

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	8/30/20	974.00
	9/6/20	4,580.00
	9/13/20	4,930.00
	9/20/20	2,162.00
	9/27/20	1,213.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		100.00
Lottie Moon		50.00
Annie Armstrong		50.00
Benevolence Fund		905.00
Vision Va./State Miss.		720.00
Total		15,307.00

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Aug. 30	37	49
Sept. 6	36	43
Sept. 13	32	43
Sept. 20	33	50
Sept. 27	41	45

THANK YOU NOTES

I'd like to thank Crown Construction for building a wheelchair ramp for my sister, Shirley. Marvin, John, Snoopy, Mark and Barry worked in extreme heat. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

-Nola Johnson

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I want to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, flower, calls, and visits after some critical Afib events and urgent surgery to get a pacemaker. God is good all the time, and his grace and timing is perfect. I am abundantly blessed to have such a loving family, church family, and caring friends.

-Jeanne Hall

**PLEASE NOTE**

Judy Lee's new telephone number is 828-335-3781.

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Newsletter



**Amelia**  
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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Amelia Baptist Family,

*"Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry." (Psalm 146:3-7)*

Next month marks a major event in the life of our country as we are setting out to elect the 46<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. Electing the next Commander in Chief is no trivial task and it is something which weighs heavily upon our hearts as citizens. We all want "our candidate" to be the one who takes the Oval Office because we all desire something better for the nation that we love so dearly. And this desire for something better is good and appropriate for the flourishing of our country. But in our desire for that which is better, we must be careful with our hearts because the threat of idolatry is not far behind.

Despite the great privilege that we have with voting during an election season, our tendency as fallen human beings is to place our passion, our hope, and our focus around that of political power and party lines instead of pursuing a God-centered and gospel-saturated agenda. We place far more emphasis upon a candidate than that of the sovereign God of the universe. And this beloved, is a tragedy that is committed far too often in the American Church. But I do not believe that this struggle is unique to the American Church. We see early on in the Scriptures where the people of God idolize and value kings and nations over that of God Himself. This way of thinking led Israel to desire a physical human king in order that they might be like the surrounding nations (1 Samuel 8). They rejected God for a man. And this form of idolatry continued throughout the many generations of Israel's history, and ultimately led to the nation's demise. Therefore, this is not unique to a fallen humanity.

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

So, what is a good and encouraging word for us as we prepare for yet another presidential election? I believe the words of Psalm 146 speak clearly to our hearts as it reminds us how our God is the sovereign ruler and hope of not only this country, but also the entire world. The psalmist calls us to see that salvation is found in God and God alone. Man on the other hand, is weak and no matter how great his policies and plans are, he will eventually fade out and someone else will take his place – in our case if not in 4 years, it will be 8 years. Beloved, a hope that only lasts 4 to 8 years is no hope at all. Yet, the One who has made everything and the One who has sustained our faith will do so forever – that is true and lasting hope.

And notice how the psalmist directs our attention to the justice and fatherly care of God. He states that God will avenge the oppressed and feed those who are hungry. Beloved, policies may be good for a time or they may bring disaster. But remember, God is the true sustainer of those who are weak and weary in this world. He has come to lift our burdens, demonstrate justice that reflects true righteousness, and bring us joy in Christ. When we place that type of hope in man, we are setting ourselves up for failure. This type of hope is only for One who is able to bear our greatest of burdens – and that is our Lord. So, on the eve of this next election, let me encourage you exercise your right to vote. Carry out the privilege you've been given as a citizen of this great country. But do so with an open hand and prayerful mind; knowing who really owns and rules all things. Trust the One whose kingdom cannot be shaken, whose plan never fails, and who knows all things.

In Christ,  
Pastor Derrick

WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT?

If you would like a socially distant visit from the Pastor, please contact the church office.



Drive-Thru  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
Saturday, October 31st, from 6-7:30pm, ABC will host its first ever "Drive-Thru Trunk

or Treat". Instead of canceling our fun-filled event that sees hundreds of families attend each year, we thought it best to offer a modified trunk or treat

that is both safe and enjoyable. Vehicles will enter from Church St., drive behind the church building and into the large side parking lot, and exit onto Court St. Along the path, we will have trunks set up to pass out goodies to the children as the vehicles go slowly by. Our goal is to have 15+ trunks to cover the entire pathway. If you would like to help, please see Pastor Derrick or Michelle McDonald. And all volunteers will need to wear gloves & masks. NOTE: We are asking for money donations to buy the Halloween "goodies". Checks should be payable to Amelia Baptist Church, memo "trunk or treat".

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

As most everyone knows, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has given permission for Betsy Dowling, Amelia Young Life Coordinator, to use the desk in the choir room as an interim office as she gets settled in Amelia and into her new position.

The committee chairman met with Don Grubbs, William Edwards and Marvin James to map out routing for a new CAT6 video cable and conduit from the Sanctuary to Ministry Center. As of this writing, the conduit has been run with the cable scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd. We are also working with Don Grubbs on a quote for the installation of a new digital A/V system in the Sanctuary with Ministry Center projector to replace the existing failing analog system.

We have also been in discussion with TDS internet for a potential upgrade to the existing slow internet service, which will include the Sanctuary and other possible areas.

Finally, with all the new issues which have come to light, we would like to call a special Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting on Monday, October 5th, at 5:30pm as well as continuing with our normally scheduled meeting in November. Since the chairman will be going on this Fall's Samaritan Purse trip the first week in November, the scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, November 9th, at 5:30pm.



The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Monday, October 5th, at 12 noon, at Vivian

James' home for a covered dish luncheon. Each Monday after that, they will meet at 1:00pm at Vivian's for Bible Study. Come join them!

**BUSINESS MEETING**

According to the church Bylaws, "all officers & committees shall present annual written reports at the Business Meeting in September." Since we did not meet in September, reports are due at the Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 14th, at 6:30pm. Please have reports in the church office by Tuesday, October 13th.

**We're On the Radio!**

Stuck at home on Sunday and unable to watch the live-stream online? Beginning this month, our church services will be broadcast in the courthouse area, the Lord willing (station TBD). If you live close enough to the church, just turn on your radio, sit back, and listen. If you're farther away, come to the church parking lot and listen while you sit in your vehicle.



**October is World Hunger Emphasis Month**

Every day thousands of children and adults die from malnutrition. Amelia Baptist Church will help fight hunger by receiving donations anytime during October. Our Offering Goal is \$2,000.

# October 2020

| Sun                                                                                                                                                              | Mon                                                                                                                      | Tue | Wed                                                                                                  | Thu                             | Fri                                       | Sat                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                          |     |                                                                                                      | 1                               | 2<br><i>B-Rachel Hoffman</i>              | 3<br><i>B-Lynne Parrish</i>              |
| 4 9:00am Praise Time<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11am Worship/Communion<br>5:30pm Deacons Meeting<br><i>B-Will Wright</i><br><i>A-Darrell &amp; Lynne Parrish</i> | 5 5:30pm Building &<br>Grounds Committee Meeting<br><br><i>B-James Wilson Parrish</i><br><i>A-Chip &amp; Karen Berry</i> | 6   | 7 6:30pm Adult Bible Study<br>6:30pm Youth Group                                                     | 8<br><br><i>B-Mary Sizemore</i> | 9                                         | 10                                       |
| 11 9:00am Praise Time<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11am Worship                                                                                                    | 12<br><br><i>B-Roberta Eanes</i><br><i>B-Kim Fountain</i>                                                                | 13  | 14 6:30pm Business Meeting<br><br><i>B-Barry Johnson</i>                                             | 15<br><br><i>B-Amanda Adams</i> | 16<br><br><i>B-Ryan Cumbie</i>            | 17                                       |
| 18 9:00am Praise Time<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11am Worship                                                                                                    | 19<br><br><i>B-Richard Cumbie, Jr.</i>                                                                                   | 20  | 21 6:30pm Adult Bible Study<br>6:30pm Youth Group<br><br><i>B-Edith Whitaker</i>                     | 22                              | 23<br><br><i>A-Brandon/Heather Ramsey</i> | 24<br><br><i>B-Heather Ramsey</i>        |
| 25 9:00am Praise Time<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11am Worship                                                                                                    | 26<br><br><i>B-Darrell Parrish</i><br><i>B-Richard Cumbie, Sr.</i>                                                       | 27  | 28 6:30pm Adult Bible Study<br>6:30pm Youth Group<br><i>B-Kathy King</i><br><i>B-Braylin Crowder</i> | 29<br><br><i>B-Jean Morris</i>  | 30                                        | 31 6-7:30pm Drive Thru<br>Trunk or Treat |