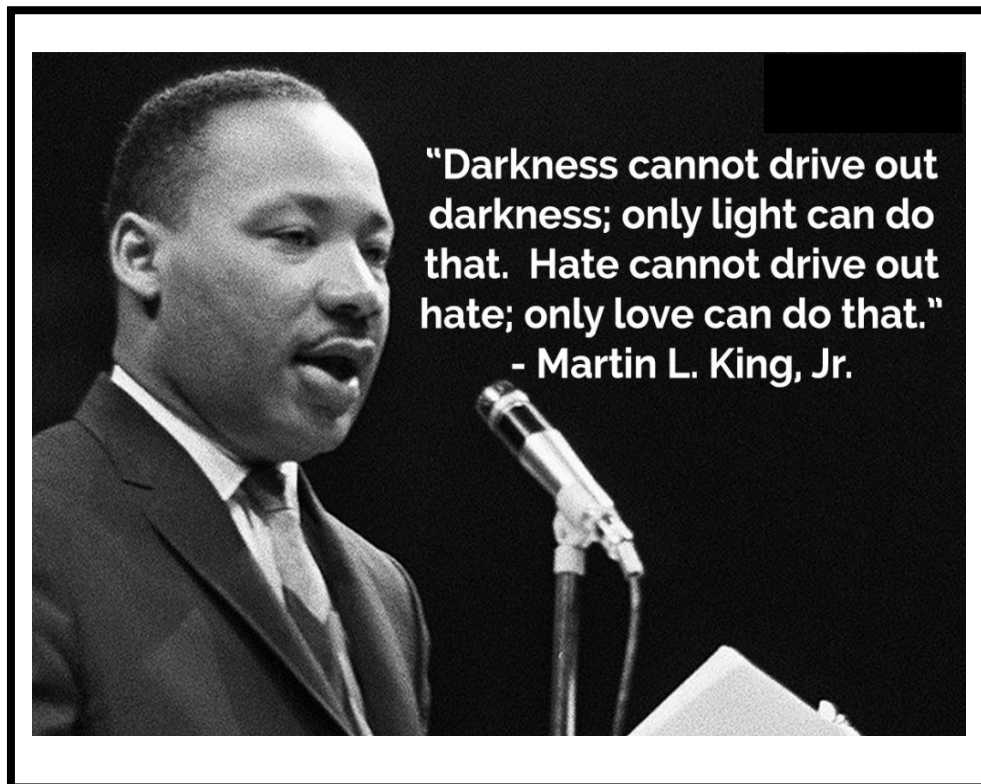


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JANUARY 24
11:00am Limited In Person
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I've Got Your Back

Exodus 14:19-31

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From Our Pastor...



Rev. Parke L. Deans Announces Retirement – As you most likely have heard by now, Parke has officially announced his plans to retire as our Minister of Music & Worship effective Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. We have been blessed by his kingdom service with us over the past fifteen years and his willingness to continue that work with us over the next two months as he transitions to retirement. We wish Parke and Margaret all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

Of course, Parke's retirement will leave many ministry activities in need of care as we search for another minister(s). Your Council of Deacons has reviewed and approved a plan that will allow for both the continuation of Parke's ministry activities after his

departure and the search for the minister(s) who will serve with us into the future. A summary of this two-pronged transition plan is summarized below. More details will be provided to you as we proceed with this plan over the months ahead. If you have any questions about this plan, please feel free to speak to Pastor Bill or one of our deacons.

Transition Advisory Group (TAG) – This group of staff and volunteers will provide continuity for Parke's current responsibilities; will provide training and advice for the new minister(s) who ultimately assumes his responsibilities; and will recommend, plan, and coordinate retirement celebration activities with review and approval by the Deacons Council. Members of this group have been selected based on their familiarity with and willingness to support our on-going ministry during the transition period. The TAG has been appointed by the deacons based on recommendations from the ministry team. The chairpersons for each area of responsibility identified below will comprise the TAG with support from other named individuals. Your TAG team is already at work.

REALM Database – Nadine Culberson (ch), Bill Bryan, Trina Vickers

Media Team – Jerry Culberson (ch), Tony Roberts, Ray Minor

Music/Worship Planning Team – Vicki Burkett (ch), Rose Payne, Carol Clifton

Worship Preparation – Bill Bryan (ch), Jerry Culberson, Carrie Trivett

Deacon Representative – Jimmy McKemy

Minister Search Committee (MSC) – This committee will help the church identify ministry support needs both now and for our future; will help the church identify ministry position(s) needed to best meet current and future needs; will identify and recommend an interim worship leader to the Deacon Council and the church; will collect names of candidates to fill needed ministry position(s); and will interview ministry candidates and make recommendation(s) to the church for action. Members of this committee will be selected in the following manner, which is in accord with our church constitution and by-laws and is modeled after the process used to form the last Pastor Search Committee.

- Each member of the current Deacon Council will provide ten (10) names of church members whom they nominate for membership on the MSC by Friday, January 29, 2021 at noon. Names will be given either to Pastor Bill or Mike Overstreet in a sealed envelope.
- The top five names based on Deacon Council nominations will be published in *The Banner* the week of February 1. Note that Pastor Bill will serve as an ex officio member of the MSC.
- The deacon recommended MSC will be brought before the church in a called church business meeting at noon on Sunday, February 7, 2021. The called business meeting will be live-streamed with text/phone-in comment capability for those viewing/listening to the meeting remotely. During the called business meeting the floor will be open for nominations from the church in addition to the names recommended by the Deacon Council. If there are no nominations from the floor, then the MSC as recommended by

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - January
Mike Overstreet 276-356-3129



CHURCH CALENDAR

Click to view monthly calendar

\$ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, January 17
Zoom Study Groups - 63

\$ Worship Technicians:

Bill Klose
Tony Roberts
Ray Minor
Angella Skeens

\$ Financial Update January 17, 2021 Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,053.00
Received 1/17/2020	\$5,591.50

YTD Budget Needs	\$24,159.00
YTD Receipts	\$19,841.49

	\$	Building Fund
To-date	\$100,860.99	

SUNDAY

January 24

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

Limited in-person or
Livestream Worship
Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

WEDNESDAY

January 27

6:00pm

Online Bible StudySanctuary
Baptism & Testing of Jesus
Mark 1:9-13
Facebook

7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir
Sanctuary

Gifts...

Have been given in memory of:

...Doris Southerlin

THURSDAY

January 28

6:00pm

KidZ Zoom
Overview of Music@Home
w/Vicki Burkett & Parke Deans
& KidZ time with Carrie Trivett
Via Zoom

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Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Recuperating:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Donna Abel, Nick Abel, Carol Clifton, Terry Christian, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Carol Fuller, Denise Gobble, Wayne Hayter, Bill Heddrick, Ron Hicks, Jane Hilt, Winona Hilt, Harold Jackson, Ken Johnson, Norman Klose, Deborah McKemey, Scyretia Mullins, Hannah Moore, Glenda Pollard, Rita Reynolds, Margaret Roe, Marsha Terry.

Long Term:

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

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Lucille Heath, Marie James, Christine Kohr, Janet Lambert, Genevive McCall, Bonnie McCracken, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Mary Pace, Anne Smith, Howard Smith, Sally Stevens.


Homebound:

Bea Jones, Jim Jones, B.R. Munsey, Sue Munsey, Dale Orfield, Jake Turner, Shirley Turner, Jimmy Repass.

Sympathy:

Expressions of Love & Christian Sympathy go out to the family of Eva Cunningham in her passing.

Homebound of the Week **Anne Smith**

	<p>This week we want to lift up Blake Eades Sergeant Abingdon Police Department Jason Shepherd William Smarr Washington County Sherriff's Dept.</p>
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Monday, January 25

- Rowe Berry

Tuesday, January 26

- Pam Ratliff

Wednesday, January 27

- Cheri Triplett

Thursday, January 28

- J.E. King

Friday, January 29

- Jeanie Holsclaw

Sunday, January 31

- Tony Roberts

Continued from Pastor Bill...

the deacons will be elected by consensus. If there are additional nominations from the floor, then a paper ballot will be mailed to every church member the week of February 8. Ballots must be marked and returned to the church office either by mail or in person no later than Thursday, February 25 at noon. The top five vote-getters will be elected as the MSC and will be announced during the worship service on Sunday, February 28.

- The MSC will develop a methodology to gather input from the church regarding ministry support needs and position(s) needed to meet those needs. They will prayerfully seek the candidate(s) needed to lead us in fulfilling our identified ministry needs and will present them to the church for a vote at a called church meeting per our constitution and by-laws. Note that if multiple ministry positions need to be filled, the MSC will continue to serve until all needed ministry positions are filled.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Even though we will not enjoy our Souper Chili Cookoff and Watch Party for this year's Super Bowl, we will continue to support EFIA's Stone Soup Food Pantry with donations and food collections. If you would like to donate, mark your envelope for "Stone Soup." If giving by check, please make it out to ABC and on the for line designate it to "Stone Soup." If giving online, please select the "Stone Soup Food Pantry" giving option in the drop-down menu on the Giving page. We will also receive donations of non-perishable food items at the church. There will be collection boxes in the sanctuary, upper foyer and outside the church office door. Donations will be received now through Sunday, February 7.



Jonathan Buckner & Chosen Road – On Saturday, March 6 at 6:00pm we will host country-gospel group Jonathan Buckner & Chosen Road (JBCR) in a live worship concert in our sanctuary. This event is limited to 50 persons in live attendance. However, it will also be live-streamed so that everyone can tune it at home via FB or the church website. If you would like to attend in person, you can reserve your free ticket on Realm under Events (Jonathan Buckner & Chosen Road) or by clicking on the registration button at the top of the church's homepage (www.abingdonbaptist.org). You may also call Trina in the church office to reserve your ticket.

JBCR has a large following in this region, and we will open concert ticketing to their fans next week. So, don't delay, reserve your ticket today. We will receive a love offering for JBCR during the concert and an online giving option will also be available for those watching by live-stream. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Bill

We start streaming at 10:45am

Tune in to check your connection
and to prepare for Worship
Service will begin at 11:00am



Limited in-person Worship. Doors open at 10:45am

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

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