



ABINGDON

Baptist Church

... Where a warm welcome is just the Beginning...

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The Banner

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**LET US KNOW YOUR
THOUGHTS ON OUR
CHURCH RE-GATHERING**

Submit your survey
by June 9
(one per person)

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MAY 31

11:00am Facebook Live

Sharing Boldly

Act 5:17-41; focal vv.22-28

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

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From Our Pastor . . .

We Are Open – Our church building may be closed for in-person attendance of worship services and other activities, but our church has been and remains open, alive, and well. From the outset of the current crisis on March 15, we have found new ways for the church, the people of God, to gather via live-streaming worship, ZOOM Bible study classes, and other events.

**The Church is not a building.
It's the people.**

- Acts 8:3
- Acts 12:5
- 1 Cor. 3:9
- 1 Peter 2:5



Friends, the church is not a place but a people. In this time, we have been called to gather as the people of God in new ways. For many of us these new ways of gathering have required difficult adjustments, but they have also opened new avenues of ministry and reaching out beyond the boundaries of our building. We are reaching more people with the gospel and Spirit-led worship each week in these new ways than we did in the past. This is to the glory of God as He helps us make lemonade with the lemons of life. However, it is still important to most of us to gather in-person for worship and other activities.

Our Deacon Board has wisely appointed a team to study the timing and means of our re-entry into our church building for in-person gatherings of the church. This Re-Entry Team is comprised of myself, Parke, Tony Roberts, Mike Overstreet, John Berry, and Steve Lowe. We have been meeting to review our options and to formulate recommendations for the Deacon Board to consider. We will make our first report at the next Deacon Board meeting on June 11. Understand that your staff and leadership look forward to the regathering of the church in our building once again in the near future. However, please also understand that we will move forward with our re-entry plans with prudence, patience, and great care and concern for the health and safety of all of our members and our community.

Until we are able to gather again in-person, thank you for your continued support as you participate in live-streaming worship on Sunday and other ZOOM and FaceBook activities throughout the week. The church office continues to be open Monday through Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm and Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm. Trina will be in the office if you need to drop something off. Please call before stopping by. Our pastors will be in and out of the office. Voicemail messages left on the church office phone (276-628-8126) for me (ext. 32) or Parke (ext. 24) will be immediately forwarded to our cell phones. We appreciate your continued financial support as you give your tithes and offerings to enable our shared kingdom work. Check out our online giving options on our church website.

Be safe and healthy, and let us know how we can better serve you. We have a sure and present hope in the resurrected Christ who lives in us, His church, and works through us to the glory of God.



Make A Difference Training with Don Sunshine – As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to be His full time Ambassadors representing Him to the lost people in our lives. Yet for some reason we almost never share our faith in Christ with anyone! How would your life change if every day you could naturally and easily share your faith in Christ with one person? On **Sunday, June 7**, Sunshine will lead us in Make A Difference training during a three-part live-streaming event during **Sunday school (9:45am), worship (11:00am),** and a

bonus afternoon event (1:00pm). Mark your calendar now to tune in to these three events via our church website or FaceBook. Even in this time of social distancing, you need to be alert and ready to share your faith naturally through relationships with those God sends your way either in person or virtually.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - June

Roy Morelock 276-356-5129

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, May 24:
Zoom Study Groups - 65

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Worship Technicians:

Bill Klose
Tony Roberts
Ray Minor
Angella Skeens

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Financial Update

May 24, 2020

Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,615.00
Received 5/24/2020	\$3,370.00
YTD Receipts	\$158,205.11
YTD Budget Needs	\$180,915.00
YTD CMA Challenge	(\$-14,369.89)
(Goal by July 1: \$12,000.00)	

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Ray & Dana Duncan LBA Offering

Goal	\$2,000.00
To-Date	\$1,202.50

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Building Fund

To-date	\$100,860.99
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Click to view monthly calendar

SUNDAY

May 31

ZOOM Bible Study

Want to join a ZOOM class?

Check out the [website](#)
or find a group in REALM
or call the church office

10:45am

Worship
Facebook LIVE

TUESDAY

June 2

9:00am

Coffee with Pastor Bill
via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY

June 3

6:00pm

Online Bible Study
Facebook

"Love Does Not Get Even"

Matthew 5:38-42

6:30pm

W E S T Zoom

7:00pm

ZOOM Sanctuary Choir

Rescheduled: Bridal shower
Katie Salyer & Heath Shelton
Sunday June, 21, 2:00-4:00pm
Home of Cathy & Mel Shelton
23515 Watauga Rd.

The bride & groom-to-be will be in front of Cathy & Mel's house at 2pm if anyone just wants to drive by and wish them well.

RSVP to Donna Abel at 276-492-9242

Reminder: Monday is the David L. Miller & Deacon Scholarship submission deadline

Congregational Re-Entry Survey

The Pastor's article this week includes information related to the formation of a Re-Entry Team. This team has been asked by the Deacon Board to formulate recommendations for our return to in-person participation in worship services and other activities. The Re-Entry Team has prepared a brief congregational survey to gather anonymous input and ideas related to this important topic. Most of you have received electronic notifications of this survey with a link to complete it online. Please follow the link and complete the survey at your earliest convenience. For those persons living in the Abingdon area who still receive *The Banner* by mail, a printed copy of the survey is in the mail to you. If you would like a printed copy of the survey and do not receive one this week, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you. Once you receive your printed copy, please complete it and return it by mail or in-person to Trina in the church office. The deadline for return of all surveys is Tuesday, June 9 at 5pm. We look forward to hearing from you.

We start streaming at 10:45am

Tune in to check your connection and to prepare for Worship.

Service will begin at 11:00am



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

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

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Martha Patton (North Fulton Hospital, Roswell, Georgia)

Recuperating:

John Berry

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

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

Long Term:

Curtis Burkett, Gene Compton, Jason Corvin, Wayne McCall, George Owens, Will Roberts.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

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, Anne Smith, 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, Doris Southerlin.

Homebound of the Week

Christine Kohr

5635 Bsg Dr # 307

The Laurels, Norton, VA 24273-4055



This week we want to lift up
Angela Sullins
Evidence Custodian
Abingdon Police Department
Harry Foster
James Freeman
Washington County Sherriff's Dept.



Saturday, May 31

- Allen Cook
- Linda Belisle
- Jane Hilt
- Mary Lynn Lowe
- Martha Cregger
- Frankie Minton

Monday, June 1

- Annette Price

Tuesday, June 2

- Micah Harris

Wednesday, June 3

- Adam Lowe

Thursday, June 4

- Robert Robinette
- Amanda Sills
- Willie Morris

Saturday, June 6

- Norman Klose

Sunday, June 7

- Laramie Triplett
- Melvin Shelton

WAYS TO GIVE

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...

Honoring Our High School Graduates – This past Sunday during our live-streaming worship service, we honored our three high school seniors: Jonathan Hagy, Maggie Roberts, and Lydia Sluss. Please join me in congratulating them on the completion of a significant life milestone. Lydia and Maggie have shared their stories in this column in past weeks. This week Jonathan shares his story. Congratulations to each of them on a job well done, and blessing as they go up, up, but not away!

Jonathan Hagy – Jonathan, who was baptized at Abingdon Baptist Church on November 22, 2009, participated in baseball and golf throughout his high school career. He is in the National Honor Society and Valedictorian of his graduating class; a member of the Future Business Leaders of America; a member of the Volunteer Leadership of Washington County through the Chamber of Commerce; and a volunteer of Mountain Movers of Damascus, Virginia. He was also Valedictorian of his class at Abingdon High. Jonathan will begin his college career at the University of Virginia at Wise majoring in Political Science, with the view of becoming an attorney. He will be transferring to the University of Virginia- Charlottesville in 2021.



Thanks Giving Project – Last week we delivered two Thanks Giving baskets. One went to our **Washington County Life Saving Crew** and the other to our **Abingdon Ambulance Service**. It was national EMT Appreciation Week. We are thankful for our EMTs and other crew members who are there with emergency aid and transport when



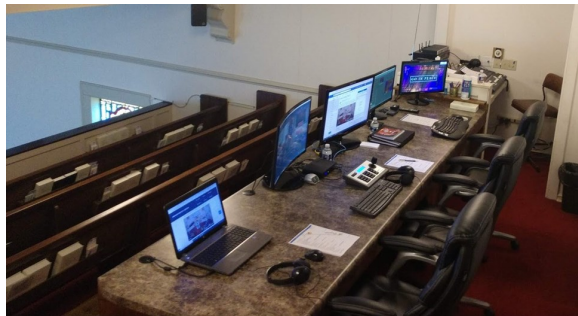
needed. We hope we will not have to call on them, but we are glad they are there when we do. This week on Wednesday at 10am, we will meet at the church to deliver baskets our Post Office workers and the staff and volunteers at Ecumenical Faith in Action (EFIA).

Ray and Dana Duncan LBA Offering – This is the last week for our focus on this annual offering that goes to support our Lebanon Baptist Association. Thus far we have contributed \$1,202.50 toward our goal of \$2,000. Please mark your check or online offering for "Ray & Dana Duncan Offering." To God be the glory!

Bill

Phrases from Parke . . .

Thank you for the several donors who contributed to our installation of video cameras and equipment. Many of you may not make it up to the balcony so I wanted to share a photo of our new Tech Desk.



As you have opportunity, please express your appreciation to our Tech Team. Drop them an email, text or a card. When they do their job well – they are invisible. Let's never forget them. We could not do our live stream without them.

We NEED more help! If you have an interest in joining our Tech Team we would love to hear from you. We are at the phase where we must develop some depth to our bench: Audio, Presentation Slides, Camera & Live Streaming. Training is available. Perhaps God is calling you to help serve on our Tech Team as we continue to improve our worship broadcast each week. I would welcome the chance to talk with you.

Join us Sunday, Live Streaming!

Parke

Ministers			Entire Congregation
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

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

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