 David & Helen Slayton

### BIRTHDAYS

5 Ian McDonald, Jr.  
5 Kenny Wade  
8 Paula Bass  
9 Betty Jo Simmons  
15 Phillip Critchfield  
17 Abby Sullivan  
25 Paxton McDonald  
25 Chris Thacker  
26 Linda Kirkman  
28 Ronald Burton

# THE CONNECTION

May 16  
Men's  
Breakfast

May 31  
June 7  
June 14  
Missions  
Training

May 9  
Amelia Day

JUNE 20-27  
SHRMP

JULY 13-17  
Vacation  
Bible School

UPCOMING

## FROM THE PASTOR

GET READY! BEGINNING MAY 31!

21 DAYS  
*of*  
TRANSFORMING  
PRAYER

How Everything Changes When  
You Seek God's Face

## UPCOMING MESSAGES

MAY 3  
SERVANT HOPE  
John 13: 1-17

MAY 10  
LIVING THE HOPE OF CHARACTER  
PART I  
Proverbs 31: 30-31

MAY 17  
LIVING THE HOPE OF CHARACTER  
PART II  
James 1: 19-21

MAY 24  
JOHN SAWYER PREACHING

## TRANSFORMING PRAYER

MAY 31  
FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS  
Exodus 33:7-11

JUNE 7  
WHAT DOES JESUS PRAY FOR?  
Luke 22:31-34

JUNE 14  
FOLLOW JESUS' PATTERN  
Matthew 6:9-13

PRAYER



# NEWS

## AMELIA DAY

**MAY 9**

7AM-6PM

Volunteers are needed for a variety of outreach opportunities at this community event.

Shifts needed:

7:00am -10:00am

10:00am- 1:00pm

1:00 pm - 4:00pm

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Sign up sheets are in your Sunday School room and on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## SPORTS MINISTRY

Each Tuesday night we take a snack and pray with our Diamond Baseball team of 7 and 8 yr. olds.

Home games for the High School Soccer team are :

May 6 - 5:00pm

May 12 - 5:00pm

We meet at the church at 5:00pm to deliver the snack to the team by half time at 5:30pm

Our Building 511 Group is taking snacks to our Girls Team

**MISSIONS AND MINISTRY TRAINING**  
SUNDAY, MAY 31 - JUNE 7 - JUNE 14

DINNER AT 5:30PM

TRAINING AT 6:00PM

Training for specific age groups

Evangelism Training

Prayer focus:

21 Days of

Transforming Prayer

## WOMENS MINISTRY

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), Love-In-Action Group, gathered on April 14, 2026, at the home of our hostess, Colean Norman, to discuss current and upcoming activities.

We are very proud to say that collections for our Annie Armstrong Mission Fund this year totaled \$7,630.00 surpassing our original goal of \$3,000.00 and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this mission.

Our mission for May will be to create self-care bags for individuals residing in private nursing homes in our county. We will gather for a short meeting. Following the meeting we will deliver the self-care bags. Each bag is filled with love, and we pray each bag will not only fill practical needs but will uplift the spirits of those receiving them.

The Woman's Missionary Union group will meet again in the Church Ministry Center on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Our Women's evening Bible study has been off to a great start. Not only are we learning more about what God says in the book of Proverbs, we are enjoying the friendships that continue to develop along the way. There is still time to join us, just let Ashley Spaw or Eva Biereder know so we can add you to our list and be sure you have a study book.

The world has plenty to say about communication and the use of words, but it doesn't find its motivation in the desire to please God, rather, it's motivation is in an effort to elevate ourselves. At our May 7th and 14th meetings, we will talk about words, words of wisdom and words of folly. In Session 3, Ruth Chou Simons teaches about "Wisdom in Our Words".

On May 21st and 28th, we will continue our study talking about "Wisdom in Friendship and Neighborliness" which is taught by Kelly Minter in Session 4. When it comes to friendship and neighborliness, Proverbs has much to say about wise approaches and foolish ones. Wisdom works to keep community unified while folly tears it apart. This session we'll reflect on both.

Come and join us, we know you will be blessed!

# NEWS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 6:30 PM

## SHRMP

South Hampton Roads Mission Trip is June 20-27. Applications are available on the SHRMP web site or across from the Ministry Center. Training will begin on Sunday evening May 31st. at 5:30pm. This mission project is opened to all ages. Anyone under age twelve must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is \$200.00 for the week. We will be staying at Indian River Baptist Church. This project is Mission Vacation Bible Schools and Sports Camps. We need help in all areas: games, music, Bible Story, crafts, kitchen, snacks, reading. We are collecting books for the reading clubs and dental supplies.

## 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". Giving is an expression of our love for God and our trust in Him. Your generosity fuels our ministries and allows us to show the love of Jesus to a hurting world and it also makes a lasting impact in our community.

Your continued support of God's work here at Amelia Baptist is greatly appreciated. You can also give online at [ameliabaptistchurchva.com](http://ameliabaptistchurchva.com)

2026 Annual Budget	Offering for MARCH	Expenses for MARCH
\$264,588.00	\$18,749.00	\$21,836.00
Year to Date	\$52,352.00	\$55,821.00

## KidzZONE CORNER

This month KidzZone will be learning about topics of Jesus friend of sinners, Jesus chooses his disciples, Sermon on the Mount, Wise and Foolish Builders.

Want to volunteer? We are looking for volunteers to assist with KidzZone once a month.

If you are interested, please contact Ashley Spaw.

Email: [anspaw21@gmail.com](mailto:anspaw21@gmail.com)

Phone: 571-839-8466

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, May 16  
8:00 AM

The congregation is cordially invited to a graduation party celebrating Paxton McDonald. The event will be held on May 2nd from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the church. We would love to have you join us for this special occasion.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 13-17**

**8:45-11:30 AM**

Workers are needed in the following areas:

CRAFTS, GAMES, MUSIC, MISSIONS, & BIBLE STUDY.

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE POSTED AROUND THE CHURCH.**

	BCG	WORSHIP	OFFERING
MAR 29	42	58	2675.34
APR 5	-	72/55	7848.35
APR 12	46	66	3906.35
APR 19	45	53	3999.34
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$18429.38</b>