

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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| Budget Gifts | 1/27/19 | 2,384.11 |
| | 2/3/19 | 5,097.00 |
| | 2/10/19 | 3,184.25 |
| | 2/17/19 | 2,407.00 |
| | 2/24/19 | 3,012.00 |
| Lottie Moon | | 45.00 |
| Annie Armstrong | | 45.00 |
| Local | | 600.00 |
| Crown Construction | | 1,140.00 |
| Refrigeration | | 10.00 |
| Building Repairs | | 1,200.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | | 500.00 |
| Youth | | 500.00 |
| Total | | 20,124.36 |
| | | 40,460.44 |

**March 2019
Newsletter**

ATTENDANCE

| | <u>S.Sch.</u> | <u>Worship</u> |
|---------|---------------|----------------|
| Jan 27 | 64 | 73 |
| Feb. 3 | 66 | 76 |
| Feb. 10 | 58 | 61 |
| Feb. 17 | 56 | 64 |
| Feb. 24 | 62 | 84 |



Remember! Day-light Saving Time begins March 10th. Be sure to adjust your clocks to *spring forward* an hour.

**Pregnancy Support Center
Amelia Satellite Location**

Volunteers are needed to set up and staff a faith-based Pregnancy Support Center in Amelia. Please call or text Ruth Suarez at 858-922-7644 if you are willing to volunteer in a non-client support position, client advocate position, fundraising or site preparation position.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

"How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!" (Psalm 139:17)

Over the past decade, I've come to cherish several pastoral figures in church history that have helped to serve my soul in the faithful following of Christ and the work of ministry. One dominating figure is that of the famous London pastor, the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon. He was a man gripped by the grace of God and one whom the Lord used greatly to save and encourage many souls throughout the past 200 years. My prayer is that you would be just as encouraged as I have been by the short devotional below on God's thoughts and watch-care of His people.

"Divine omniscience affords no comfort to the ungodly mind, but to the child of God it overflows with consolation. God is always thinking upon us, never turns aside his mind from us, has us always before his eyes; and this is precisely as we would have it, for it would be dreadful to exist for a moment beyond the observation of our heavenly Father. His thoughts are always tender, loving, wise, prudent, far-reaching, and they bring to us countless benefits: hence it is a choice delight to remember them. The Lord always did think upon his people: hence their election and the covenant of grace by which their salvation is secured; he always will think upon them: hence their final perseverance by which they shall be brought safely to their final rest.

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

In all our wanderings the watchful glance of the Eternal Watcher is evermore fixed upon us--we never roam beyond the Shepherd's eye. In our sorrows he observes us incessantly, and not a pang escapes him; in our toils he marks all our weariness, and writes in his book all the struggles of his faithful ones. These thoughts of the Lord encompass us in all our paths, and penetrate the innermost region of our being. Not a nerve or tissue, valve or vessel, of our bodily organization is uncared for; all the littles of our little world are thought upon by the great God.

Dear reader, is this precious to you? then hold to it. Never be led astray by those philosophic fools who preach up an impersonal God, and talk of self-existent, self-governing matter. The Lord liveth and thinketh upon us, this is a truth far too precious for us to be lightly robbed of it. The notice of a nobleman is valued so highly that he who has it counts his fortune made; but what is it to be thought of by the King of kings! If the Lord thinketh upon us, all is well, and we may rejoice evermore."

(How Precious Are Thy Thoughts, O God by Charles Spurgeon - For The Church Blog)

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

*Week of Prayer for
North American Missions &
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 3-10, 2019
Amelia Baptist Goal: \$2,500*

Our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are one of the best ways by which we disseminate the Gospel. Missionaries are enabled to plan new churches, care for those in the community and reach the lost all across North America. Your generosity through this offering is another way you support more than 5,000 missionaries. Every dollar goes directly to the mission field to resource their work.

**Special Joint Ash Wednesday
Service
March 6th—7:00pm**

To help kick off the season of Lent, Amelia Baptist Church will be partnering with Branches Runn Baptist for a special joint Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7pm. The service will take place at Branches Runn Baptist (3830 Woodley Dr., Amelia). If you need to carpool that night, please let your deacon or another member know.

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet for its regular March meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, at 10:00am in the Ministry Center. This meeting will be a continuance of our sewing project, making little dresses to be sent for children in foreign countries. Ladies are reminded to bring a sandwich as we will be having lunch and our regular meeting after lunch.

We will not have a Mission Night Supper in March. On March 6th at 7:00pm, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service at Branches Run Baptist Church. The Amelia Baptist Choir has been invited to sing with their choir for that service.

Sunday, March 3rd, will be the last day to bring items that we have been collecting for Madeline's House. We appreciate so much all who have participated in this mission project.

We will be collecting items for Madeline's House, a center for victims of domestic violence

UPWARD BOUND

Upward Bound will meet on Monday, March 18th, for our planned trip to the Richmond Holocaust Museum. Following our visit, we will enjoy lunch at the Golden Corral on Midlothian Turnpike. Please mark your calendar accordingly, and be sure to invite a friend. We will meet in the church parking lot that morning for the trip to the museum. Additional details regarding the time and any associated cost will be made available in Sunday bulletins.

**Building, Facilities & Grounds
Committee Notes**

We greatly appreciate the temporary walk ramp installed over the existing sidewalk opening between the Sanctuary and the Education Building. Continue to bear with us on this issue as we all await better weather to continue repair efforts..

On another issue, security of our Nursery has become a major point of emphasis for the church. In cooperation with the Deacons, our committee has begun exploring various means and systems to lock the Nursery wing door and Education Building entrance door during worship service and provide the necessary communication link between the Nursery and Sanctuary during services as well as during other events. We are also exploring ways to tie this in with a wireless bell system.

Reminders: Our March Building & Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 5pm. Our next Church Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th, beginning at 8am. We are looking for a good turnout for this, regardless of the weather. There is much to be done inside the buildings.



**"Feast on the
5th"**

Plan to join us for a Fellowship Potluck Luncheon after the worship service every 5th Sunday this year, beginning

March 31st.

March 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 <i>B-Megan Cumbie</i> | 2 SBCV VBS Conference Swift Creek Baptist |
| 3 11am Communion 5-6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Deacons | 4 12pm Women's Bible Study 5pm Bldg.,Facil.,Grounds 3:30-4:45pm Good News Clb. <i>B-Elsie Black</i> <i>B-Peggy Morrison</i> <i>B-Evan Wade</i> | 5 <i>B-Kelly Boyles</i> | 6 7pm Joint Ash Wednesday Svc. at Branches Run Baptist <i>B-Casey Phillips</i> | 7 | 8 <i>B-Brenna Geraghty</i> | 9 <i>B-Alec Cumbie</i> |
| 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins 11:30am Miss. Fr./KIA <i>B-Weston Ramsey</i> | 11 12pm Women's Bible Study 3:30-4:45 Good News Club <i>B-Linda Burton</i> | 12 10am Love-in-Action Cir. in Ministry Center <i>B-Frances Puglisi</i> | 13 6:30pm Bible Study/Prayer 7:30pm Choir Practice <i>B-Dale Johnson</i> <i>B-Derrick Adams</i> | 14 6:30pm Ministry Center Reserved for Ruritan Club <i>B-Carlton Lanier</i> <i>B-Myra Morgan</i> | 15 <i>Jessica Cumbie</i> | 16 8am Church Work Day 9-11am Youth Rise Against Hunger/High Sch. |
| 17 5-6:30pm Youth Meeting | 18 10am Upward Bound | 19 9am Art Class | 20 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Bible Study/Prayer 7:30pm Choir Practice <i>B-Dale Johnson</i> <i>B-Derrick Adams</i> | 21 <i>B-Kenny Eanes</i> | 22 5:30-9:30pm - Ministry Ctr. reserved for Paint Night—benefit of Suicide Prevention Campus Walk | 23 <i>B-Michelle McDonald</i> |
| 24 | 25 12pm Women's Bible Study Grp. <i>B-Lisa Wade</i> | 26 <i>B-Jessica Anders</i> | 27 6:30pm Bible Study/Prayer 7:30pm Choir Practice | 28 6:30pm Suicide Support Grp.—ACTS Classroom | 29 | 30 |
| 31 "Feast on the 5th" <i>B-Claudine Rudd</i> | | | | | | |