

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	11/1/20	2,341.00
	11/8/20	3,058.94
	11/15/20	2,766.00
	11/22/20	1,389.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		50.00
Lottie Moon		1,050.00
Annie Armstrong		50.00
OCC Shoebox/Postage		62.00
World Hunger		200.00
Youth		750.00
Digital Fund		1,000.00
Building Repairs		1,500.00
Total		14,716.94

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Nov. 1	37	41
Nov. 8	29	43
Nov. 15	36	45
Nov. 22	36	46

Thank You Notes

I appreciate the flowers you sent in honor of Dick. He loved Amelia Baptist Church and did since attending as a boy until he became ill.

-Gratefully,
Lula Smith

We so greatly appreciate all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and offers of support during my hospital stay and now in my time of recovery.. We have been humbled by the show of love and support. We have been reminded over and over again of the reasons we were drawn to Amelia Baptist Church so many years ago.

God Bless!
Roger & Myra Morgan

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**December 2020
Newsletter**



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist Family,

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Foy by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” (Colossians 1:15-20)

The much-anticipated season of Advent is finally upon us! With the difficulties that this year has brought about, I for one am glad to enter into a season that reminds me of hope, of peace, of joy, and of love. Now, for many, Advent sounds like a foreign term used to describe the weeks leading up to Christmas day. It seems that this term has fallen on hard times. But I believe it is a word that we so desperately need to be reminded of for the sake of the encouragement of our souls. So, for those who do not understand Advent or who might need a little refreshing, here is a brief definition. The term “advent” is Latin and it is described as “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” Beloved, that notable One whose arrival marks the greatest event in human history is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christians (dating back to the late 400’s AD) the Advent season is all about celebrating the first coming of Christ with His humble birth. Advent represents many great truths and stories such as the miracle of the virgin birth and the royal announcement to the shepherds. But there are two Advent truths that we must always celebrate and never overlook. The first being the fact that God has literally come to dwell among His people in bodily form so that salvation might be made available to a fallen and sinful world. The Apostle Paul describes it this way in Colossians 1 where in Christ *“all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”*. The one who is fully God and yet fully man has come to identify with His creation by living among people. Beloved, Jesus knows our human experiences intimately. He understands our suffering. He has felt both the joys and pains of life; happiness and sorrow; strength and weakness. And yet, we find that He is without the stain of sin.

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

So, we must fight to remember that we are not alone in this journey of the Christian life and that our God can identify with us along the way. The incarnation of Christ is one of the sweetest truths for the Christian at Christmas.

But Advent also reminds us of another great truth – that God has kept His promises to redeem a people unto Himself and that one day He will consummate all things under His rule and reign. Paul states in Colossians 1 that Christ came “*to reconcile to himself all things....making peace by the blood of his cross.*” In the infinite and wonderful mind of God, He has sought to fulfill the promises that He made to His people under the Old Covenant, where a Savior would come to save people from their sins. And Jesus is the embodiment of that promise. Because of this grand truth, we now get to experience the beauty of salvation, by grace through faith. Also, because of his reality, we can also trust that He will deliver on His future promises to restore all things. Beloved, no matter how bleak things look now, isn't it amazing to know that our God is a promise-keeper? This is the kind of truth that keeps us firmly grounded in our faith. This is the foundation from which we can have a confident hope in the midst of a world filled with darkness and despair.

So, let me encourage you this Advent season to cherish these great truths about our God and His wonderful plan to redeem us for Himself!

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Derrick, Amanda, Eliana, Naomi, & Isaac

WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT?

If you would like a socially distant visit from the Pastor, please contact the church office.



Women's Bible Study Group

The group will meet Monday, November 30th, at 1:00pm in the home of Vivian James. They will take a break during December and begin a new study in January.



Bi-Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday, December 9th
6:30 pm

The 2021 proposed Church Budget will be voted on, as well as the digital AV system and other important motions.

Christmas Eve Candlelight-Service

Thursday, December 24th
5:30 p.m.

Overflow seating will be available in the Ministry Center.

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

Six members of the Circle met November 10th at 10:30 to finish packing OCC boxes. On Monday, November 16th, 92 shoeboxes were delivered to Holly Hills Baptist Church. Including those packed online, over 100 boxes were given from our church to Operation Christmas Child.

After packing the boxes, the members discussed several pressing issues, even though we did not have a formal meeting. We decided to put the Lottie Moon mailboxes out on November 29th to collect Christmas cards, and the postage that would be used to mail the cards will go in the box for Lottie Moon mission fund.

Dale and Myra were asked to decorate the showcase in the Educational Building. They have done a beautiful job again this year.

Janice Johnson volunteered to decorate the windowsills in the sanctuary for Christmas.

Our Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 8th at 2pm in the Ministry Center for a regular meeting with a Christmas flare. Janice will be our hostess and bring us some Christmas cheer with her goodies.
-Judy Morris, Facilitator

FROM THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Just a Reminder: the proposal for the new digital AV system will be presented at the December 9th Business Meeting for final vote in order to move forward with the purchase and installation.

Also, even though it's late in the year, and for those hardy souls who enjoy working outside, there are plenty of areas around the church building that still need weeding. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Week of Prayer for International Missions & the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 6-13
Our Goal: \$5,000

Offering envelopes and prayer pamphlets will be available on Sunday, December 6th.

Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes for 2021 will be available for pick-up Sunday, December 6th, in the parlor area. If you do not find a box in your name and you wish to use them, please call Jane Anderson at 561-2954, or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the table.

THANK OFFERING UPDATE

The Finance Committee announces that the 2020 Thank Offering will continue until the first Sunday in December, December 6th. Funds received will be used to support the church's proposed digital A/V upgrade. Please be in prayer, and let your heart guide you in giving.



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Dec. 6-13—Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</i>	1	2 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	3	4	5 <i>B-Brandtley Crowder</i>
6 9am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc. & Communion [Ian & Michelle] 4pm Deacons Meeting	7 <i>B-Evelyn Lanier</i>	8 2pm Love-in-Action Circle <i>B-Pat Meadows</i>	9 6:30pm Business Meeting	10	11 <i>B-Haley Anders</i> <i>A-Barry & Nola Johnson</i>	12
13 9am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc. <i>B-Fred Wright</i>	14	15 <i>B-Dana Eary</i> <i>B-Paul Berry</i>	16 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	17 <i>B-Judy Morris</i>	18 <i>B-Howard Easter</i> <i>A-Roger & Myra Morgan</i>	19
20 9am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc. <i>B-Carol Layman</i> <i>B-Robyn Fountain</i>	21	22	 <i>B-Ashley Muse</i>	24 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> [Church Office Closed] <i>B-Frances Anderson</i>	26 <i>A-Will & Lola “Cissy” Wright</i>
27 9am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc.	28 <i>B-Cathy Buckley</i>	29	30	31 <i>B-Hanna Easter</i>		