

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	10/4/20	2,436.00
	10/11/20	4,538.64
	10/18/20	2,713.00
	10/25/20	2,982.00
Local		800.00
Crown Construction		50.00
Lottie Moon		700.00
Annie Armstrong		50.00
Halloween Candy		510.00
Vision Va./State Missions		750.00
Memorial (Donald Simmons)		50.00
OCC Shoeboxes		75.00
OCC Shoebox/Postage		200.00
World Hunger		1,650.00
Total		17,504.64

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Oct. 4	38	42
Oct. 11	34	44
Oct. 18	44	51
Oct. 25	24	36

**November 2020
Newsletter**



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist Family,

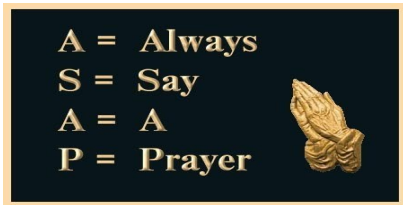
“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” (James 1:17)

As you are well aware, much is taking place this month within our nation. A national election is about to or has happened, depending on when you read this. And who knows if we will find out the results in a timely manner! But whatever the case may be, elections present before us the potential for change, whether good or bad. Policies, platforms, and political posturing will further transform our nation during these next four years. The chosen candidate will bring with them their agendas for how they think our nation should be governed. And we, as the church, must continue to navigate how to faithfully live in this world that is not ultimately our home.

It is in light of this last truth that I find much comfort. You see beloved, as we traverse this earthly journey together, there is but one true agenda that remains the same – God’s agenda. James tells us that our Father in heaven is not like a shadow that changes forms based on where the light is hitting it. Our Father is constant. He is sovereign. His promises will always be upheld. And His plan will never be thwarted by any earthly power. So, take heart when things seem bleak. Understand that no matter who is president or king, our God rules over all things and His promises to you and I are secure in Christ. That is some of the best news we can cherish this November.

But it gets even better. James doesn’t just tell us that our God is unchangeable in His character and promises. No, he proclaims that our unchangeable Father gives good and perfect gifts to His children. This means that His gospel promises are not empty and His plans are not without blessing. If you are a believer in Christ, your Father in heaven blesses you beyond measure. What are some of these basic and practical gifts? Food, shelter, vehicles, clothing, money, jobs, family, rain, sunshine, oxygen, the changing of seasons, warmth, technology, marriage, children, ability to see-hear-speak-feel, etc. If you really sit down to think about all of the good gifts that your Father has given to you,

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Pre-Election Prayer Night

On the eve of our national election, Monday, Nov. 2nd, the sanctuary will be open from 6:30-7:30pm for anyone who would like to spend some time praying for our country.

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5th Sunday Prayer Service

Our next 5th Sunday Prayer Service will be Sunday, November 29th, at 11am.

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

it would take months to count God's blessings. So beloved, be thankful for these simple yet necessary gifts that your God has graciously given.

Now as I end, I want to highlight two gifts that I believe are good, perfect, and indispensable for every believer. The first is that of the gospel. Without the gift of God's grace in Christ, we are still lost in our sins. Without the prized gospel of God's faithfulness and steadfast love, we would not know what it is to have a heavenly Father who forgives, cares for us, and who is present with us by way of the Holy Spirit. Beloved, may we never take this gift for granted. The second indispensable gift is that of the local church. In God's magnificent and unchanging mind, He not only chose to save a people to Himself, but He also saved them to one another, creating a new race of people (1 Peter 2). Beloved, I want you to know that you are a gift to one another so that you might pursue Jesus more faithfully. And as your pastor, I want you to know how much of a gift you are to me and my family. Within these last 5 years, the Lord has blessed me in so many ways through your love, encouragement, counsel, and generosity. There isn't a week that goes by that I don't stop and think of how thankful I am for you all. I couldn't imagine doing ministry without the body of Christ supporting me along the way. So beloved, please know that I appreciate you more than you will ever know. And my hope is that this love would never cease and that we would always recognize the gracious gift of the local church that our unchangeable God has given to His people.

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Are you interested in joining Amelia Baptist Church or just looking to refresh your understanding of biblical church membership? Then mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15th, from 4-6pm for a time of helpful instruction and fellowship. You will have an opportunity to get to know Pastor Derrick, ask questions about the vision of Amelia Baptist Church and how you can be a part of what God is doing through this body of believers.



There are still lots of shoeboxes that need to be filled for some child for Operation Christmas Child. Please pick up boxes and information about packing them, etc., from the table in the Education Building hallway or the ACTS classroom. Filled boxes must be turned in to the church by Sunday, November 8th.

Remember! It's more than just a shoebox!

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Just an update on the Live Productions proposal for the new digital A/V system. The proposal was presented at the October Business Meeting with approval to review and bring it back to the December Business Meeting for final vote for proceeding forward with the purchase and installation.

Also Committee members, don't forget that the normally scheduled Building and Grounds Committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 9th, at 5:30pm.



Finance Committee Notes

The Finance Committee has been diligent in the preparation of our 2021 budget, and has established the following

schedule for its release:

October 22—Committee met to review and discuss data and enter final data into spreadsheet.

October 29—Committee met to finalize budget.

November 6—Publish 2021 budget

November 22—Meeting after worship to address questions/concerns from members regarding proposed budget.

December 1—Publish final 2021 budget 2 weeks prior to December Business Meeting

December 9—Budget proposal for approval at Business Meeting

Love-in-Action Ladies Circle to Meet

The Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 10th, at 10:30am in the ACTS Sunday School classroom to pack Samaritan's Purse boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please wear a mask, and distancing will be arranged.

Samaritan's Purse Rebuild Trip

Please keep our team in prayer Nov. 1st-6th as they serve the community of Whiteville, NC. Team—Marvin James, John Burton, Terry Adams, Barry Johnson, Randy Fletcher, Wanda Konkright, Lee Bock.

Church Offering Envelopes

It will soon be time to prepare 2021 Church Offering Envelopes. Please let Jane Anderson know (561-2954) right away if you want to make changes in your envelopes (weekly or monthly) or if you want envelopes for the first time.

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship/Communion</p> <p>B-Terry Adams</p>	<p>2 1pm Women's Bible Study Group 6:30-7:30pm Pre-election Prayer Night in Sanctuary</p> <p>B-Kim Cumbie</p>	<p>3</p> <p>B-Robert Morris</p>	<p>4 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B-Luke Hoffman</p>	<p>7</p> <p>B-Laura Muse</p>
<p>8 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 4pm Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>9 1pm Women's Bible Study Group 5:30pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group</p> <p>B-Tim Anders</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>B-Hudson Fountain</p>
<p>15 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 4-6pm Membership Matters Class</p>	<p>16 1pm Women's Bible Study Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>B-Sarah Hoffman</p>
<p>22 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship</p>	<p>23 1pm Women's Bible Study Group</p> <p>B-Marjorie Smith</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving Eve No activities at the church</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Prayer Service</p> <p>B—Nicholas Hoffman</p>	<p>30 1pm Women's Bible Study Group</p>					