

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Budget Gifts	2/27/22	\$ 1,840.28
	3/6/22	\$ 2,850.00
	3/13/22	\$ 3,185.00
	3/20/22	\$ 2,551.00
	3/27/22	\$ 1,150.00
Annie Armstrong		\$ 4,740.00
North American Missions		\$ 1,000.00
Love Gift		\$ 600.00
Local Use		\$ 500.00
Memorials—Julia Easter		\$ 50.00
Men's Breakfast		\$ 24.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$18,490.28</b>

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>S. Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
February 27	37	52
March 6	40	34
March 13	30	43
March 20	41	48
March 27	36	42

**THANK YOU NOTES**

We want to thank Amelia Baptist for participating in OCC'S Shoebox ministry. Your generous gifts and the love they represent will mean so very much to the children who receive the boxes. We pray that you all received a blessing as you prepared and packed your boxes.

The ultimate goal of OCC is salvation for the children and their families. After receiving the boxes, many will attend the Greatest Journey classes offered and learn of Jesus' love for them.

Thank you again for your church's support of such a worthy cause.

In Christ's Love,  
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Saints, the word consistent is defined as being marked by harmony, regularity, or steady continuity: free from variation or contradiction. As Saints of the living God, our lives should never contradict our profession of faith in Jesus Christ. When our actions deviate from our Christ likeness and we walk again in our old nature, we must quickly make a course correction (repent) to return back in step with the Holy Spirit with Whom we are sealed as our guarantee of salvation until the day of redemption (Eph.1:13-14). The Saints of God must consistently reflect to Whom we belong! The world is watching, what do they see? Saints, we can do this!

“Whoever says “I know Him” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.”

I John 2:4-6

Charge!!!

- Pastor J.D.

### News from the Directors

We have met and set the dates for our next meetings with respect to the funds we were blessed to receive from the estate of Red Stone. The first thing that we ask is that you be in prayer regarding the direction that we go and that God be glorified in any decisions that are made and at the same time we should be seeking and asking God for unity in His church here at Amelia Baptist. We plan to ask the deacons to lead us by arranging for a special time that will allow any who feel led to come and join with them in prayer for all decisions, the state of the world and other areas of concern which you may have. Once dates are decided, there will be an announcement.

The next date for a town hall type meeting will be Saturday, April 30th. We plan to start at 10 am and have rotating sessions covering the three focal areas: Facilities, Missions and Future Savings. Each session will last around 30 minutes, then you will rotate to the next 30-minute session until all present have had an opportunity to participate in all 3 areas. Following the meeting we will have a light lunch of pizza before being dismissed. There will be a second meeting on Wednesday evening, May 4th. At this meeting, there will be a summary presentation covering all 3 areas and we hope to have a path forward to motions and a church wide vote set for a later date. Since this is a Wednesday evening, we will ask the social committee to arrange for a covered dish dinner prior to the meeting.

### News from the Pastor Search Committee

Ephesians 4:1-3 NKJV "I, Therefore the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

We continue meeting on a regular basis. Our opening for a full-time pastor has been removed from all posting media due to the number of responses received. We have been diligent in a review of responding candidates as they arrive.

We have narrowed our list of candidates to a single candidate and are active in our discussions with this individual.

We seek your constant prayers as we continue in these discussions. Pray specifically for the pastor search committee for God to continue leading us to His choice for Amelia Baptist Church.

Pray for the pastor that God has in mind for us. Pray that he will feel the bond of peace in his calling as well as the love and support from this body of believers.

### News from the Buildings, Facilities & Grounds Committee

There is an immediate need for a new Grounds Care contractor. We have received one bid for our grass cutting/weed eating service but are open for additional bids. They should be licensed and insured. If you have a recommendation in mind, please contact Roger Morgan or anyone on the committee. Members are Marvin James, John/Linda Burton, Barry Layman, Gail Geraghty, and Wes Eary.

### ***Love-in-Action Circle . . . In Action***

January, February and March were busy months for the Love-In-Action Circle members. January brought a close to the Blankets for the Homeless Project. On January 30th, the Circle hosted the 5th Sunday Dinner. In February, Circle members voted in favor of purchasing Gideon Bibles in memory of Julia Easter. \$100 was collected and was sent to Gideons International for Bibles. For March, Circle members made blankets for Piedmont Geriatric Hospital. April's projects will be to continue helping the homeless and collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

The Circle will meet again on April 12th at 2:00 pm in the home of JoAnne Ozmore and Judy Morris will present our program

### Amelia Baptist Church Joint Committee Report

Meeting Report – Representatives from Buildings, Facilities & Grounds, Deacons, and Directors met with representatives from Orchard Homeschool Fellowship, a Christian homeschool cooperative on March 24, 2022.

Those attending included John Burton, Marvin James, Wes Eary, Barry Layman, Roger Morgan, Pastor J.D. Moore and Erin & Matthew Gowin of Orchard Homeschool Fellowship.

The purpose of the meeting was to review their request to use the Amelia Baptist Church building and facilities for their periodic family meetings and homeschool sessions.

#### Discussion:

They are a licensed and insured LLC 501c3 nonprofit Christian cooperative. Insured by Great American Insurance Company. They would be the primary insurance provider. The church would become the secondary provider. They would meet the 1st & 3rd Fridays, September through May, from 10am – 2:35pm, and occupy up to seven (7) classrooms. (Nursery through 12th grade) They schedule a Parent Support Meeting on the evening of the 2nd Friday monthly, during sessions. They assume responsibility for preparation set up, take down & cleanup. We conducted a tour of church facilities. They were excited with what we have to offer in order to meet their needs. Parents attend and teach classes. These are not core classes, but elective classes. Schedule, statement of faith, policy and procedures are available for all to review.

#### Path Forward:

We will provide this report for the April 13th business meeting. Deacon and Director representatives will discuss with their respective groups and provide a consensus recommendation/statement for the church. Provide (publish) the use of facilities request details (Orchard Homeschool information package). We agreed to provide a response to their request following our June 15 business meeting. And would like to respond quicker as their request is very time sensitive.

Reporting for the group

Roger Morgan