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The Banner

March 24, 2020



Catch our live stream

We are now live streaming our 11:00 am Worship Service each Sunday on **Facebook**.

On Facebook go to the Abingdon Baptist Church Group page, like us and follow us; then click on the video menu on the left side. At 11:00am on Sunday you should see the red live button to click to view the live stream. You may click the button/link below to go to our church Facebook page.

If you missed the live stream you may view the recorded video available a short time after the service ends.



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MARCH 29

11:00am Worship

A Glimpse of God's Presence

Joshua 1:7-9; John 1:14, 14:15-21

**No Evening Service
or
Activities**

Listen to [sermon recordings](http://www.abingdonbaptist.org/sermon-recordings) at
www.abingdonbaptist.org

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From Our Pastor. . .



Bill Bryan
23 hrs

Thanks to Parke, the ABC music ministry team, the ABC media team, and others who worked behind the scenes to bring our live-streaming worship to life this morning. We were blessed to worship together from all around Abingdon, up to PA, and out to TX. Blessings and thanks to all who helped and who worshipped.



859 Views

Abingdon Baptist Church was live.
Yesterday at 9:44 AM

... **Welcome to the New "Normal"** – It was great to have the virtual choir backing me up as I preached during our live-streaming worship service this past Sunday, March 22. Tireless efforts by Parke, our media team, and the expert assistance of Zach Harless enabled us to provide an excellent live-streaming service on Sunday. Thank you to all those who were involved in preparing for and conducting this service. Also, I am excited to report that we have a new multimedia camera system on the way to us. This new system will further enhance our live-streaming worship and other experiences. This system has been completely paid for by an anonymous and generous donation. Glory to God!

We are continuing to review and refine our new mode of live-streaming worship. I hope that you will tune-in either from our church website

(www.abingdonbaptist.org) or from our Facebook page (@[abingdonbaptistchurch](https://www.facebook.com/abingdonbaptistchurch)) next Sunday as we "gather" for worship from around our region and across the country. We had participants this past Sunday from North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and even out in Texas. If you miss the live-streaming broadcast on Sunday morning, the service video will be available for playback at your convenience either on our website or Facebook page. We will also continue to post audio-only recordings of just the sermon on the church website.

Please let us know that you are watching by commenting or pressing the Facebook "like" or "love" buttons, by sending us an e-mail, or by giving us a call. We want to make the live-streaming service as much like our "normal" worship service as we can. However, some elements must be revised, streamlined, or left out as appropriate. We want you to experience true worship even as we gather in this new electronic environment.

Sunday School – This past Sunday the "Odds and Ends" class, at the initiative of Steve Lowe, conducted an on-line class using ZOOM. I understand that they had an excellent experience of both being "together" and learning. If you would like to tune in to their class next Sunday, please get in touch with Steve or call the church office and let Trina know. We hope to develop other online Sunday school experiences for other groups in the near future.

Wednesday Night Bible Study – This Wednesday, March 25, I will post a video of our weekly Bible study on our website and Facebook page. You may view the teaching video at 6:00pm on Wednesday, our normal study time, or you may view it at a time convenient to you. It will be available to you beginning on Wednesday afternoon. This week we will consider, "A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight" from Luke 18:35-43.

Contacts – Your church staff and leadership are in the process of making phone contacts with our church family. We want to hear from you, know how you are doing, and find ways that we can best minister to you in this time. If you have not already done so, please give the caller your e-mail address, if you have one, so that we can be in touch with you through this mode of communication as well. If you don't get a call as quickly as you would like, please feel free to call me at the church office or on my cell phone at (276) 739-8571. We are all in this together, and we will make it through with one another as God opens the way for us.

Continued...

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - March

Jonathan Berry 662-260-8407

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, March 22: N/A

Greeters

Upstairs entrance

Charles Grogan Jim Hughes

Downstairs entrance

Peggy Hughes

Extended Session Workers

March 29, 2020

No meeting

Ushers & Greeters

11:00am

Co Chairs:

Kevin Abel, Larry Payne, Mike Overstreet

March

Greeters

Upstairs

Mary Fraysier Nan Jones

Downstairs

Judy Daniels Johnny Crigger

Ushers:

Jim McCall Jim Phillips
Daniel Schull Carl Willis
Gabe Hoyle

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Worship Technicians:

Bill Klose
Tony Roberts
Ray Minor

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Financial Update

March 22, 2020

Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,615.00
Received 3/23/2020	\$5,394.64
YTD Receipts	\$91,869.67
YTD Budget Needs	\$103,380.00
YTD CMA Challenge	(\$-11,510.33)
<i>(Goal by July 1: \$12,000.00)</i>	

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Annie Armstrong/Spring Missions

Goal	\$8,000.00
To-Date	\$4,295.00

Gifts...

The following people have given in memory of Charles Meade to

Renovation Fund...

...Charlene Phelps

Shoebox Ministry...

...Charlene Phelps



[CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

Click to view monthly calendar

SUNDAY

10:00am

Odds & Ends Virtual Class

Call Steve Lowe

11:00am

Worship

Facebook Livestream

March 29

All scheduled services and activities at the church are cancelled until further notice due to required Coronavirus precautions.

The church office will be open Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00 pm and Friday 9:00-12:00

Our staff is also telecommuting.

Voicemail messages for our pastors will be immediately forwarded to their cell phones.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Johnston Memorial
Buddy Carrier

Recuperating:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Judy Ferrell, Carol Fuller, Denise Gobble, Charles Grogan, Bill Heddrick, Rose Ann Jenny, Deborah McKemey, Glenda Pollard, Rebecca Price.

Long Term:

Curtis Burkett, Gene Compton, Jason Corvin, Wayne McCall.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Nell Clevenger, Sue Goodman, Lucille Heath, Marie James, Christine Kohr, Janet Lambert, Luke Martin, Genevive McCall, Bonnie McCracken, Jean Moore, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Mary Pace, Martha Patton, Howard Smith, Sally Stevens, Betty Webster.

Homebound:

Eva Cunningham, Eddie Dunn, Bea Jones, Jim Jones, B.R. Munsey, Sue Munsey, Dale Orfield, Jake Turner, Shirley Turner, Jimmy Repass, Anne Smith, Doris Southerlin.


Sympathy:

Expressions of Love & Christian Sympathy go out to John & Louise Crigger in the passing of their nephew, John Preston Seymore. (3/23)

Homebound of the Week

Dale Orfield

231 Fairway Drive
Abingdon, VA 24211-3617

	This week we want to lift up Jon Holbrook Lieutenant Abingdon Police Department Robert Booth Ted Bowman III Washington County Sherriff's Dept.
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Monday, March 30

- Mark Goodpasture

Thursday, April 2

- Wesley Berry

Saturday, April 4

- Diane Roark

Sunday, April 5

- Ken Farmer

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IN PERSON	ONLINE	AND TEXT
Through offering envelopes you have at home or from the pew rack	Browse to our website abingdonbaptist.org or our app	Text GIVETOABC to 73256

Continued from Pastor Bill...

Technical Help – If you are having trouble accessing Realm, our church website, or viewing our live-streaming service on Facebook, please contact Trina in the church office. We want to provide you with technical support so that you can get the latest information as well as worship and study with us electronically. Trina will take your information and be in touch with our technical team. One of them will give you a call to help.

Giving – Of course, our bills continue to come in even though we are not all present to collect our tithes and offerings as usual. Also, we are still collecting our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering through the end of April. You have several options to continue to give through the Realm App, through our website, by U.S. mail, or by dropping off your offering in person at the church Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm or Friday 9am-noon. If you would like for us to pick up your offering, please call the church office and let Trina know. She will have me, Parke, or one of our financial team members contact you about picking it up. We need and appreciate your continued financial support as we minister in new and significant ways during this unusual time.

Bill

In the REALM...

I'm launching a new column for the next several weeks. The purpose is to introduce our congregation to REALM. Our mission is to help each of us CONNECT and build COMMUNITY using our new digital COMMUNICATION tool – REALM. What a timely tool we have at our disposal in these days of social distancing. The realm we all are familiar with is the Kingdom of God. Jesus began his ministry by proclaiming the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Israelites, through the plagues in Exodus, learned that the Kingdom of God was moving on, into the wilderness. We in our community of faith are being called to move forward in new ways to keep our faith growing and maintain our connections with each other. Facebook Live, Zoom, hangouts, WhatsApp, texting, online giving, telecommuting, shelter down...; are terms exploding in usage each day. What are we going to do to keep ABC a vibrant dynamic community of faith, able to respond to the many and growing needs of our neighbors?

To access REALM you must have an individual email address. Each person will use that as their ID to securely login to REALM with a password you create. Everyone in our congregation with an individual email has been invited to join REALM. Check your junk mail folder if you can't find the email. Or call the office – we will send you another invitation. Can't find the invite – call us. Follow the instructions in the email to set your password. You now have the ability to log into REALM.

There are two ways to do REALM. 1) At your computer you will go to www.onrealm.org, login with your email and password. Check out your profile. Update information as needed. Explore the groups you already belong to. 2) On your smartphone or tablet, Download the "Connect – Our Church Community" app and install it. When you open the app you will be prompted for your email and password. Find members of our church or the groups you are a part of. I am more than happy to assist you in getting connected to REALM. Call me and we can arrange a time convenient to us both. Even if we can't touch – that does not mean we can't be in touch and be connected. "...All in this together."

Blessings,

Parke



The High School Senior Banquet for April 20th has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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Pastor	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 32	Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan
Minister of Music and Worship	pdeans@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 24	Rev. Parke Deans
Church Organist			Mrs. Carol Clifton
Church Pianist			Mrs. Rose Payne
Secretary	tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 21	Mrs. Trina Vickers
Children's Ministry Assistant			Miss Carrie Trivett
Youth Ministry Assistant			Mr. Jimmy McKemy

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