

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	7/28/19	1,389.00
	8/4/19	3,013.00
	8/11/19	4,381.00
	8/18/19	3,153.27
	8/25/19	1,150.00
Lottie Moon		45.00
Annie Armstrong		90.00
Local		500.00
Crown Construction		45.00
Use of Ministry Center		250.00
Food/Arrington Funeral		25.00
Frances Arrington Memorial		25.00
Total		14,066.27
Running Total		132,881.75

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
July 28	48	64
Aug. 4	44	57
Aug. 11	57	71
Aug. 18	62	76
Aug. 25	70	78

Women’s Bible Study Luncheon Meeting—September 9th

Please join us at 12noon on Monday, September 9th, in the home of Vivian James. We will begin our new study on The Apostles’ Creed by Matt Chandler.

Save the Date—ABC 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. More details will be revealed in the October newsletter.

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FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

Amelia Baptist,

In just a few weeks, summer will officially come to an end. Pools will have closed, vacations enjoyed, family trips conquered, the summer heat subsiding (hopefully!), and a host of other concluding activities. Now I don’t say this to make you sad. I say this because a new smell is in the air when September rolls around. When the summer comes to close, I am all too aware that a new church calendar year has begun. What does this new calendar year bring about? We have new faces on committees, officer positions, newly elected deacons, and teachers. We have a host of gospel opportunities on the horizon; from a Samaritan’s Purse trip, to the Good News Club, to the Amelia Pregnancy Support Center grand opening, to our fun events that bring gladness to the community. Each September reminds me of the good work ahead and the calling of the church to never cease in its service for Christ. BUT...we must be careful not to go about this work with tunnel vision. We must be careful not to be so task oriented that we forget whom it is we are serving. So let me encourage you to read the article below on keeping your eyes focused on Jesus. Whether we are serving the church or the community, or we find ourselves in seasons of delight or difficulty, we must maintain a proper focus that will keep us grounded and motivated.

Keep Your Eyes On Jesus

“Do you remember in Matthew 14:22-33 when Jesus came walking on the waves to his friends in the boat? The disciples were terrified at first, until he identified himself. Peter, always impetuous, asks for permission to join his Master on the waves. It is given, and so he does the good work of clambering over the side. Lo and behold, next to Jesus, he can walk on water too! But it doesn’t last long, does it? Eventually he begins to sink beneath the waves and cries out for help. Why? Matthew 14:30 says it’s because he saw the...

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strength of the wind. Peter had taken his eyes off Jesus. And yet, Jesus still held on to Peter. Just as it is grace top to bottom that saves us, it is faith beginning to end that sustains us. We do not start over by faith and then embark on a great "good works" self-improvement project. No, we "walk by faith" (2 Cor. 5:7). The author of Hebrews says, in fact, that we run by it: *"Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne."* (Hebrews 12:1-2)

What is the weight—other than sin—that can easily ensnare us? Is it not our own sense of self-righteousness? Isn't it anything, even good things, that can distract us from focus on Jesus? The author of Hebrews says to "keep our eyes" on him (v.2). Why? I think it's because he knows that even in our spiritual disciplines, religious efforts, and theological studies, it is so easy to pursue these means as if they are ends to themselves. We want to look more holy, more knowledgeable, more "put together." This is not walking or running by faith at all.

No, we must keep our eyes on Jesus. Every good work must be submitted to the glory of Jesus. Every spiritual discipline must be conducted as a means of deepening our friendship with Jesus. Every religious book read, every theological idea explored, every biblical doctrine studied must have as its aim a stirring of our affections for Jesus. Only by focusing on Jesus will we be able to endure in the Christian life and have a faith that lasts to the finish line. It will not be easy. The life of faith is difficult. But there is a joy waiting for us beyond all comparison. It is the great, eternal joy of being reunited to the one in whom we have believed, having become convinced that he is able to guard what we've committed to him. Jesus is able to present us blameless before God's glory without stumbling. Let us fix our eyes on him to the end."

(Keep Your Eyes On Jesus by Jared C. Wilson, For The Church Blog)

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

2019-2020 YOUTH GROUP

For this church calendar year, the youth group (grades 6th-12th) will be led by Pastor Derrick and will be meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. The first youth meeting of the fall semester will start on September 11th. Spread the word, and invite your family and friends!



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

The Love-in-Action Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 10th, at 2:00pm in the home of our hostess, Judy Morris. Myra Morgan will present our program.

Plans have been made for the Love-in-Action Circle to serve as hostess for the Mission Supper on Wednesday evening, September 4, at 6:00pm. The meal will consist of different salads, crackers, desserts, and drinks. Renee and Tom Winfree will share some of the mission projects in which they have been involved.

Officers for the 2019-2020 year have been elected. They are: WMU Director—Colean Norman, Facilitator—Judy Morris, Assistant Facilitator—Colean Norman, Treasurer—Myra Morgan, Secretary—Jane Anderson, Prayer Chairmen—JoAnne Ozmore and Vivian James, Mission Program Director—Colean Norman.

FAMILY MISSION DINNER

September 4th—6:00pm

Join us as we kick off our new season mission dinners. Love-in-Action Circle will serve the meal consisting of a variety of salads, crackers, dessert, and drinks.

For our Mission Program, Renee and Tom Winfree will share some of the mission projects in which they have been involved.

Everyone is welcome!

FEAST ON THE FIFTH!

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

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the recognition, certificate, and gift presented to me for 50 years of Sunday School ministry at Amelia Baptist Church.

-Warren Anderson

***Vision Virginia Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions
September 22-29***

Our Offering Goal—\$800.00
Each contribution goes directly to the mission field to support ministries like disaster relief, Appalachian ministries, ministry intern scholarships, the DC mission center, church plants, and so much more. This impact reaches beyond Virginia to provide resources necessary for spreading the gospel—to be the hands & feet of Jesus.

UPWARD BOUND

There were only 3 survey responses received. Therefore, for the coming church year, we plan to meet seasonally, which means there will be 3 meetings between September and May. We plan to have a meeting in October (theme to be decided), our normal December meeting, and the third meeting either April or May, with a day trip, which has yet to be determined.

We look forward to continuing our special times together. Watch newsletters for more details on upcoming meetings.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11am Communion 6:30pm Deacons	2 <i>Holiday—Office Closed</i>	3	4 6pm Mission Dinner 6:45pm Mission Program 6:45pm Mission Friends/ Kids-in-Action <i>A-Barry/Carol Layman</i>	5 <i>B-Sheri Hare</i> <i>A-Jerry/Judy Morris</i>	6 <i>B-David Easter</i>	7 <i>B-Collins Easter</i>
8 <i>Deacon Ordination Sunday</i> 11:30am Mission Friends/Kids -in-Action <i>B-Joan Pearce</i> <i>B-Dale Hall</i>	9 12noon Women's Bible Study Group Luncheon 5pm Building, Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting <i>B-Daniel/Patrick Critchfield</i>	10 2pm Love-in-Action Circle	11 6:30pm Adult Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Choir (discuss new meeting time)	12 6:30pm Ruritans in Minis- try Center	13	14
15 <i>B-Billy Gray</i> <i>A-Billy/Nancy Gray</i>	16 1pm Women's Bible Study <i>B-Lola "Cissy" Wright</i>	17 9am Art Class	18 8:30am Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group <i>A-Ian/Michelle McDonald</i>	19	20	21
22 <i>Samaritan's Purse Trip</i> Good News Training Session after worship service	23 <i>Samaritan's Purse Trip</i> 1pm Women's Bible Study	24 <i>Samaritan's Purse Trip</i>	25 <i>Samaritan's Purse Trip</i> 7:45am "See You at the Pole" 6:30pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	26 <i>Samaritan's Purse Trip</i>	27 <i>Samaritan's Purse Trip</i>	28 8am-12pm Walk for Life—Farmville <i>B-Emma Cumbie</i>
29 "Feast on the Fifth" <i>After Worship Service</i> <i>B-Megan Muse</i>	30 1pm Women's Bible Study		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00AM Praise Time 9:30AM Prayer Circle 9:45AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship Service	<i>September 22-29</i> <i>Vision Virginia Week of</i> <i>Prayer & State Mission</i> <i>Offering</i>		