

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	8/2/20	3,890.00
	8/9/20	3,380.00
	8/16/20	3,649.54
	8/23/20	1,750.00
Local		200.00
Crown Construction		50.00
Lottie Moon		50.00
Annie Armstrong		50.00
Associational Missions		650.00
Total		13,669.54

	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Aug. 2	26	35
Aug. 9	24	37
Aug. 16	38	46
Aug. 23	35	37

Adult Bible Study & Youth Group to Resume

Wednesday night Bible Study will resume September 9th at 6:30pm in the Willing Workers classroom. We will begin a 10week study on the books of Colossians/Philemon. Please contact Roger Morgan with any questions or comments.

The Youth Group gatherings will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the Youth room.



A Request from the Buildings & Grounds Committee

Please help pick up unwanted bulletins and trash on Sundays in order to keep the facilities clean. Thank you for your help.

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**September 2020
Newsletter**



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Amelia Baptist Family,

As the month of September rolls around, we also enter into a new church calendar year. Typically, this month would usher in a new change of guard with our committees and ministry leaders. And it would cause us to begin gearing up for all that the fall months have in store for the life of our church. But, as you know, things are different this year. For the most part, all of our committees and leaders look the same out of the necessity of asking members to serve an extra year (*thanks to all for being willing to do so!*). And the remainder of the 2020 calendar has a big “?” over what each week might bring regarding ministry opportunities.

Yet, no matter the uncertainty and how different things look, we must strive to remember the basics of what it means to follow Christ. We must keep in mind the simplicity of the gospel when it comes to denying ourselves and taking up our crosses to follow our King and Lord. Beloved, God’s people have (*and some are currently!*) lived through worse situations. Being a Christian does not mean that God shepherds us around suffering. No. It means that He guides us through the “fiery trials” so that the genuineness of our faith is tested and that it would shine brightly to a world that needs hope (1 Peter 1). So, let us keep this truth in mind as we navigate the beautiful journey of following Christ by faith despite having a lack of sight for what is ahead on this earth.

Now practically, what will September look like? I’m excited to announce that we will be having a “Week of Prayer” scheduled for Sunday August 30th through Saturday September 5th. There is much to think about regarding what it going on in our world. And some of what we hear and see can cause fear and anxiety to well up within our souls. So, this “Week of Prayer” will be a time when believers from across Amelia County can pray continually, pleading to God for various needs and concerns. To find out more information, please see the write-up in this newsletter on the inside page.

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

Finally, with our staggered approach to Phase 3, the deacons and myself agreed to bring back our midweek discipleship meetings beginning Wednesday September 9th. This means that our Adult Bible Study and Youth Group gatherings will resume at 6:30pm. The Adult Bible Study will meet in the Willing Workers Classroom and the Youth will meet in the youth room. At this time, we do not feel that it is best to bring back nursery, choir, or jr. church. Also, for the time being, all building usage by outside organizations will continue to be suspended until further notice. Our desire at the present is to make sure that our discipleship structures are stable and safe for those who attend.

Beloved, I hope this helps to give you a picture of what to expect for the month of September. And as always, if you have any questions or need further clarification about something, please don't hesitate to let me know. And don't forget to watch the services if you happen to be home on Sunday mornings (see attached links below). God bless!

Sermon Audio & Service Link:

<https://ameliabaptistchurchva.com/sermons>

*This will be available to view and/or listen Sunday afternoon

Facebook Live Link:

Amelia Baptist Facebook Page

In Christ,
Pastor Derrick

**Vision Virginia Week of Prayer
and Offering for State Missions
September 20th-27th, 2020
Our Offering Goal: \$800.00**



Vision Virginia is the SBC of Virginia missions offering. Every contribution goes directly to the mission field to support the ministries like the ones listed below. This impact reaches beyond Virginia to provide resources necessary for people to hear the Gospel. Some examples of how your faithful giving through this offering has made a difference:

- Mobilizing and supporting summer missionaries and interns
- Revitalizing churches with a fresh vision to reach their communities
- Supporting churches who are serving needy communities through hunger funds
- Penetrating lostness through church planting
- Disaster relief—and many other ministries

“Your gifts provide resources for people to be the hands and feet of Jesus.”



ABC Week of Prayer

Everywhere you look, chaos and fear seem to be dominating the daily headlines as of late. Yet, as believers in Christ, we are reminded that no matter the circumstance we might find ourselves in, our God is both sovereign over all things and He is present with His people in the midst of their affliction. He is the Good Shepherd who watches over us and the One who lends an attentive ear to His children when they call out in agony. Beloved, our God cares about the details of our life. And when we feel at a loss for words with the many things happening around us, He simply reminds us to call out to Him in prayer. He wants to get our focus off of that which causes earthly fear and anxiety, and onto the eternal One who provides a peace which surpasses all understanding.

So, in light of all that is going on, I want us to band together in continual prayer during the week of August 30th-September 5th. Let us show our wholehearted dependence upon God as we plead for various things on our hearts and minds. Click the link below and select an hour (or more!) from the weekly schedule to commit to pray for our local churches, our schools, our county, our state, our nation, our government, the world, and ultimately for the advancement of the gospel and the glorification of Christ. And take joy in the fact that you will be praying alongside other believers across Amelia County. Several other churches are sharing this link so that there is continual prayer throughout the week.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448a5a829a3fd0-week>

To help kick off our Week of Prayer, our Sunday worship service on August 30th will look very different. We will have numerous Scripture readings, several hymns to sing, and several times of focused prayer on Adoring God, Confessing to God, giving Thanks to God, and offering our Supplications (petitions) to God. This will be a special time where we collectively show our dependence upon the One who satisfies us eternally and meets our every need. I do hope you can join us either in person or through our livestream.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee will begin the 2021 Budget process mid-September. Budget request worksheets will be sent to church officers and committee chairs September 21st. Everyone is requested to complete the worksheet and return it to the church office by October 11th, 2020. Thanks in advance for your support. Please contact Roger Morgan with any questions or comments.

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		ABC Week of Prayer: August 30th—September 5th				
					<i>A-Barry & Carol Layman</i>	<i>B-Sherri Hare A-Jerry & Judy Morris</i>
6 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship/Communion <i>B-David Easter</i>	7 <i>Labor Day Holiday (Church Office Closed)</i> <i>B-Collins Easter</i>	8 <i>B-Joan Pearce B-Dale Hall</i>	9 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group <i>B-Daniel/ Patrick Critchfield</i>	10	11	12
13 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 5:30pm Deacons Meeting	14	15 <i>B-Billy Gray A-Billy & Nancy Gray</i>	16 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group <i>B-Lola "Cissy" Wright</i>	17	18 <i>A-Ian & Michelle McDonald</i>	19
20 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	21	22	23 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	24	25	26
		Vision Virginia Week of Prayer & Offering for State Missions, September 20th-27th				
27 9:00am Praise Time 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	28 <i>B-Emma Cumbie</i>	29 <i>B-Megan Muse</i>	30 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group			