

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Budget Gifts	2/2/20	2,148.00
	2/9/20	5,054.00
	2/16/20	3,526.00
	2/23/20	1,482.00
Lottie Moon		46.00
Annie Armstrong		46.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		46.00
VBS		50.00
Noble Man		100.00
Love Offering (guest minister)		1,060.00
Total		14,058.00
Running Total		30,630.52

**March 2020  
Newsletter**

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Feb. 2	63	70
Feb. 9	59	78
Feb. 16	61	65
Feb. 23	62	75

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**"Feast on the Fifth"**

Join us on Sunday, March 29th, for our "Feast on the Fifth", right after worship service. This will be a Fellowship Potluck Luncheon Meal. Meat and beverage will be provided. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Amelia Baptist,

If you take time to scan the landscape of the Bible, you will quickly realize that there are some books that stick out because of the impact that they have had on the lives of Christians throughout church history. One such book is that of Paul's letter to the Romans in the New Testament. This is the longest of his 13 letters and the most theologically dense set of writings regarding the gospel in Scripture. And I'm excited that our Sunday School classes are spending the next 14 weeks studying it! But despite the length and density of Romans, we shouldn't be afraid to dive headlong into the beautiful truths that depict the glorious gospel of Christ; truths such as God's righteousness revealed, the power of the gospel, faith alone in Christ alone, God's sovereignty, being a living sacrifice, etc. There are more delightful truths packed into this one letter to last us for a lifetime. But there is one section in chapter 8, verses 28-29, that we should be careful not to overlook and one that will absolutely astound us if we focus intently on the great love of God. Listen to what pastor Jared Wilson has to say on this amazing truth...

**He Loved You Before There Was A You**

"God's love for his children is grounded in the eternal reality of his very self. It is predicated on nothing but the purity of his very nature, the endless-both-ways love he both has and is. Paul helps us ponder it this way: 'For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.' - Romans 8:29

I note that Paul does not say 'for what he foreknew.' In other words, it is not as if God looked through time, saw you would be an asset to the organization and so chose you. He was not scouring the future for good apples for his prospective bushel.

Christians, God did not choose you based on what he foreknew you would do or be. He did not survey your good works and clear you for incorporation into the body of his son. No, none of us would qualify that way. We cannot be good enough, smart enough, or doggone it, likeable enough to earn credit with the three-times-holy God.

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

Paul says 'for those he foreknew.' For whom he foreknew. Certainly, God has a prescient (prophetic) foreknowledge. He is perfectly omniscient; thus, he knows all things, including things that, from our vantage point, are yet to be. But the foreknowledge spoken of in Romans 8:29 is a relational foreknowledge. He knew you before there was a you. And he predestined you to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Apart from your works, despite your sin. He saw it all. And he wanted you. He chose you. This means that God's loving intentions for you began before the foundation of the world. From eternity past, he has loved you. Which means he will not stop. For eternity future, his love is yours, never to wane, never to be revoked. It is not what you can do for him that he wants. He needs nothing. It is you yourself that he wants. You the unlovable. You the weak lover of him. He loves you with a boundless, free, and gracious love. He always has.

*'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.'* - John 3:16"

*(He Loved You Before There Was A You by Jared C. Wilson, For The Church Blog)*

In Christ,  
Pastor Derrick

**Kids' Ministry Conference  
Saturday, March 7th**

If you are interested in training for VBS and Children's Ministry Programs, SBCV will host their annual Kids' Ministry Conference on March 7th at Swift Creek Baptist Church, from 8:45am-3:30pm. This is a great way to get ideas to kick off our VBS season. If you can go, please let Michelle McDonald know as soon as possible.

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*Remember! Daylight Saving Time begins March 8th. Be sure to adjust your clocks to spring forward an hour.*



**NOBLE WARRIORS MEN'S CONFERENCE**

This year's **Noble Warriors (Equipping Men for Battle) Men's Conference** is being held at Swift Creek Baptist Church, Midlothian, Saturday, March 28th, from 8:30am-4:55pm. See or contact Pastor Derrick or Roger Morgan for more details or to sign up. We plan to submit the advance group registration by Sunday, March 15th. Group registration for 10 or more is \$47 for adults and \$32 for students. Box lunches are available for \$10. Payment by check made out to Amelia Baptist Church, footnote "Men's Conference".

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 17th, at 1:30pm in the Church Ministry Center for a brief business meeting before going to the Wellsprings at Amelia nursing home to meet with the patients and to play bingo. You are asked if you would like to bring a small token gift to place on the prize table.

The Circle did not have a meeting in February.

We have been collecting items for Madeline's House for quite a while, and that project will continue until March 8th. A container for the items and a list of what is needed are outside the church office. If you plan to participate in this mission project and have not, please be reminded to do so by the 8th.

We are promoting the Week of Prayer for North American missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering the week of March 15th-22nd. Our goal is \$2,500. Offering envelopes will be available.

We would also like to thank the members who placed poinsettias in the church during Christmas



**Church Workday  
Saturday,  
March 21**

We invite everyone to an early Spring Workday at the church starting at 8:00am. Bring your gloves, cleaning supplies, and garden tools for a day of "fun and fellowship"! We plan to work both inside and out, if the weather cooperates. Should we need to reschedule, the alternate date will be Saturday, April 4th.

Reminder: The next Building & Grounds meeting will be Monday, March 2nd, at 5:00pm. As a part of that meeting, we will be putting the workday to-do list together. So we hope to see you at the workday on March 21st.

**Membership Matters**

Are you interested in joining Amelia Baptist or just looking to refresh your understanding of biblical church membership?

Then mark your calendar for Sunday, March 8th and 15th for a time of helpful instruction and fellowship. Classes are 4:30-6pm, and will meet in the Willing Workers classroom across from the church office.

*Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions & Annie  
Armstrong Easter Offering  
March 15-22, 2020  
Amelia Baptist Goal: \$2,500*

Our gifts to this offering are one of the best ways by which we disseminate the Gospel and support more than 5,000 missionaries as they seek to reach the lost all across North America. Every dollar goes directly to the mission field to resource their work.

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11am Communion (Jack & Judy Bulls in charge) 6:30pm Deacons Meeting  <b>B-Megan Cumbie</b>	2 1pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Building, Facilities, & Grounds Com. Meeting	3 3:30pm Good News Club	4 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice <b>B-Evan Wade</b>	5  <b>B-Kelly Boyles</b>	6  <b>B-Casey Phillips</b>	7 8:45am-3:30pm VBS Kids Conf., Swift Creek Bapt.
8 11:30am Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action 4:30-6pm Membership Mat- ters Class	9 1pm Women's Bible Study  <b>B-Alec Cumbie</b>	10 3:30pm Good News Club  <b>B-Weston Ramsey</b>	11 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice <b>B-Linda Burton</b>	12 6:30pm Ruritans meeting in Ministry Center  <b>B-Frances Puglisi</b>	13	14  <b>B-Myra Morgan</b> <b>B-Carlton Lanier</b>
15 11:30am Junior Church 4:30-6pm Membership Mat- ters Class <b>B-Sheri Burton</b> <b>B-Jessica Cumbie</b>	16 1pm Women's Bible Study	17 9am Art Class 1:30pm Love-in-Action meet at church to go to Nursing Home	18 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible St 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice	19	20  <b>B-Dale Johnson</b> <b>B-Derrick Adams</b>	21 8am Church Workday  <b>B-Kenny Eanes</b>
22 11:30am Junior Church	23 1pm Women's Bible Study  <b>B-Michelle McDonald</b>	24	25 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir Practice <b>B-Lisa Wade</b>	26  <b>B-Jessica Anders</b>	27	28 8:30am-4:55pm Noble Warriors Men's Conf., Swift Creek Bapt. Church
29 "Feast on the 5th" after worship service	30 1pm Women's Bible Study	31  <b>B-Claudine Rudd</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></b> 9:00AM Praise Time 9:30AM Prayer Circle 9:45AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship Service	<b><u>Week of Prayer for North American Mission &amp; the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</u></b> March 15th-22nd		