

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	3/3/19	6,097.25
	3/10/19	1,813.00
	3/17/19	1,249.00
	3/24/19	3,021.00
Lottie Moon		45.00
Annie Armstrong		4,445.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		45.00
Vacation Bible School		300.00
Easter Candy		25.00
Total		17,540.25
Running Total		58,000.69

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
March 3	64	75
March 10	44	72
March 17	60	71
March 24	66	81

Bi-monthly Business Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:00pm.

The Bylaws Committee will present two motions for amendments to the church Bylaws. These will be available for members' review Sunday.



**April 20th
1-3pm**

Helpers are needed to stuff eggs on

Wednesday, April 17th, at 6:30pm. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Egg Hunt on Saturday, the 20th. Currently we are collecting candy donations. Please place candy in the container outside the church office. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

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Newsletter**



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live...'" (John 11:25 ESV)

This month marks a special time in the in the Christian calendar as we gear up to reflect upon Holy Week and celebrate the most joyous of holidays, Easter Sunday. So in order to help prepare your hearts for this great occasion, I have included a devotion from Paul Tripp below which focuses on the empty tomb and how it makes known the wonderful character of our God. May the Lord bless you and encourage your faith this month as we cling tightly to the truth of the gospel.

"I love Easter. I love the celebratory music we sing at church, I love the passages of Scripture we read during worship, and most of all, I love the visual image of the empty tomb. If you want to hear my extended thoughts on the most important Sunday of the year, you can listen to my three sermons on Easter. But for today, I'm simply going to write about three fundamental character qualities that the empty tomb reveals about God.

First: God is faithful. Immediately after Adam and Eve had fallen, God vowed to crush evil once and for all. He made a plan to send his Son to earth to defeat sin and death by his crucifixion and resurrection. For thousands of years, God neither forgot nor turned from his promise. He didn't grow weary, nor would he be distracted. Even though Israel continually turned from God, God didn't turn from Israel. The Lord made a promise, and when the Lord makes a promise, it will always be fulfilled.

Second: God is powerful. He's powerful in authority and he's powerful in strength. Think of the authority you would have to have to control all the situations, locations, and relationships in order to guarantee that Jesus would come at the precise moment and do what he was appointed to do! Also, could there be a more pointed demonstration of power than to have power over death? By God's awesome power, Jesus took off his grave clothes and walked out of that tomb. Those guys in

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power-lifting competitions may be able to pull a bus with their teeth, but they'll all die, and there's nothing they can do about it.

Finally: God is willing. Why would he go to such an extent to help us? Why would he care to notice us, let alone rescue us? Why would he ever sacrifice his own Son? Because he is willing. You and I need to recognize that God's willingness was motivated not by what he saw in us, but by what is inside of him. He's willing because he's the definition of mercy. He's willing because he's the source of love. He's willing because he's full of amazing grace. He's willing because he's good, gentle, patient, and kind. Even when we're unwilling, full of ourselves, and wanting our own way, he's still willing. He delights in transforming us by his grace. He delights in rescuing us by his powerful love.

Faithful. Powerful. Willing. These are beautiful and riveting truths, but let's have moment of honesty. It's going to be very easy, come Sunday, to celebrate these truths. But what happens on the other 364 days of the year, when Easter isn't celebrated? When you're sinned against, or when the fallen world breaks your door down, or when the things that God calls sinful start to look powerfully attractive and appealing - will you celebrate Easter? Will you stand in resurrection strength? Don't lash out. Don't run away. Don't surrender. Stand in your weakness and confusion and say, "I am not alone. God is with me, and he is faithful, powerful, and willing." Don't let Easter just shape this Sunday; let Easter shape every day of your life."

(Reference: PaulTripp.com, *Wednesday's Word* - 'Easter Sunday')

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

EASTER WEEKEND!



Come join Amelia Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20th, as we will be hosting our Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Village! Invite your neighbors and friends, bring your children and grandchildren, and come ready to have some fun! The hunt is for infants through 5th grade [children will hunt by age group in designated areas]. Before the hunt, children will hear from Pastor Derrick on the true meaning of Easter. To finish the day, they will do a resurrection activity.

Then join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. There will be a Sunrise Devotion Service at 7:30am around the outside crosses, followed by a breakfast at 8:30am. Our Prayer Circle will start at 9:30am, Sunday School at 9:45am, and our Easter Worship Service will begin at 11am, which will include the Cantata by the choir. We hope you can make it!

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet for its regular April meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at 2:00pm in the home of our hostess, Louise Boyles. Our program will be presented by Jane Anderson.

We will have our Family Mission Night Supper on Wednesday, May 1st, at 6:00pm in the Ministry Center. The Willing Workers Class will be our hosts and will serve breakfast foods.

We are so pleased and appreciative that to date our church has contributed \$4,445 for our Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. We will continue to collect for this offering until Easter. Our goal was \$2,500.

UPWARD BOUND

On March 18th we had 12 brave folks make the trip to the Holocaust Museum of Richmond. I say brave because some rode in a vehicle with me driving. I want to also thank Carol Layman and Jerry Morris for providing transportation. The museum was educational and heart wrenching. We enjoyed lunch at Golden Corral where we were joined by Rev. and Mrs. Howard Baldwin. It was a pleasure to have them with us for lunch. A great time was had by all, and it was a wonderful day of fellowship shared with friends. Look for details about our next meeting to be held in May.

- John Burton

**VBS PLANNING MEETING—SUNDAY,
APRIL 7th**



provided.

ALL teachers, workers, helpers, and anyone interested in helping with Bible School should attend this meeting, after worship service. A light lunch will be

**Building, Facilities & Grounds
Committee Notes**

The church work day was a major success. Nearly all of the work list items, inside and outside, were completed. A big thank you to those who were able to assist. The rotten egg smell in the Ministry Center kitchen hot water has been corrected by increasing the hot water heater temperature. So PLEASE be aware of the increased temperature at the kitchen sink faucets. We are planning to have the Education Building halls stripped and waxed by contract during the period of April 4-6, so please plan accordingly around this work. Also, for those interested, we have the paint for repainting the Willing Workers classroom.. Just show up when you can, start prepping and begin painting.. And last but not least, the temporary wooden walk ramp installed over the existing sidewalk opening between the Sanctuary and Education Building is still there. Also we have been working to replace the concrete at the top of the north ramp to the Ministry Center. Please continue to bear with us until repairs have been completed.

Reminder: Our next Building & Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6th, at 5:00pm.



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00AM Praise Time 9:30 AM Prayer Circle 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship Service	1 12pm Women's Bible Study	2	3 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice <i>A-Richard/Frances Cumbie</i>	4 <i>B-Naomi Adams</i>	5 <i>B-Jim Norman</i> <i>B-Frank Fountain</i>	6 Out of Darkness Walk <i>B-Reilly Fountain</i>
7 11am Communion (Ian & Michelle) 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting 6:30pm Deacons Meeting VBS Planning Meeting	8 12pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Evangelism Com. <i>B-Brian Crowder</i>	9 2pm Love-in-Action Circle <i>B-Wade Thacker</i>	10 7pm Business Meeting	11 6:30pm Ministry Ctr. Reserved—Ruritans Meeting <i>B-Karen Puckett</i>	12	13
14 11:30am Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action	15 12pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Church Council	16 9am Art Class	17 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting/ Stuff eggs for Egg Hunt 7:30pm Choir Practice	18	19 <i>B-Roger Morgan</i>	20 1-3pm Egg Hunt
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:30am Sunrise Service 8:30am Breakfast 9:30am Prayer Circle 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	22 <i>Easter Monday</i> Church Office Closed (No Women's Bible Study) <i>B-Jody Hall</i> <i>B-Danielle Easter</i>	23	24 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	25 6:30pm Suicide Support Grp., ACTS Class	26	27 11am-5pm Ministry Ctr. Reserved for Family Lunch <i>B-Terri Barker</i> <i>A-Gene/Linda Kirkman</i>
28	29 12pm Women's Bible St. <i>A-Jason/Christine Robertson</i>	30				