

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Budget Gifts	6/30/19	1,400.63
	7/7/19	5,780.00
	7/14/19	2,961.17
	7/21/19	3,467.90
Lottie Moon		95.00
Annie Armstrong		45.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		45.00
VBS Off. –Pregnancy Support		959.60
Barbecue		585.00
Youth Laser Tag		189.00
Samaritan’s Purse Trip		100.00
Use of Ministry Center		550.00
Associational Missions		50.00
Vision Va./State Missions		70.00
Total		16,797.70
Running Total		118,815.48

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
June 30	46	67
July 7	54	65
July 14	58	74
July 21	50	69

**August 2019  
Newsletter**



**Amelia**  
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**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

Amelia Baptist,

I’m not sure about you, but I am really enjoying our summer sermon series through the Ten Commandments. As one who gets the privilege of studying in preparation for each Sunday, I am reminded again and again of how beautiful these commands really are. They reflect God’s moral framework for us, and even more so, they reveal who our God is in this covenant relationship. So just like the Israelites, those of us who have been saved by God, have been saved to a relationship with God. You see beloved, God’s commands show us how to follow and reflect His ways so that we might find true freedom and delight in Him. This is how John can say that God’s commands are “not burdensome”. So for this month, I want to encourage you to read the article below by Randy Alcorn, author of “Heaven”, about God’s invitation to us to delight in Him and in Him alone.

***God Invited You To Delight Yourself In Him***

Psalm 37:4 is a great but often misunderstood verse: “*Delight yourselves in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*” Some people take this to mean that God will give us whatever we think we want. But the key part is “delight yourself in God.” When we delight in the Lord He often changes our heart’s desires to what most honors Him, then grants them to us. It’s not that we always get what we want, but that He teaches us to value and even want what He—in His sovereign and loving plan—gives us. As we contemplate God, and ponder who He is, we will want what He wants. The desire of our hearts will be to hear Him say to us, “Well done.” And when that day comes, He will flood us with more joy than we can imagine. He will say, “*Enter into the joy of your master*” (Matthew 25:21, 23). But we don’t have to wait until we die to know how He wants us to live! He commands us, for His glory and our good, to delight in Him not just in Heaven forever, but also on this present earth, here and now.

To delight in God is to be happy with Him and in Him. To do that, we must cultivate our relationship with Him just as we do with other people by spending time with Him, bowing our knee before Him as our Lord, and also spending time with Him as our friend. That’s how we get to know Him, by learning and meditating daily on what’s true about Him. (I recommend these great books: Knowing God by J. I. Packer, The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer, and Trusting God by Jerry Bridges.)

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**Women’s Bible Study**



We will not meet during the month of August. Our next meeting will be a Luncheon Meeting at 12noon on Monday, September 9th in the home of Vivian James. We will begin our new study on The Apostles’ Creed by Matt Chandler.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in August.**

**Also Deacons will meet on the 2nd Sunday, August 11th, at 6:30pm.**

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From the Pastor's Pen (continued from front page)

In Bible study it's always helpful to think about what the text says in contrast to what it does not say. It says, "Delight yourself in the Lord." It doesn't say, "Sit there and wait for the Lord to come and delight you." It's active, not passive. God doesn't spoon-feed us His pleasures; we need to go to His banquet, reach out our hands, and select that delicious cuisine. As surely as it's our responsibility to put good food in our mouths, it's our responsibility to move our bodies to open His Word and move our minds toward God, and to seek to delight in Him!

While it's true that God and His Word are nourishing, just knowing that won't bring us to the table. We need to turn from our self-preoccupied thoughts and instead seek to cultivate our appetite for God: "Taste and see that the Lord is good. How happy is the man who takes refuge in Him!" (Psalm 34:8, HCSB). When I contemplate Christ—when I meditate on His unfathomable love and grace—I lose myself in Him instead of in my hurts and disappointments and fears. When He's the center of my thinking, before I know it, I'm happy. Here's the Good News Translation's rendering of Psalm 37:4: "Seek your happiness in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desire." This corresponds to the words of Jesus: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (Matthew 6:33, NLT). Augustine said, "Love God and do as you please." At first this sounds shocking, but it fits perfectly with "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will grant you the desires of your heart." When we find our happiness in God, we will naturally want to do what pleases Him. But it's up to us to go to Him and ask for His help and empowerment to delight in Him.

God placed just one restriction on Adam and Eve in Eden, and when they disregarded it, the universe unraveled. On the New Earth, that test will no longer be before us. God's law, the expression of His attributes, will be written on our hearts (Hebrews 8:10). No rules will be needed, for our hearts will be given over to God. We will always delight ourselves in the Lord and He will always give us the desires of our hearts. Whatever we want will be exactly what He wants for us. What we should do will at last be identical with what we want to do. On God's New Earth there will never be any difference between duty and delight! But we don't have to wait, and we dare not, to discover this. Let's delight ourselves in Him so that we can enter into His happiness now, not just after we die.

*(God Invites You to Delight Yourself in Him, Randy Alcorn, Eternal Perspective Ministries Blog)*

In Christ,  
Pastor Derrick

**FALL GOOD NEWS CLUB**

For the 2019-20 school year, we have the great privilege of leading the Good News Club again in the Amelia Elementary School. The fall club will kick off October 1st and will run for 6 weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help for this great evangelism opportunity in our community, please see Pastor Derrick and he will get you the volunteer registration information. And for new volunteers, there will be a training session scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd.

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 13th, at 2:00pm in the Ministry Center. JoAnne Ozmore will serve as hostess, and Colean Norman will present our program.

Once again, we wish to thank everyone who contributed or donated items for our Yard Sale, those who worked, and those who came and purchased items. We raised \$596 to benefit the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Left-over items were donated to the Journey Thrift Store.

School supplies are to be collected by the end of July.

Motion has been made and carried to plan a sewing project for the Pregnancy Support Center.



**Bi-Monthly Business Meeting  
Wednesday, August 14th  
7:00pm**

It is important that a quorum is present as officers and committee members must be elected to begin the new church year September 1st.

Copies of the recommendations for officers, committees, and deacons will be available throughout the church for pick up and review prior to the Business Meeting.

**Churchwide Committee Gathering  
Sunday, August 25th  
After Worship Service**

After new officers and committee members are voted on August 14th, ALL committees need to meet and elect new chairpersons so they will be ready to start their work the first of September. So if you will be serving on a committee for the new church year, it is important that you be present after worship service on Sunday, August 25th.

**Notes from Building, Facilities & Grounds Committee**

As most of you are already aware, the two new glass top ranges for the Ministry Center are now in use. The new sidewalk between the Sanctuary and Education Building has been installed. However, we are waiting until September to perform grading and new seeding.

The date for the next church work day has been set for October 19th. Everyone is invited, so bring your work clothes.

Finally, as a reminder, our next Committee meeting will be Monday, September 9th at 5:00pm.

# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></b> 9:00am Praise Time 9:30am Prayer Circle 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service				1	2	3
4 5-6:30pm Youth at Jerry / Judy Morris' pool	5	6	7 6:30pm Bible Study/Prayer	8 6:30pm Ruritans in Ministry Center	9	10  <i>A-Wade/Chris Thacker</i>
11 11am Communion (Ian & Michelle in charge) 11:30am Miss. Fr./KIA 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	12 2-7pm ACES Back-to-School Night	13 2pm Love-in-Action  <i>B-Evelyn Adams</i> <i>B-Paul Puckett</i>	14 7pm Business Meeting  <i>B-Jane Anderson</i> <i>B-Isaac Adams</i> <i>B-Skylar Morris</i>	15	16  <i>B-Allen "Chip" Berry</i>	17 Ministry Center reserved 11am—5pm
18 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting at Steven & Jody Hall's	19  <i>B-Graham Eckels</i> <i>A-John/Linda Burton</i>	20 9am Art Class in Ministry Center  <i>B-Marvin James</i>	21 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp  No Wednesday Night Activities	22  <i>B-Hilda Clarke</i> <i>B-Xiaoxia Zhang</i> <i>A-Ronny/Sheri Burton</i>	23	24
25 Churchwide Committee Gathering after worship service	26	27  <i>B-Justin Anders</i>	28 No Wednesday Night Activities	29  <i>B-Frances Cumbie</i> <i>B-Cody Anders</i>	30	31