

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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| Budget Gifts | 4/28/19 | 2,910.02 |
| | 5/5/19 | 6,215.00 |
| | 5/12/19 | 2,986.32 |
| | 5/19/19 | 1,221.00 |
| | 5/26/19 | 1,226.01 |
| Lottie Moon | | 45.00 |
| Annie Armstrong | | 55.00 |
| Local | | 600.00 |
| Crown Construction | | 45.00 |
| Building Use | | 350.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | | 25.00 |
| Thank Offering | | 200.00 |
| Breakfast Fund | | 80.00 |
| Surplus Equipment | | 150.00 |
| Total | | 16,108.35 |
| Running Total | | 87,805.46 |

ATTENDANCE

| | <u>S.Sch.</u> | <u>Worship</u> |
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| April 28 | 54 | 61 |
| May 5 | 46 | 74 |
| May 12 | 64 | 71 |
| May 19 | 40 | 56 |
| May 26 | 55 | 63 |

Thank You Notes

Dear Amelia Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for the graduation gift. I am looking forward to reading the book this summer. Thank you for all your support over the years. I will definitely miss this church while I am away at college!

With Love,
Bethanny Jo Hall

Dear Amelia Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for the book, The Pursuit of Holiness, for my graduation. I especially want to thank you for all your prayers for me while I was at Liberty. I really appreciate all the support and encouragement. I am glad to be a part of such a wonderful church.

Many Thanks,
Dale Hall

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Newsletter



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

It is hard to believe that June is already upon us with its hot summer heart. If you're like me, you sometimes stop and wonder where the previous month has gone. May was filled with much ministry and gospel encouragement from serving at Amelia Day to finishing up the final Mission Dinner & Upward gatherings of the semester. But now that June is here, there is one thing that is consuming our minds. Yes, if you guessed Vacation Bible School, you are correct! We are just about 3.5 weeks away from kicking off our annual VBS and the anticipation is starting to mount. So let me encourage you to begin to pray fervently for the workers and the children that will be attending. Each year that we conduct VBS, I'm reminded of how great a privilege we have to share Jesus with the children in our community. He is the sole reason we sing songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, learn about missions, and study the Bible. In many ways our job is to be like that of John the Baptist declaring the greatness of Christ, all while taking a backseat so that Jesus might take center stage. Take a few minutes this month to remind yourself of this simple, yet essential, truth from a blog I read fairly regularly below. Remind yourself that whether serving in VBS, Sunday School, Outreach Events, Worship Service, etc. your main task is to point others to the all-satisfying and life-giving Christ....

"John the Baptist's words about Jesus struck me heavily recently: *"He must increase, but I must decrease"* (John 3:30, ESV). The NIV translates this verse as, *"He must become greater; I must become less."* The NET Bible is even starker: *"He must become more important while I become less important."* Now remember, this statement comes from a man who was uber-popular. People came from towns all around to hear and see this crazy (but powerful) locust-eating preacher who wore a camel-hair coat. But John understood his place. He grasped the reality of Jesus' role above his role. John recognized that his primary responsibility was to point to this Lamb of God who takes away

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the sin of the world (John 1:29).

When you think about it, though, isn't this our responsibility as well? Aren't we left here in this in-between time to point others to the Lamb of God? Yet I'm sure that—like me—you secretly struggle with the desire to be known and to be exalted and recognized for your life and ministry—even as you pursue that ministry. Though Jesus said in Matthew 23:12 that *"whoever exalts himself will be humbled,"* we still crave that exaltation and honor from others.

That's why John the Baptist's message here is so instructive and convicting. When we properly recognize our place, when we properly submit to Jesus as the centerpiece of everything in life and ministry, then we will be rightly exalted in His eyes and in His way—which may not be here at all. But when we work on making Jesus more important and ourselves less important, then we won't as often get in the way of Him working in us and through us. We will also experience His blessed presence more directly.

I've heard it said this way before regarding a position of humility and God's blessing of it: "The river runs to the lowest place." I want that fresh-water filling as much as you do. So I invite you to join me afresh in setting aside selfish desires and prideful posturing, for the glory of Jesus and so that He might *"become greater"* in our lives and through our lives. I'm praying for that for me and for you today."

(River Runs To The Lowest Place by John Wohlgemuth, For The Church Blog)

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

New Summer Study!

Join us on Wednesday nights during the months of June & July as we will be kicking off a new DVD based study called *"Six Steps to Loving Your Church: From the Ministry of the Few to the Ministry of the Pew"*. This study will focus on how you can grow in your love for ABC in very practical ways. Some of the topics include your current attitudes towards church, the meaning and purpose of church, how we can each be engaged in the ministry of serving others before/during/after church, etc. The study will begin at 6:15pm. **(NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

BUSINESS MEETING

The bi-monthly Business Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12th, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. Please plan to attend as we transact important business.

FEAST ON THE FIFTH!

Join us on Sunday, June 30th for our "Feast on the Fifth" after worship service. This will be a Fellowship Potluck Luncheon. Meat and beverage will be provided. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on June 11th, at 2:00pm in the Ministry Center. Jane Anderson will serve as hostess, and Myra Morgan will present the program.

We will have a Yard Sale at the church on June 22nd, rain or shine! Those wishing to donate items for the sale may drop them off at Jerry's Now & Then on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Money from the Yard Sale will be used to provide and pay postage for the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes.

Associational Missions Offering is now being collected, and our goal is \$450. Envelopes are available throughout the church for this offering. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

The Circle members will be supporting Vacation Bible School this month.



Children's Vacation Bible School
June 24-28, 2019
8:30am—12:15pm
We Need You!

- ◆ Training on June 9 for ALL workers, following worship service **MANDATORY** for youth workers
- ◆ Monetary Donations are being collected for snacks this year
- ◆ It's not too late to volunteer, see John or Michelle



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Money will be used to benefit and pay postage for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes.

We will appreciate your donations to help make this yard sale a success.

UPWARD BOUND

At our May meeting on the 20th, we had a brief game of Trivial Pursuit, which ended in a tie! We then addressed cards to 30+ church members and friends whom we thought might need a word of encouragement. After this we enjoyed a meal together.

This was the last Upward Bound meeting of the current church year. See you next year!

June 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00AM Praise Time 9:30AM Prayer Circle 9:45AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship Service | | | | | | <i>1</i> <i>A-Donald/Betty Jo Simmons</i> |
| 2 11am Communion (Dave & Gail Geraghty) 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting 6:30pm Deacons Meeting | 3 1pm Women's Bible Study | 4 5:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting <i>B-Donald Simmons</i> | 5 6:15pm Prayer/Bible Study\ 7:30pm Choir Practice <i>B-Karen Berry</i> | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 11:30am Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action 12:15pm VBS Training for ALL workers | 10 1pm Women's Bible Study | 11 2pm Love-in-Action <i>B-William Cumbie</i> | 12 7:00pm Business Meeting <i>A-Carlton/Evelyn Lanier</i> | 13 6:30pm Ministry Ctr. re- served for Ruritan meeting | 14 <i>B-Carol Vaughan</i> | 15 <i>A-Kenny/Roberta Eanes</i> <i>A-Paul/Karen Puckett</i> |
| 16 <i>Father's Day</i> Baptist Men's Sunday | 17 1pm Women's Bible Study | 18 9am Art Class | 19 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:15pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 20 <i>B-Madison Caudill</i> <i>A-Steven/Jody Hall</i> | 21 <i>B-Gene Kirkman</i> | 22 8am-12pm—Love-in- Action Yard Sale |
| 23 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting | 24 | 25 _____ Vacation Bible School, 8:30am-12:15pm <i>B-Gail Geraghty</i> <i>B-Nancy Gray</i> | 26 No church activities | 27 6:30pm Suicide Support <i>B-Bethanny Jo Hall</i> <i>B-Samantha Fountain</i> | 28 VBS Family Night/BBQ | 29 <i>A-Marvin/Vivian James</i> |
| 30 Feast on the 5th—after worship service <i>A-Jim & Colean Norman</i> | | | | | | |