

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Budget Gifts	12/1/19	4,138.66
	12/8/19	20,142.00
	12/15/19	2,999.00
	12/22/19	1,129.18
Lottie Moon		6,813.86
Annie Armstrong		45.00
Local		700.00
Crown Construction		145.00
Youth Trip		130.00
Thank Offering		300.00
Parade Fund		35.00
Use of Ministry Ctr. (Ruritans)		300.00
Poinsettias		300.00
Sound Board		250.00
Wade Thacker Memorial		150.00
Total		37,577.70
Running Total		219,435.34

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Dec. 1	57	64
Dec. 8	67	74
Dec. 15	56	78
Dec. 22	51	79

**Thank You Note**

My sincere thanks to all those who remembered Amy and me with cards and gifts this Christmas. Also, thank you to the church for the monetary gift. Our love and best wishes to Amelia Baptist Church members, and we wish for you a most blessed and Happy New Year!

-Mildred Maxey

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Newsletter



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Amelia Baptist,

*"Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.'"*

Happy New Year ABC! Another year has passed us by and a decade has come to a close. We can all agree that there is much that has happened this past year; especially the past 10 years. And even with all of the "ups" and "downs" that have come our way, God has remained constant in His love for us and has been present every step of the way. So as we turn our attention to 2020, a brand new decade, I hold fast to the same unchanging truths to be the anchor of my soul and for our church. You see, there is always much uncertainty and anticipation as to what a year will bring. But no matter what is to come, the great hope of the gospel is that we have a Shepherd who watches over His sheep. With that in mind, one of the best things we can do for our hearts and for one another is entrust our lives to God in prayer for the year (and decade) ahead. Here is a helpful prayer, adapted from the writings of Scotty Smith on The Gospel Coalition, for you to pray as you enter into this new season...

"Heavenly Father, whether or not 2020 (and the decade that follows) is going to be a "happy" New Year, remains to be seen. But as in 2019 and the years that are now before us, there won't be a day upcoming that you'll fail to send us new mercies,

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

give us sufficient grace, and be at work for our good. Because you have hidden our lives in Christ, your love will be the most constant, liberating, and reliable reality in our lives. You will delight in us, quiet us with your love, and rejoice over us with singing 24/7 (Zeph. 3:17). May this good news be more precious and real to us than anything else.

Father, in response to the words you spoke through the prophet Jeremiah, this is our prayer for 2020 and the years that follow. May it be a year filled with knowing you better, resting in your grace, and serving you more faithfully. Though the temptation for things like approval, riches, and control will continue, may the joy of knowing you seize our hearts, shape our schedules, and consume our days.

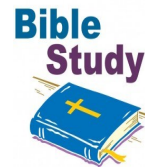
May we dance and suffer, work and play, serve and give all to your glory. Reveal more of Jesus to our hearts, bring gospel-renewal to our churches, and advance your kingdom in our county and surrounding areas. Indeed, may the gospel compel us to love mercy, work for justice, and walk humbly with you until the day you take us Home.

May we live each day of 2020 resting in your sovereign rule, loving well, and longing for Jesus' return. May we be quick repenters and big forgivers. We pray this prayer of faith humbly in Jesus' merciful and mighty name. Amen."

In Christ,  
Pastor Derrick

**Good News Club!**

With our fall semester behind us, our winter/spring semester of Good News Club kicks off on Tuesday, January 28th, at 3:30pm in the Amelia Elementary cafeteria. If you or someone you know has a child in the school who might be interested in joining the club, please tell them to contact ABC for more information. And If you have questions, please see Pastor Derrick



**Bible Study**

**BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP: WHAT IS IT?**

Join us for an 8 week Bible study of the question. It's much more than the typical response of giving. We start the study Wednesday night, January 8, 2020, at 6:30pm in the ACTS Sunday School classroom. Contact Roger Morgan for more information/interest.

**LOVE-IN-ACTION , WMU GROUP...IN ACTION!**  
The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 2:00pm in the home of our hostess, Myra Morgan. Colean Norman will present our program.  
Six members of our Circle met on December 10, 2019, and went to Piedmont Geriatric Hospital to wrap packages for the residents. We wrapped about fifty packages.  
Thank you to all those who helped us exceed our Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$5,000. As of December 22nd, we have received \$8,058.86, which included \$306.30 from our Lottie Moon Post Office!



This month our youth group will be heading down to Virginia Beach, January 17th-18th for the annual Youth Evangelism Conference hosted by the SBC of Virginia. Take time to pray that God would open their hearts to love Christ above all things and that they would be bold in their witness of the gospel.

**We Exceeded Our Goal!**

Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions was \$5,000. The amount received to date is \$8,058.86. This included \$306.30 from our Lottie Moon Post Office, and \$82.56 collected by the Children's Sunday School classes. We thank them for their participation in this important ministry of our church.



**Building, Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting**

Monday, January 6th, at 5:00pm

**Church Council Meeting**

Monday, January 20th, at 6:00pm

Church officers and committee chairpersons, please be present as we plan activities for the new year.

**From the Financial Secretary**  
Church offering envelopes for 2020 are in the parlor area of the church for pick up. If you have not gotten yours yet, please do so this Sunday. If you do not find a box assigned to you and you wish to use them, contact Jane Anderson at 561-2954.

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></b> <b>9:00am Praise Time</b> <b>9:30AM Prayer Circle</b> <b>9:45AM Sunday School</b> <b>11:00AM Worship Service</b>			<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i> No evening activities Church Office Closed	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 11am Communion (Barry/Terri in charge) 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	<i>6</i> 12:30pm Women's Bible St. 5pm Building, Facilities, Grounds Committee Meeting <b><i>B-Winnie Grizzard</i></b> <b><i>B-Judy Lee</i></b>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice	<i>9</i> 6:30pm Ruritans in Ministry Center	<i>10</i>  <b><i>B-Russell Everett</i></b>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 11:30am Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action	<i>13</i> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	<i>14</i> 2:00pm Love-in-Action Circle  <b><i>B-Trisha Weaver</i></b>	<i>15</i> 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice <b><i>B-Lynnette Crowder</i></b> <b><i>B-Julia Easter</i></b>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Youth Evangelism Conf. (VA Beach)  <b><i>B-Steven Hall</i></b>	<i>18</i> Youth Evangelism Conf. (VA Beach)
<i>19</i> 11:30am Junior Church  <b><i>B-Lindsay Barker</i></b>	<i>20</i> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Church Council Meeting  <b><i>B-Michael Wade</i></b>	<i>21</i> 9am Art Class  <b><i>B-Skip Simmons</i></b>	<i>22</i> 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>  <b><i>A-Warren/Jane Anderson</i></b>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 11:30am Junior Church	<i>27</i> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study  <b><i>B-Samantha Ellington</i></b>	<i>28</i> 3:30pm Good News Club  <b><i>B-John Burton</i></b>	<i>29</i> 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>  <b><i>B-JoAnne Ozmore</i></b>	