

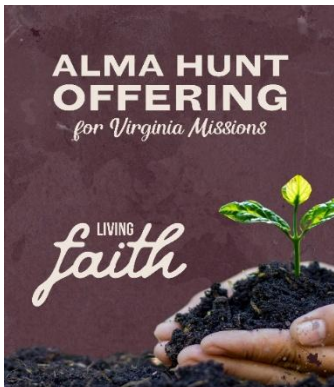
Deacon of the Month  
Peggy Rush

September 2025

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*Local, Global,  
And Everything In Between*

### ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*



*"For as the body  
apart from the spirit  
is dead, so also faith  
apart from works is  
dead." James 2:26*

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named in honor of Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian renowned worldwide for her missionary service and unwavering dedication to the cause of Christ.

The offering provides funding for all HerMission (WMUV) missions and ministries. It makes it possible to have other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists). Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture between HerMission and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

### MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Sixteen welcome boxes and a tub of extra food items were donated to the Food Bank! Sycamore has seven members volunteering at the Food Bank as well.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Summer is gone, and school life has started. Just as kids here need school supplies, so do children in other countries. For September, we will be collecting **school supplies** for shoeboxes. Suggested items may include crayons, pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, scissors, and/or waterless paint sets. Items may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall in the bins marked OCC.

Erin Harcum & Janet Bulls

### THANKSGIVING

Once again, Sycamore is blessed with the opportunity to share God's love in a tangible way this Thanksgiving season. Together, as a church family, we will provide complete Thanksgiving dinners to local families who could use a little extra help during the holiday season.



This mission is truly a church-wide effort! We'll collect, organize, and pack all the fixings for traditional Thanksgiving meals—and then distribute them with care and compassion to those in our community.

To make this happen, we're inviting each member to participate by donating specific food items each month.

Let's work together to be a blessing this season. Your generosity will help ensure that more families can gather around the table with grateful hearts and full plates. We look forward to another joyful season of giving thanks by giving to others.

### SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS



September grocery items:

- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Gravy (Jar or Can)
- Instant Potatoes (Box)

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Many thanks to everyone who has participated in the church's missions in one way or another. We have a few things to wrap up this month:

**Birthday Boxes** – we will have an assembly line set up on one Wednesday evening this month for folks to pack a box or two as they finish their meal.

We will also be working with WOM to deliver school supplies to Capron ES.

Finally, we are still working to provide back-to-school treats for Riverdale teachers. Stay tuned for details.

## CHURCH LIFE

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A big thank you to all who stepped up and agreed to serve on all the various committees and groups. You made our job easier and the work of the church much brighter.

Please update your nominating report with the following additions and updates:

- Johnny and Kay Holland  
Co-chairs Food Service Committee
- Charlie Daughtrey, Johnny Holland  
Co-chairs Building and Grounds
- Tricia Davis  
Recreation Committee Chair.

If your committee does not have a chairperson, please take the initiative to call a meeting and develop a plan for the committee's operation.

Contact Robin Davis, Nominating Chair, if you feel led to fill an open position or if you have any questions.

## DEACON NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee would like to note the deacons that have been selected to begin a three-year service starting October 1, 2025, they are Tricia Davis, Johnny Holland, and John Jenkins.

We want to thank those rotating off for their service over the past three years: Patsy Falls, Holly Giles, and Ronnie Bulls.

### SAVE THE DATE



Worship, communion, baptism, and a church picnic will be held at the Bronco Club on Sunday, October 5, at **11:00 a.m.** There will be no Sunday School. The meal is a potluck with the deacons providing fried chicken.

Bring a friend, games, a fishing pole or two, and have a swinging good time on the traditional Bronco Club swings!

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the church.

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

I thoroughly enjoy my morning coffee and appreciate being out in the community. Join me at the coffee houses listed below for a cup of coffee and some conversation.



September 2	Daily Dose	9-10:30
September 9	Storehouse	9-10:30
September 16	Daily Dose	9-10:30
September 23	Storehouse	9-10:30
September 30	Parsonage	9-10:30

Tracey Pugh





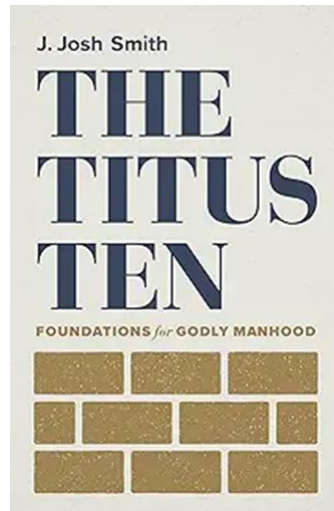
## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

September 03	Deacons
September 10	Women's Study Group
September 01	Brotherhood
September 24	Choir

## WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Sept 17 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall, Jimmy Vann will facilitate *The Titus Ten*, a men's discussion Bible study.

Please let Jimmy Vann know if you are interested in joining.



## PASTOR'S DINNER RESCHEDULE

I am looking forward to sharing an evening of fellowship with you in October, once I am fully healed and able to prepare for it as I would like. Stay tuned for the new date.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



New snail mail? New cell phone number? Change in email address? Landline phone number change or disconnect? We need to know how to communicate with you!

During September, Peggy Rush will be updating our church directory. If you have any changes or additions, please notify her or the office. Thank you for all your help in completing this project each year.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

The church held its quarterly business meeting on Sunday, August 3, 2025. In that meeting, the church:

- Received written financial reports and committee reports.
- Was informed that the average Sunday School attendance for the quarter was 38.
- Approved the budget for the 2025-2026 church year.
- Approved the Nominating Committee report for the 2025-2026 church year, noting that some vacancies were yet to be filled.
- Accepted a document from the Audit Committee outlining a process for the annual audits.
- Held the deacon nominations.
- Granted Rev. Pugh a third week of vacation in recognition of her service for five years at Sycamore.

Patsy Falls

## DEACON REPORT

The Deacon's meeting was held on August 4, 2025. During that meeting, the following occurred

- Devotions were led by Peggy Rush, and prayer concerns were heard.
- Deacon Team activities were presented.
- Permission to use the Fellowship Hall for a birthday party was granted to Janie Brown for October 4.
- Physical needs of the church and the financing of those needs, as well as the budget, were discussed.
- Learned that Rev. Brian Williams and Mandy Smith would be guest speakers during August due to the pastor's vacation plans and upcoming surgery.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 2.

## Deacon Ministry Team Leaders

- Bereavement – Ronnie Bulls
- Casserole- Holly Giles
- Hospital/Homebound – Joey Francis
- Prayer – Charlie Harcum
- Transportation – Terry McPherson

Patsy Falls

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 Coffee & Convo Daily Dose 9-10:30 a.m.  Deacon Mtg 7:00 pm.	3 Family Night	4	5	6
7 Sunday Morning Schedule Communion  Bldg. & Grds 11:15 a.m.	8 .	9 Coffee & Convo Storehouse 9-10:30 a.m.	10 Family Night	11	12	13
14 Sunday Morning Schedule  Community Connections 11:15 a.m.	15	2 Coffee & Convo Daily Dose 9-10:30 a.m.  WOM 6:30 p.m.	17 Family Night	18	19	20
21 Sunday Morning Schedule  Church Council 11:15	22	23 Coffee & Convo Storehouse 9-10:30 a.m.	24 Family Night	25	26	27
28 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  Sunday Morning Schedule	29	30 Coffee & Convo Parsonage 9-10:30 a.m.				

### FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise noted on the calendar)

Meal: 5:45

Adult Study II: 6:15

Men's Bible Study: 6:30

Youth 6:30

Mission Friends and Children in Action: 6:45

Adult Choir: 7:45

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise noted on the calendar)

Sunday School 9:00 am. Worship 10:00 a.m.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Secretary's email: [secretary@sycamorebaptist.org](mailto:secretary@sycamorebaptist.org)

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Rev. Pugh's email: [pastor@sycamorebaptist.org](mailto:pastor@sycamorebaptist.org)

Rev. Pugh's cell phone: 434.953.7930

Office Hours: 9:00-4:30 Tues – Fri by appointment

