

Our Mission

To bring people who are without Christ into a love relationship with Him and assist them to become His disciples.



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Where Heart and Mind Meet Christ in Love and Service

Words of Appreciation

Amelia Baptist Church,

We would like to take a moment to say how much we appreciate all that you have done for us and our community. We are always excited and look forward to your visit with us. Each year that you have come you have helped us financially at a time when it is needed the most.

We always have a story to tell about our problems and you always listen. Having you come to our town gives us a sense of high, like expecting the Magnolia Fair to show up. All of you are wonderful people! We hope that we are as much of a blessing to you that you are to us. When you leave, there is a sense of renewal left behind that lightens the days to come.

To all the teenagers ~~ please don't take for granted the wonderful church that you have. Our family would give anything to have the leaders that you have. You may not realize it now, but growing up in a Christian home will help you cope with many, many decisions to come.

As parents, it has taken every moment of every day, a lot of dedication and listening, and always being there to have the wonderful children we have. How great it would have been when raising them to have had a church like yours. We wish all of you all the best.

The McCoys (Matewan, WV)

Dear Dr. Helton and Congregation,

What a blessing you were those two Sundays! While down in Amelia with my employers, I attended Sunday morning Bible Study and service. Brittany immediately made me feel welcome, and Mr. Russ got me involved in the discussion right away. Kathryn Sawyer, Mrs. Whitaker, Mr. & Mrs. Carter, and Mr. Claude Haddock all made me feel most sincerely the love of God through their warmth and kindness. Thank you so much for such a lovely visit with the family of God.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Fedor



Dear ABC Church Family,

Thank you for supporting the fabulous ministry of Allegiance Choir. The Word of God beautifully was proclaimed in song and deed. We were proud to be part of the Matewan Mission Trip of 2011, and VERY, VERY THANKFUL!

The Perkins Family, Ken, Desiree, Laura, Julie and Abby

We regret to inform you that the Crusades 4 Christ have had to be postponed until the fall. As soon as we have new dates, we will advise you.

MUSIC NOTES

ALLEGIANCE EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR JULY 4 WEEKEND

Thank you to each one who provided housing, meals, prayers, and hospitality for the Illinois Baptist All-State Choir July 2-4. The 51 auditioned high school students presented "God and Country" concerts at the Plantation shops, Amelia Baptist, and Peters Point. An estimated 450 people attended the concerts and witnessed the ministry of these young people while they were in the area. They spent a portion of Sunday afternoon walking door-to-door to over 400 homes with colorful brochures communicating the ministries of Amelia Baptist Church that are available to our community. The warmth and love of the Amelia Family was experienced by these youth and the entire community.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Tiny Tones (age 3-kindergarten) will begin Wednesday, August 17, at 6:15 p.m. with the loving leadership of Vivi-Anne and Angela Cryder, Sharon Blanton and Lee Brunetti. These children will experience music education and worship through musical instruments, singing, and games. Encourage a young child in your neighborhood to take advantage of this opportunity.

TeamKid and **Children's Choir** (grades 1-5) will begin Wednesday, August 17, at 6:15 p.m. The TeamKid curriculum provides a fun way for children to memorize scripture and study the Word of God. The Children's Choir offers music education and training in the meaning of worship and ministry. The children will present concerts at an assisted living facility as well as share their music in the Amelia Baptist worship services.

Allegiance (grades 6-12) music ensemble will begin rehearsals on Sunday, August 21, at 6:15 p.m. Thank you, Amy Scott and Karla Jennings, for providing such quality leadership. Officers meet at 6 p.m. and parents meet at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 14.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

Social Media is one of the most important aspects of the modern American, yet it often is the most misunderstood. When emailing became popular in the mid-1990s as a result of widespread use of the internet, people discovered that it was nearly impossible to express facial expressions and tone of voice in something as short as an email. It was around that time we all discovered what programmer Scott Falman first proposed back in 1982: emoticons. Emoticons are those characters you type when you want to express, say, a smiley face. :) or a wink ;).

That was a simple solution to a growing problem. The problem being how to use social media, such as text messaging, email, Facebook, myspace, and twitter. But, it doesn't end there. People's attitudes on Facebook and through email can still at best be misunderstood and at worst be a cause of strife and division. As Christians we need to stand above reproach and set a standard on how we communicate on the internet.

Although there are multiple facets to this issue, I just wanted to emphasize one critical point: Be encouraging. It is far easier for even Christians to be negative, accusatory, and just downright mean on Facebook, Twitter, etc. So let us take the high road and show love for our fellow web surfers. Encouragement can never be taken the wrong way (at least by reasonable people). Encouragement goes a lot farther than you think. You cannot be both controversial/negative and encouraging at the same time. There is only room for one.

Proverbs 16:24 "Kind words are like honey--sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."

In Christ,

Nathan DeFalco

CORE Calendar of Events for August

Fusion: Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Special Events

- August 3 Fusion: Destination Unknown (6:15 p.m.)
- August 10 Youth Back-to-School Rally, at Hardy's condo (no Fusion)
- August 12 Girl's Sleep-over at Amy Scott's home (8 p.m.)

WELCOME to our newest members,

Barry and Stephanie Kingrey

We are so very pleased to have you in our church family.





August, 2011

- Aug. 2 Deacon's Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Aug. 3 Fusion (Youth) Destination Unknown S.A.L.T. (7:15 p.m.)
- Aug. 4 Stewardship M.T. Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Aug. 7 New Members' Class (4 p.m.)
Ladies' Ensemble (4:30 p.m.)
- Aug. 9 Church Council Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Aug. 10 Sandcastle Building Contest (5:30 p.m.)
Youth Back-to-School Rally
Men's Ensemble (7:45 p.m.)
- Aug. 11 Children's Reading Club (10 a.m.)
- Aug. 12 Youth Girls Sleepover
- Aug. 13 Bible Bee Family Gathering (8 a.m.)
- Aug. 14 Allegiance Officers meet at 6 p.m.
Allegiance Parents meet at 6:45 p.m.
- Aug. 15 School Resumes
- Aug. 17 **Wed. Night Suppers Resume (5:30 p.m.)**
Children's Choir/TeamKid (6:15 p.m.)
Tiny Tones (6:15 p.m.)
Men's Ensemble (7:45 p.m.)
- Aug. 21 Allegiance Resumes (6:15 p.m.)
- Aug. 27 Bible Bee (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Sunday: Adult Choir Rehearsal (4:30 p.m.)
Radical (Bible Study) at 6:15 p.m.
College & Young Adult Fellowship (6:15)

Monday: Children's Playtime (9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday: Pilates Class (7 p.m.)

Wednesday: Fusion -- Youth (6:15 p.m.)
Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Friday: Men's Bible Study (6 a.m.)
Youth Open Game Time (3-6 p.m.)
(thru Aug. 12)

Missions

Jim Hamrick Memorial Mission Offering

Jim Hamrick was the visionary for Amelia Baptist Mission and he loved sending volunteer missionaries from this area who otherwise could not afford to go on mission. Each year our association sets aside a Sunday in July for "The Jim Hamrick Memorial Offering" for assisting pastors and mission teams to participate in mission projects. Consider giving generously.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (The Shoebox Ministry)

Just a reminder...it's never too early to be on the lookout for sales and discounts on toys, school supplies and hygiene items for Operation Christmas Child (aka) Shoebox Ministry. You can start by saving that shoebox from your summer shoes, and then start filling it with items for that special child. You pick whether you want to sponsor a girl or boy and what age group: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. This is a very satisfying mission to bring a smile and the word of Jesus to a child in need of both and a great way to solicit your child or grandchild's help. This year we would like to see a letter or note from each person with a picture of yourself with your address so that you may hear from the child receiving your gift. I have some pre-printed letters for our youth to fill out and include. See me if you would like one.

You may also sponsor a box by donating the cost of shipping (\$7.00 a box). Make your check out to A.B.C with Operation Christmas Child in the memo. We will pay on line, thus being able to track our box's this year. And of course if you just like to shop, you may drop off your shoebox items to the church anytime and we will take care of the rest. Call Rose Gallagher 277-1612 for more information.



Library News



Starting in August, library books will be on display each week just outside the sanctuary. We have made check out and return an easy process. Please consider these suggested reading.

	6-26-11	7-3-11	7-10-11	7-17-11
Worship Attendance	207	275	217	196
Sun. Schl. Attendance	114	127	125	118
Budget Giving	\$7,868	\$9,045	\$11,744	\$11,168
Budget Giving thru 7-17-11		\$297,578		
Disbursements thru 7-20--11		\$296,751		
Mortgage Balance		\$232,719		
The weekly budget need for 2011 is \$10,692				

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream

A Book by David Platt

In *Radical*, David Platt pleads for Christians to take back their faith from the American Dream! This call has resonated with readers everywhere and quickly became a *New York Times* bestseller. We have had about 25 people of Amelia to take this course. We are offering this book-study again with the intent of introducing David Platt's follow up book, *Radical Together* in January of 2012. In *Radical Together*, the author broadens his call, challenging us to unite around a gospel-centered vision. We have taught *Radical* twice to small groups. This fall, *Radical* will be taught one more time in preparation of studying *Radical Together* in the winter! *Radical Together* is a study that naturally transitions from the individual application of the Gospel to applying Biblical truth for the church as a corporate body.

Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study



On Tuesday, August 23 through October 11, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. we will study James Mac Donald's, "Gripped by the Greatness of God" based on selections from Isaiah. This

study "draws parallels between the lack of faithfulness of God's people then, and the lip service often given to Him today. It challenges believers to be gripped by God's greatness and to respond with renewed zeal and passion for Christ". The cost of the material is \$20. A sign up sheet is available in the church foyer. Please sign up between July 24 and August 7. If you should have any questions, call Donna Givens at 491-0089. The first meeting will be followed by a pot luck lunch!

Money and Marriage God's Way

God intends married couples to use money - even challenges with money, even crises with money - to grow closer together rather than it separating them. This six-week small group study will improve your marriage and your finances because you will be learning what God says about having a great marriage and handling money wisely together. ***Marriage & Money God's Way*** is for everyone - whether you're engaged, newly married or empty nesters - whether you're trying to make ends meet or decide what to do with any excess.

You'll learn what God wants you to know about earning, spending, giving, getting out of debt, investing, training children and much more. You'll also discover how to communicate effectively, resolve conflict and achieve financial unity. As you apply these principles, you'll enjoy a more vibrant marriage and more financial health, freedom, peace, and even joy.

There will be a 30 minute orientation meeting after the Wednesday night supper on August 17 for you to discover if this course is for you. The six-week sessions start on August 31 and conclude on October 5. Sign up in the church office or speak to Mike & Kathy Baxter (556-2719).

Fvangelism

On July 29th I will be leaving for a week-long mission trip to Costa Rica. Unfortunately, I have been unable to go on a Haiti or Matewan trip as they were scheduled so near VBS that I felt uncomfortable in leaving. I will be going with Eastside Baptist Church of Cullman, Alabama. There are several personal motivators that make this a personally exciting trip. First, I am going on this trip with my son. Secondly, this trip can be used as a Professional Development seminar for my doctoral program. In truth, however, as these are exciting personal opportunities, they are not the basis for this trip. The real motivation is the opportunity that God is giving me to spread the gospel and potentially include more languages, people and cultures into the Kingdom. (Rev. 7:9-10). Missions are more than the writing of an occasional check to the proper convention emphasis or praying for the missionaries in the field. It is time for me and others to pick up the banner and move out to the challenge and the mission field. I am called to this trip to Costa Rica to present the gospel to the schools and the market places of San Jose. I will be teaching on purity in schools and giving a personal testimony to my life with Christ and encouraging others to accept Christ and join the local congregation in San Jose. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.



Service Opportunity

Throughout the summer, seventeen families in northeast Florida are spending time in God's Word in preparation for the Amelia Island Bible Bee! This local competition is part of a nation-wide effort that culminates in November with the National Bible Bee, held in Nashville, TN.

We are privileged to be hosting this year's local competition at Amelia Baptist Church on Saturday, August 27th. We are looking for volunteers who can serve for the day to assist in making this a well-organized, enjoyable, and rewarding event for our participants. Our needs include: Contestant and recording judges, runners, food preparers and servers, registration helpers, test graders, etc.

If you are interested in joining our Bible Bee team of volunteers, please contact Brett or Jeanette Whitaker. Our number is 261-3954, or you can email us at whitaker@afo.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

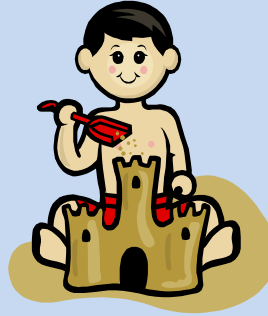


We need to move the parking stops and center them in the parking spaces to avoid future incidences of tripping. Milo Miller has agreed to be the lead in the project. He will need 3 to 4 individuals to help with the moving. The stops weight approx. 200# and need to be moved to the center of the space and staked in place with rebar. If you are able to assist Milo please contact him at pottersclay48@hotmail.com and copy me at scottdebrauwere@bellsouth.net

Scott de Brauwere

SUMMER'S FOR FAMILIES FINAL EVENT

Parents, grandparents and adults with children at home!



August 10 - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 4th Annual Sand Castle Building Contest at the Peter's Point pavilion. We'll meet with the family for food and divide into teams to build your favorite sand castle. Start drawing your plans now! Bring your favorite dish. We'll provide the drinks.

Read Your Way to the ZOO!



We'll meet at the church on August 11 from 10-11 a.m. for sharing special books that the church has selected just for kids and their families to read this summer. There will be a time of sharing what you read and some games and food. All kids who complete their books will get a free trip to the ZOO!

Parents and Grandparents: Sign your kids up now for our Summer's for Families Program. Call the church office at 904-261-9527 to register and get more information. Let us know if you can help on any of these dates. We need your assistance.



Please pray for the following member and friend who has recently lost a loved one:

Sharon Lennon, her mother, Charlotte McCollim

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

August:

- 2 Apryl (Smith) Allen
- 2 Judy Ankersen
- 5 *James & Vivi-Anne Cryder*
- 5 *Randy & Helen Elrod*
- 7 Karyn Hartke
- 8 *Dennis & Bunny Adams*
- 8 Nathan DeFalco
- 9 Deanna Brunetti
- 10 Mike Gleason
- 10 *Buddy & Barbara Wrye*
- 10 Barbara Wrye
- 14 Kim Woodlief
- 15 Dorothy L. Lord
- 15 Scott Brewer
- 16 Marie Stanley
- 16 Mike Volpitta
- 16 *Henry & Wyona Haddock*
- 17 *Marcos & Sarah Flores*
- 17 Wyona Haddock
- 20 Lisa Robertson
- 20 Ed Stanley
- 22 Sharon Brewer
- 22 Zelda Kipp
- 24 Tessa Hagood
- 28 Peter Sawyer
- 29 Emma Sawyer
- 30 Frank Del Prete



Flowers

Celebrate your anniversary or birthday with us. Announce the birth of a baby or a grandchild. Honor a loved one who has gone to their eternal reward. Share your flowers for the occasion with your church family before you take them home to enjoy. We would love to have your name on our flower calendar. **Please call the church office at 261.9527 so that we can write your name on the day you wish to provide flowers and explain the procedure.**

Our August Schedule is:

Sunday

- 9:00 am Sunday School Life Groups
- 10:30 am Worship
- 4:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 pm Radical (Bible Study)

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Prayer Service

Child care is available for all services.



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Check out our website. You are now able to listen to Sunday's sermons. The website will be updated regularly with the latest ministry news.

Prayer List

Updated Prayer lists are available in the main building at all times.

Prayer Needs

As urgent prayer needs arise, we have an active Prayer Chain who can be contacted by calling Pam Helton (556-6680) or Jann Miller (753-0005). If you would like to be a prayer partner, call Pam or Kris Allen (261-6374).

Future Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 5 Labor Day (Office is Closed)
- Sept. 7 S.A.L.T.
- Sept. 13 Church Council Meeting
- Sept. 15 Kipp/Huffman Backyard Bible Club

New Members' Class

New members' inquiry class 101 will be held on **Sunday, August 7**, from 4-6 pm. The date for new members' class 102 will be announced. Pastor Helton warmly welcomes you.