

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Budget Gifts	9/29/19	1,214.00
	10/6/19	4,954.00
	10/13/19	1,638.00
	10/20/19	2,293.32
	10/27/19	3,229.25
Lottie Moon		90.00
Annie Armstrong		45.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		45.00
Peggy Morrison Memorial		100.00
Ann Powell Memorial'		50.00
Nancy Smith Moore Memorial		77.00
World Hunger		1,461.00
Vision Va. State Offering		1,000.00
Menu		100.00
Use of Ministry Center		250.00
Total		17,046.57
Running Total		164,584.83

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Sept. 29	55	77
Oct. 6	58	67
Oct. 13	45	51
Oct. 20	53	59
Oct. 27	64	73

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE NOTES**

The Finance Committee has been diligent in the preparation of our 2020 budget and have established the following schedule for its release:

December 11-Budget proposal for approval at Business Meeting

November 29—Final Budget submitted 2 weeks prior to Business Meeting (this allows the committee adequate lead time if revisions are needed)

**November 10—Sunday, budget Q & A after worship service**

November 1—Publish 1st cut of Budget for member review

October 28-Committee meets to prepare budget proposal & a final review before publishing 1st cut of Budget

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Amelia Baptist,

*“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.” (Psalm 145:4-7)*

In June of 1914, a Christian man by the name of Dr. John W. Marshall felt compelled by the Spirit of God to reach people, especially the younger generation, in the heart of Amelia County with the gospel. So he secured the use of Clark’s School House so that people could gather together on Sunday afternoons to hear about the great works of God. These gatherings consisted of singing hymns, praying, and studying the Bible. After several meetings, John Marshall recognized the need for separate classes due to growth. So he organized three Sunday School classes in order for the adults, youth, and children to be instructed in the teachings of God’s Word.

After several months of steady growth, the thirty (or so) attendees decided to constitute their fellowship as “Amelia Baptist Church”. This momentous meeting took place on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1914. During this meeting, the group elected the Reverend W.M. Hall as the first pastor of ABC. At the time, he was also the pastor of Arbor Baptist, Mt. Hope Baptist, and Graceland Baptist; where he would preach for each congregation one Sunday a month. In addition to his election as pastor, Professor Robert Terrell read aloud the Hiscox’s Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant; both of which were adopted by the church body.

During the first 9 years, Amelia Baptist witnessed much change with regards to those who were coming to faith in Christ and where the church was to meet for its weekly services. On July 23, 1916 Amelia Baptist conducted their first baptismal service in Judge Southall’s

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pond. At this service, there were 9 people who were publically professing their faith in Christ by way of baptism. And as the church grew during this time, the group moved from the Clark's School House to the Amelia High School, and from the High School to the Court-house. It was not until September of 1922 when work began on the church building that stands today and it was finished in August of 1923.

Why do I share these facts that were so wonderfully compiled in our church history book-let? Because it reminds us of the gospel legacy of ABC and how the great works of God and the gospel were central to the founding of Amelia Baptist Church. This month, on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, we have the great privilege of celebrating the Lord's providence and goodness to us throughout our 105 year history. We get to look back and thank God for the path that was paved from former generations. We get to stop and reflect upon the truth of the gospel that has been communicated over the course of eleven decades. We get to use the history of our church to spur us onto greater faithfulness as we stand upon the shoulders of those who went before us. And we get to petition our Lord, should He continue to delay His second coming, that He would commend His works to future generations. Be-loved, may we never take for granted our church's history, whether through the good times or difficult, because ultimately it is the history of God's work in and through His people at Amelia Baptist.

So let me encourage you to join ABC on the 17<sup>th</sup> for this special occasion. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors so that they may hear of God's goodness and grace. And pray for God to be glorified in our celebration, for His people to be edified, and for the lost to be saved. (\*We will have a modified schedule for that Sunday morning, so please take note of it in this month's newsletter.)

In Christ,  
Pastor Derrick

**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT!**



On January 17th-18th, our students (6th-12th grade) will travel to Virginia Beach to attend the annual SBC of VA Youth Evangelism Conference. The total cost is \$55 (includes registration, t-shirt, lodging & transportation).

A \$30 non-refundable deposit is due Sunday, November 10th to secure a spot for YEC. The remaining balance will be due Sunday, December 15th. For more info regarding lodging, schedule, chaperones, etc., please see Pastor Derrick.

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 12th, at 10am in the Ministry Center. We will finish our sewing and making blankets for the Pregnancy Support Center. Members are reminded to bring a sandwich for lunch at noon. We will have our business session following lunch. Janet Johnson will be our hostess and bring dessert. Others who may be interested in working on this project are welcome to come and help.

We will not have a Mission Supper on November 6 due to the fact that we will help with our Homecoming turkey dinner on Nov. 17. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, potato casserole, jello salad, pies and rolls. Others may wish to contribute some food.

It is time to fill the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. They are set up in the Education Building hall. Cut-off date for collecting the shoeboxes is November 24th.

**Notes from Building & Grounds Committee**

The Committee sends out a great thank you to those who braved the chilly morning and participated in our church work day on Oct. 19th. Much good work was accomplished both inside and outside the church buildings, but there are still opportunities for continued work needing to be performed. If you are interested in inside cleaning, outside cleaning, painting both inside and out, handy with a rake, picking up old cut brush piles, just to name a few, then contact Terry Adams or any of the other B&G members to volunteer. Just remember—a church work day doesn't need to be scheduled in order to help with the ongoing physical needs of our facilities.

***Amelia Baptist Church  
Homecoming 2019!***

Join us on Sunday, November 17th as we celebrate our 105th Anniversary as a local church here in Amelia. This will be a day filled with reflections of the Lord's providence in the life of ABC, joyful music, times of intentional prayer for our present and future ministry, the preaching of God's word from our former pastor Rev. Lytle Buckingham, and a potluck lunch to conclude our fellowship together . The schedule for homecoming will look slightly different from our normal Sunday routine. Please take note of the changes below and come celebrate with us on the 17th!

Prayer Circle in Sanctuary -9:15-9:30am  
Joint Adult Sunday School in Ministry Center -9:30 to 10:30am (nursery, children's & youth Sunday School classes will still meet separately)  
Worship Service in Sanctuary -10:45am to 12pm (Junior Church will be available during the sermon for children PreK-5th Grade)

Potluck Lunch in Ministry Center- immediately after the worship service (meat provided)

**Help Us Feed the Football Team!**

We will feed the Amelia High School football team on Friday, November 8th, at 3:15pm. If you can help prepare the food (hot dogs & hamburgers), please meet in the Ministry Center by 12:30 or 1:00. If you have questions, contact Michelle McDonald or John Burton.

