

AMELIA BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025

# THE CONNECTION

*Connecting to God*  *Connecting to People*



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## THE CONNECTION

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                     | Friday                                                                         | Saturday                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1</b><br>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer<br>6:30 Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 Youth Gathering                          | <b>2</b><br>7:00 Music Committee Mtg<br><br>B - RACHEL HOFFMAN<br>B - TIM TURLEY             | <b>3</b><br>2:45 Football Ministry<br><br>B - LYNNE PARRISH                    | <b>4</b><br>11:00 Ladies Tea<br><br>B - WILL WRIGHT<br>A - DARRELL & LYNNE PARRISH |
| <b>5</b><br>8:30 Praise & Prayer<br>9:15 Bible Connect Groups<br>10:30 Worship /Lord's Supper<br>12:00 New Member Luncheon/Discovery Class<br>B - JAMES WILSON PARRISH      | <b>6</b><br>1:00 Women's Bible Study<br>5:15 Football Team Snack<br>6:00 Praise Team Practice<br>7:00 Deacon's Meeting | <b>7</b><br>6:00 Flag Football Ministry<br>6:30 Choir Practice                                                                                          | <b>8</b><br>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer<br>6:30 Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 Youth Gathering<br><br>B - MARY SIZEMORE | <b>9</b><br><br>Ministry Ctr - Ruritans                                                      | <b>10</b><br>2:45 Football Ministry<br><br>B - JIMMY REAMS<br>B - JARRETT SPAW | <b>11</b><br>CLEAN UP DAY<br>10:00 Flag Football Game                              |
| <b>12</b><br>8:30 Praise & Prayer<br>9:15 Bible Connect Groups<br>10:30 Worship<br>B - ROBERTA EANES<br>B - KIM FOUNTAIN                                                    | <b>13</b><br>1:00 Women's Bible Study<br>5:15 Football Team Snack<br>6:00 Praise Team Practice                         | <b>14</b><br>2:00 WMU Love In Action<br>6:00 Flag Football Ministry<br>6:30 Choir Practice<br><br>Min Ctr- private party 4:00-9:00<br>B - BARRY JOHNSON | <b>15</b><br>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer<br>6:30 Business Meeting<br>6:30 Youth Gathering                          | <b>16</b><br><br>B - RYAN CUMBIE                                                             | <b>17</b><br><br>B - AMY CAMPBELL                                              | <b>18</b><br>8:00 Men's Breakfast<br><br>B - LILLY AFFELDT                         |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30 Praise & Prayer<br>9:15 Bible Connect Groups<br>10:30 Worship<br><br>B - RICHARD CUMBIE, JR.                                                              | <b>20</b><br>1:00 Women's Bible Study<br>5:15 Football Team Snack<br>6:00 Praise Team Practice                         | <b>21</b><br>6:00 Flag Football Ministry<br>6:30 Choir Practice                                                                                         | <b>22</b><br>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer<br>6:30 Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 Youth Gathering                         | <b>23</b><br>2:45 Football Ministry<br><br>B - DAVID SLAYTON<br>A - BRANDON & HEATHER RAMSEY | <b>24</b><br><br>B - HEATHER RAMSEY<br>A - ALBERT & LEANNE JORDON              | <b>25</b><br>10:00 Flag Football Game<br>7:00 King's Players Drama                 |
| <b>26</b><br>8:30 Praise & Prayer<br>9:15 Bible Connect Groups<br>10:30 King's Players Drama<br>12:00 Cover Dish Luncheon<br>B - RICHARD CUMBIE, SR.<br>B - DARRELL PARRISH | <b>27</b><br>1:00 Women's Bible Study<br>5:15 Football Team Snack<br>6:00 Praise Team Practice                         | <b>28</b><br>6:00 Flag Football Ministry<br>6:30 Choir Practice<br><br>B - BRAYLIN CROWDER<br>B - KATHY KING                                            | <b>29</b><br>8:00 Heal Our Nation Prayer<br>6:30 Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 Youth Gathering<br><br>B - JEAN MORRIS  | <b>30</b>                                                                                    | <b>31</b><br>LIGHT THE NIGHT<br>4:00-5:00 Set Up<br>5:30- 7:00 Event           |                                                                                    |



OCT 1 - NATIONAL PUMPKIN SPICE DAY  
OCT 4 - NATIONAL CINNAMON BUN DAY  
OCT 6 - NATIONAL COACHES DAY  
OCT 7 - NATIONAL TACO DAY  
OCT 12 - NATIONAL FARMERS DAY  
OCT 12 - CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY  
OCT 21 - NATIONAL APPLE DAY  
OCT 28 - NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY  
OCT 29 - NATIONAL CAT DAY

**BIRTHSTONE:**  
OPAL

**FLOWER:**  
MARIGOLD

WHAT'S A  
SCARECROW'S  
FAVORITE  
FRUIT?

A  
STRAW-  
BERRY



Find 10 differences

## FALL WORD SEARCH

S H A R O C R O H S E V A E L G Z O K M  
B T W K B Z U G W U E H A L N Y P R O T  
Y A S W H G X O K T Y P A B B C U O L H  
L S Z J K F R M E S W F T I L S E C W S  
Q B K I M C B K D E M B F E A R D T E H  
L N O V E M B E R V A S G H M T L O R J  
R T A R O H S L I R V U A H B B M B Q L  
Z Z A C Z A C U V A L N Z E R X E E G R  
X C W B O Y N M U H B F W L E A M R X W  
S B P S C R P J P F X L Z A T S C N P U  
G U T L D I N S L R M O S U A E K P C N  
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P J L L E E S E E R T E I U W B S I O R  
V L N Y N S T R I Y O R K M S X A U S O  
A T A I I V E F S P B R P N S Y R F K J  
V R P P Y D P A E C S K M T P D M U T E  
R A P W I T N D R S N A U S I K P H F V  
U D L C P Y N Y W M J A P U C L I J U M  
A Y E K W N L W S E S C Y K E Z U V S D  
L M S E Z A M N R O C H M B S H P Z M U

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| ACORNS    | FALL     | NOVEMBER  | SEPTEMBER |
| APPLES    | GOURD    | OCTOBER   | SPICES    |
| AUTUMN    | HARVEST  | PIE       | SUNFLOWER |
| CIDER     | HAYRIDES | PUMPKINS  | SWEATER   |
| CORN MAZE | LEAVES   | SCARECROW | TREES     |



WHAT TYPE OF  
VEHICLE  
SHOULD YOU  
USE FOR A FALL  
HAYRIDE?

AN  
AUTUMN-MOBILE

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OCTOBER 25  
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 26  
10:30 AM

See Details Inside

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but  
the laborers are few. Therefore

*pray*

the Lord of the harvest to send  
out laborers into His harvest."

MATTHEW 9:37-38



## THANK YOU



Jessica Elke sends thanks for allowing the family use of our Ministry Center for their baby shower. A donation was also given to the Youth program.



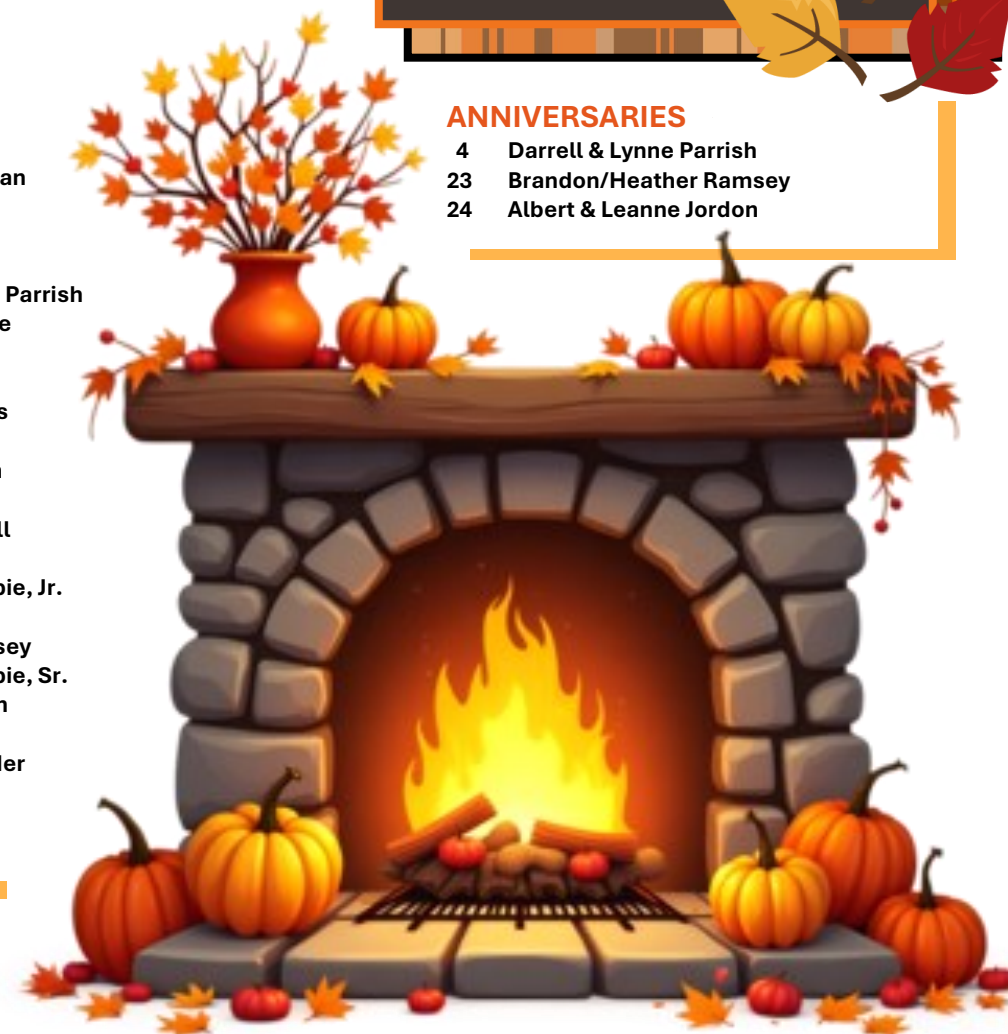
The Burton family gives thanks to their church family for the cards, calls and especially the prayers that have been poured out over John's recent illness. Please continue the prayers as they still have challenges ahead.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rachel Hoffman
- 2 Tim Turley
- 3 Lynne Parrish
- 4 Will Wright
- 5 James Wilson Parrish
- 8 Mary Sizemore
- 10 Jimmy Reams
- 10 Jarrett Spaw
- 12 Roberta Eanes
- 12 Kim Fountain
- 14 Barry Johnson
- 16 Ryan Cumbie
- 17 Amy Campbell
- 18 Lilly Affeldt
- 19 Richard Cumbie, Jr.
- 23 David Slayton
- 24 Heather Ramsey
- 26 Richard Cumbie, Sr.
- 26 Darrell Parrish
- 28 Kathy King
- 28 Braylin Crowder
- 29 Jean Morris

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Darrell & Lynne Parrish
- 23 Brandon/Heather Ramsey
- 24 Albert & Leanne Jordon



**OCTOBER 4**  
**Ladies Tea**  
11:00 AM

All ladies and girls of the church are invited to a Ladies Tea. Come join us for a time of making new friends, talking, laughing, and Christian fellowship. Bring a dish to share. Bring a friend. Children are welcome, however there is no childcare available, so they will stay with you.

**OCTOBER 25 6:00 PM**  
**OCTOBER 26 during morn-**  
**ing service**  
**The Kings Players**

The "KING'S PLAYERS", a drama group from Liberty University, will present a drama on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and a different drama Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends to church who do not know the Lord. We need housing for them for Saturday night. If you will host some of the students, please contact the church office.

# THE CONNECTION

## FROM THE PASTOR

**MESSAGES**  
**FOR OCTOBER 2025**

**OCTOBER 5**  
**WHAT A LOAD**  
Isaiah 55:4  
Lord's Supper

**OCTOBER 12**  
**FINDING PURPOSE**  
Psalm 138: 8

**OCTOBER 19**  
**AN OPEN INVITATION**  
Psalm 139

**OCTOBER 26**  
**"THE KING'S PLAYERS" - DRAMA TEAM**

I want to thank you for all the donations for the football ministry. We are serving over seventy players weekly. This is a great help. We meet with the high school team on Monday afternoons at 5:30pm on the practice field and with our flag team on the library field at 6:00pm on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. We would love for you to join us. The Lord is using this ministry to impact our local community. We will also be collecting 8oz. bottle water for the high school basketball team that is composed of students with disabilities. This is a unique opportunity to help students facing challenges.

The King's Players of Liberty University will be with us the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. They will present dramas both days. The Drama on Saturday night will focus on identity issues. It will address the issue of suicide and other struggles people have. We will need host homes for Saturday night for the college students who compose this team. Please be looking for details in the bulletin. This weekend will offer us an opportunity to reach people through drama. The Lord uses different means to reach different people. Please get the word out.

Continue to pray for the ministries of our church! "Nothing of eternal significance happens apart from prayer!" Prayer is the means to connect with the Lord and introduce his power into any need, situation, etc. I don't understand how all this works but I know it does. The book of Acts is the story of God answering prayer to change lives and communities. What we have seen happen this summer in and through our church is witness to God answering prayer.

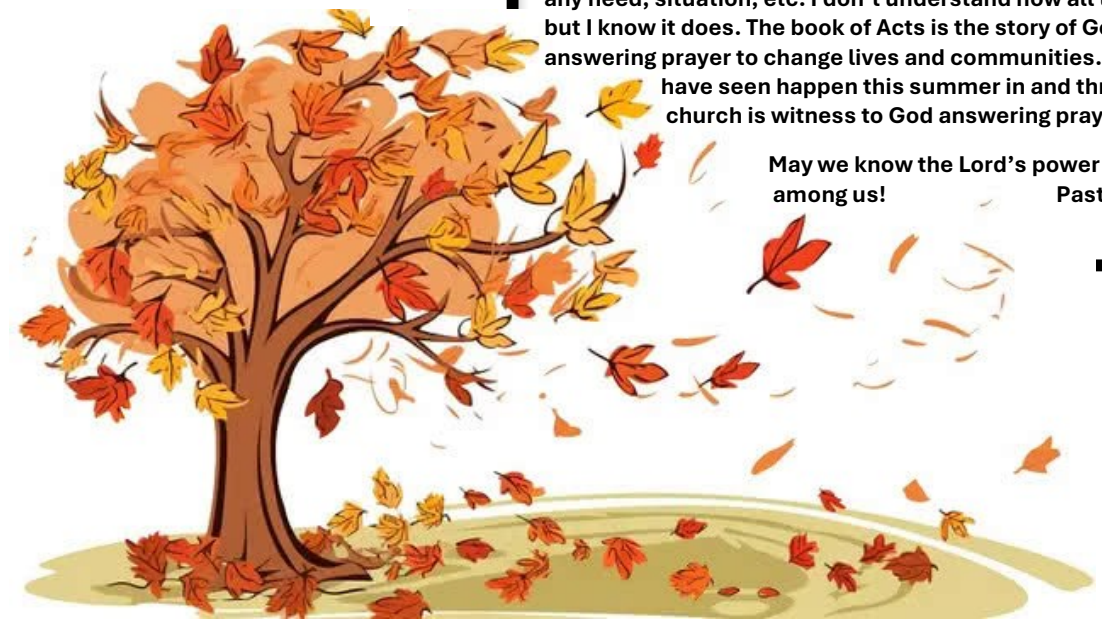
May we know the Lord's power and work among us!  
Pastor David

**OCTOBER 31**  
**Light The Night**  
5:30-7:00 PM

Indoor trunk or treat event  
We are in need of helpers to greet, work in the Ministry Center and at the doors handing out candy.

Monetary and candy donations accepted from 9/21-10/26.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



# NEWS

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

For the month of September, the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) will be collecting old eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Donated glasses will be distributed to those who are unable to afford eyeglasses or lack access to basic eye care. Collection boxes will be available at the church for drop off.

Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner. Collections for this year's shoeboxes will begin in the month of October. This is one of our favorite missions. Filling shoeboxes with toys and other fun items for children in need is a heartfelt joy for us all.

The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) will be hosting a Ladies Tea on Saturday (10/4/2025) at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Ministry Center. All ladies from the church, significant friends, sisters, daughters, children and grandchildren are invited.

**HEAL OUR NATION** - Join us in the Ministry Center, Wednesday mornings at 8:00am for coffee and prayer as we exercise our faith through 2 Chronicles 7:14. Contact Roger Morgan with questions or comments.

## BLDG 511

People ask what does BLDG 511 mean? Written as an address street sign, it is pronounced Building 511, and it comes from our ministry group's theme verse, 1 Thessalonians 5:11. "Therefore encourage one another, and build each other up". Our name reflects our goal to always build up, or edify, one another. And this group does just that!

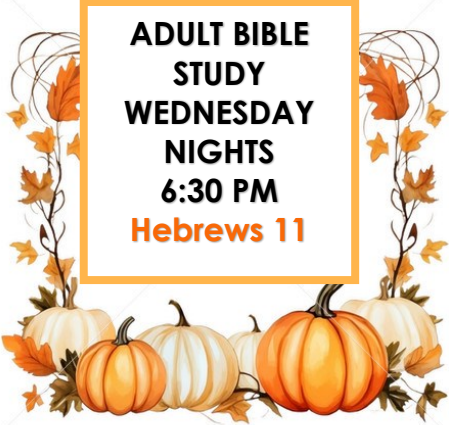
If you are an adult between 20-40, you are welcome to be a part of BLDG 511. You will find community, service to the Lord, authentic conversation, and genuine edification. We are a lot of fun, too! Join us for our Bible Connect Group every Sunday morning at 9:15am, and our monthly get togethers!

**The FINANCE COMMITTEE has issued Budget Request Worksheets for the 2026 budget to all church officers and committee chairs. If you have not received yours, check in the church office. Please complete and return by October 12.**

## SPORTS MINISTRY

We are in need of 8oz bottles of water for the high school basketball team composed of students with disabilities. We will feed the high school football team on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at the church at 2:30pm. for preparing the meal. We set up at the school at 3:00pm.

**ADULT BIBLE  
STUDY  
WEDNESDAY  
NIGHTS  
6:30 PM  
Hebrews 11**



**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** announce the annual fall clean up workday will be October 11 from 8-12 . A list of work items will be posted outside the church office in the interest of those who would like to start early. See Roger Morgan or any committee member - Jimm y Reams, Richard Cumby, Marvin James, Mike Biereder, Barry Johnson, or Jack Bulls.

# NEWS

## 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". The Lord has blessed us with faithful givers and He has surely poured out His blessings to us over the past few months. Your continued support helps us with not just our ability to meet our monthly obligations but gives us the opportunities to reach our community and beyond, sharing the Good News of Jesus in all places. We ask that you continue to be in prayer for our church and its ministries and ask the Lord to bless the ministries He has sent our way. Our budget is a faith based budget and God is blessing us as we continue to reach out to our community and beyond to bring the Good News to those in need.

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. **Did you know that you can give on-line?** Visit our website [ameliabaptistchurchva.com](http://ameliabaptistchurchva.com)

| 2025 Annual Budget | Offering for AUGUST | Expenses for AUGUST |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$252,173.00       | \$20,588.00         | \$18,793.00         |
| Year to Date       | \$156,961.00        | \$145,549.00        |

## DISCOVERY CLASS & LUNCHEON OCTOBER 5 11:45 AM

**NEW TO AMELIA BAPTIST? HAVE QUESTIONS?** - Discovery Class is Sunday, October 5, following the morning service in the Ministry Center. We will begin with lunch followed by Pastor David covering basic beliefs and ministries of the church. Child care will be provided. This is a one day event which lasts about two hours. Let us know if you are coming by calling or emailing the church office.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST  
October 18  
8:00 AM**



## WHO'S ON DECK FOR OCT

| OCT 5<br>DEACON<br>JOHN BURTON<br>GREETERS<br>RICHARD CUMBIE, SR.<br>SHIRLEY SHAW<br>MICHELLE MCDONALD<br>PAXTON MCDONALD<br>JR REGENSBURG<br>USHERS<br>MICHAEL BURTON<br>CONNOR BURTON<br>BARRY LAYMAN<br>JIMMY REAMS<br>KIDZ ZONE<br>PAXTON MCDONALD<br>GAIL GRUBB<br>PRESCHOOL<br>PAM REAMS<br>REESE WALKER | OCT 12<br>DEACON<br>BARRY LAYMAN<br>GREETERS<br>MATTHEW ROBERTS<br>LINDA BURTON<br>MICHELLE MCDONALD<br>PAXTON MCDONALD<br>RICHARD CUMBIE, SR.<br>USHERS<br>RICHARD CUMBIE, JR.<br>BARRY JOHNSON<br>MICHAEL BIEREDER<br>LUCAS SOUTHARD<br>KIDZ ZONE<br>GAIL GERAGHTY<br>COLEAN NORMAN<br>PRESCHOOL<br>GAIL GRUBB<br>JENNA AFFELDT | OCT 19<br>DEACON<br>DALE HALL<br>GREETERS<br>RICHARD CUMBIE, SR.<br>SHIRLEY SHAW<br>JANET MITCHELL<br>BILLIE THOMAS<br>JARRETT SPAW<br>USHERS<br>TYLER BURTON<br>MATTHEW ROBERTS<br>JARRETT SPAW<br>TIM TURLEY<br>KIDZ ZONE<br>LINDA BURTON<br>JUDY MORRIS<br>PRESCHOOL<br>ASHLEY REDMAN<br>AMY CAMPBELL | OCT 26<br>DEACON<br>MARVIN JAMES<br>GREETERS<br>JR REGENSBURG<br>SHIRLEY SHAW<br>MICHELLE MCDONALD<br>PAXTON MCDONALD<br>MATTHEW ROBERTS<br>USHERS<br>IAN MCDONALD<br>BARRY LAYMAN<br>JIMMY REAMS<br>TYLER BURTON<br>KIDZ ZONE<br>MICHELLE MCDONALD<br>BILLIE THOMAS<br>PRESCHOOL<br>HELEN SLAYTON<br>JOAN SCOTT |
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