

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	9/1/19	4,307.26
	9/8/19	3,868.70
	9/15/19	2,793.75
	9/22/19	2,149.87
Lottie Moon		45.00
Annie Armstrong		45.00
Local		650.00
Crown Construction		45.00
Frances Arrington Memorial		250.00
Ann Powell Memorial'		50.00
WMU Mosaic Magazine		161.93
Vision Va. State Offering		290.00
Total		14,656.51
Running Total		147,538.26

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Sept. 1	51	63
Sept. 8	58	74
Sept. 15	48	73
Sept. 22	65	81

BUSINESS MEETING

The bi-monthly Business Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9th, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. Please plan to attend this first meeting of the new Church Year.

VBS Assessment Meeting

There will be a VBS Assessment Meeting on Sunday, October 20th, following worship service. We will begin discussing details of next year's VBS and areas that might need some improvement.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing." (2 Thess. 1:3)

As each October rolls around, I'm reminded of just how grateful I am to be the pastor of ABC. To my amazement, this month marks my 4th anniversary as your pastor. Now this might seem like a very short amount of time in light of our 105yr history. There are previous pastors whose tenure lasted much longer and some of you have been members of the church body for decades. But no matter the length of time, four years is long enough to recognize the growth that God has blessed ABC with.

That growth has come in the form of new converts, baptisms, new members, new Sunday School classes, new gospel initiatives, financial stability, and a heavy emphasis on giving much of what we have away for the sake of the gospel missions. These are all wonderful evidences of God's grace and because of this growth I am grateful to God for how He is working in and among us. Let us never forget or fail to see what God has done. His mighty works help to fuel our praise of who He is and what He has done.

But as I look at the church, I am also reminded of one major area that God has been cultivating yearly. That beloved is none other than our love for one another. It

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amazes me how much you care for the needs of the church body; from providing meals, to prayer support, visits, calls, showing hospitality towards visitors, being intentional and involved in one another's lives, caring for grieving families in the midst of loss, showing a desire to gather with one another in corporate worship and in Bible study, and on and on I could go.

This is the fruit that the Apostle Paul primarily sought after since it is the fruit that he so often thanked God for within his letters to the churches. Beloved, it is entirely possible to perform a vast number of ministry tasks and stay busy as a local church while not actually loving others. But as Paul makes clear in 1 Corinthians 13, if we do these things without love for one another, we are nothing but a noisy gong that is empty on the inside. You see, it is love that reveals the simple fact that we have been transformed by Christ. It is active love that is the evidence of true saving faith. So it is to my delight that I see you showing great love towards one another and increasing in it as we seek to carry out what Christ has commanded us.

Now in the church world, many set aside October as "Pastor Appreciation Month". Yet, I want you to know that after four years, October is a month for me to thank God for you. I appreciate how YOU are growing and how YOU have sought to be faithful to Christ. So may the Lord continue to make us more loving and more Christ-like as we seek to pursue Him in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick



Community-Wide
TRUNK OR TREAT
Oct. 31, 6-7:30pm

Trunk or Treat
Candy and trunks are needed! We will begin accepting monetary and candy donations the first Sunday in October. We also need people to donate their trunks and their time!



CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday, Oct. 19th

We invite everyone to a Fall Workday at the church, starting at 8:00am. Bring your gloves, cleaning supplies, garden tools for a day of fun and fellowship! We hope to see you here!

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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8th, at 10am at the church. We will have a sewing project for the Pregnancy Support Center until 2:00pm. Bring a sandwich, and we will have a break for lunch and business at 12:00 noon.

We will be participating in a Food Pantry collection before Thanksgiving. A box will be available in the Education Building hallway on World Hunger Day, Sunday, October 13th.

Jeanne Hall will be in charge of our Samaritan's Purse Shoebox collection again this year. This is a good time to be buying school supplies when they are on sale. The cut-off date for collecting shoeboxes will be November 24th.

We are observing Vision Virginia Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions, which began on September 22nd. Our goal is \$800.00.

NEWS FROM UPWARD BOUND

Summer is now a thing of the past, at least for 2019, and we are now falling into Autumn with its colorful leaves and cooler evenings. It is also time to start a new year of gathering in our group of Upward Bound teenagers.

We are starting this season with a visit from a former great rock and roller who will be introduced by his biggest fan and our friend, Zelda. We will start with coffee and chat at 10am, followed by a devotional, then our guest singer. We will close out summer with picnic foods such as chicken, tuna, and egg salads, chips, and for dessert an old soda shop favorite—ice cream floats.

So mark your calendar for the date, October 14th, and if you got them, wear your blue suede shoes, put the hound dog in his cage, and if you can't make it, you are going to be all shook up.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, October 14th, at 6:00pm
Church officers and committee chairpersons, please be present as we plan fall and winter activities.



October is World Hunger Emphasis Month

STOP HUNGER NOW

We will observe World Hunger Day on Sunday, October 13th. Our World Hunger Goal is \$2,000.

Also as part of our fight against hunger, the Mission Friends & Kids-in-Action will decorate a box to put out on October 13th for collection of food for a Food Pantry, and they ask that the church members participate with them. Food will be collected until the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Amelia Baptist Church Homecoming 2019!

To recognize our 105th birthday as a church, we will be hosting a homecoming celebration on Sunday, November 17th, with a meal following the worship service. Rev. Lytle Buckingham, Pastor at Amelia Baptist from 1988-2004, will be our guest preacher.

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00am Praise Time 9:30am Prayer Circle 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service		1 3:30-4:45pm Good News Club	2 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir B-Rachel Hoffman	3 B-Lynne Parrish	4 B-Will Wright A-Darrell & Lynne Parrish	5 11am-5pm Ministry Center Reserved B-James Wilson Parrish A-Chip & Karen Berry
6 11am Communion (Gail & Dave Geraghty) 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	7 12:30pm Women's Bible Study 10am-12pm-Preg. Support Center Training at ABC	8 10am -2pm Love-in-Action in Ministry Center 3:30-4:45pm Good News Clb. 3:30-9pm Ministry Center Reserved B-Mary Sizemore	9 7:00pm Business Meeting	10 6:30pm Ruritans in Ministry Center	11 Feed Football Team [Homecoming]	12 B-Roberta Eanes B-Kim Fountain
13 11:30am Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action	14 10am Upward Bound 6:00pm Church Council Meeting 10am-12pm Preg. Support Center Training at ABC B-Barry Johnson	15 9am Art Class 3:30-4:45pm Good News Clb. B-Amanda Adams	16 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir B-Ryan Cumbie	17	18	19 8am Church Work Day B-Richard Cumbie, Jr.
20 VBS Assessment Meeting after worship service	21 12:30pm Women's Bible Study 10am-12pm Preg. Support Center Training at ABC B-Edith Whitaker	22	23 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir A-Heather/ Brandon Ramsey	24 B-Heather Ramsey	25 B-John Morrison	26 B-Richard Cumbie, Sr. B-Darrell Parrish
27	28 12:30pm Women's Bible St 10am-12pm Preg. Support Center Training at ABC B-Braylin Crowder B-Kathy King	29 3:30-4:45pm Good News Club B-Jean Morris	30 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir	31 6-7:30pm Trunk-or-Treat		