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The Banner

February 06, 2024



**Wednesday February 14
5:00pm - Fellowship Hall**

**Standard Wednesday night meal rate
\$5 per adult
\$3 per child
\$15 maximum per family**

**Make your reservation *no later than*
Sunday, February 11
*by calling the church office***

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FEBRUARY 11
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

“Who Do I Fit: Sharing Life”
Acts 2:42-47

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

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Growing Together – This past Sunday, we began to consider the second question on our journey of growing together: “Where do I fit?” Fitting in and being accepted are things we all desire. We can deny it, but we all want and need to fit in. Finding a place to fit in is one of the great struggles in all stages of life from childhood to senior adulthood. Sometimes our identity, tarnished by sin, makes us think that we don’t fit in

and that no one wants us. Feeling that you don’t fit in and aren’t accepted, leads to despair, depression, and desperate attempts to fit in. In John 4, Jesus talked to a woman who had a hard time fitting in and offered her a place in His kingdom.

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well who didn’t fit in, but He offered her “living water” and a fit in God’s kingdom (cf., Jn 4:4-42). Jesus was on His way from the area of Jerusalem back north to Galilee. Normally, a Jew would not travel through Samaria even though it was the most direct route. Samaritans, who were only partly Jewish, were considered outcasts. They didn’t fit in with Jews, but Jesus, who came for everyone, took the road less traveled and offered this woman a fit in God’s kingdom.

She had four reasons not to fit in with Jesus. First, she was a Samaritan, and Jesus was a Jew. Even though they came from different backgrounds, Jesus offered her “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” Second, she didn’t fit in because she was imperfect with many past failures. She had had five husbands and lived with a sixth man who was not her husband. Still, Jesus offered her forgiveness and “living water.” Third, she and Jesus worshiped in different places—she on Mt Gerizim and Jesus in Jerusalem. However, Jesus told her that they must worship the same God together in “spirit and truth.” Fourth, the disciples were shocked to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman. Their shock and looks of contempt were certainly evident. However, the Samaritan woman didn’t take their looks to heart. She listened to Jesus and went to find her friends in the town. Soon, not only did she find her fit in God’s kingdom, but many others did also. They found their fit by receiving the invitation of Messiah Jesus to drink His living water of eternal life.

How about you? Have you found your fit with Jesus? Maybe you say, “I’m not like you,” but you are. We have all been made in God’s image and likeness. Maybe you say, “I’m not perfect enough for God.” Jesus will forgive and accept you. Maybe you say, “I’ve never been a part of a church before,” but you can be a member of the kingdom of God of which Abingdon Baptist is a part. Maybe others have told you that you don’t fit or have made you feel that way. Jesus says, “You fit.” We can find reasons not to fit, but Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28) Whoever you are; wherever you’re from; whatever you’ve done; No matter what others say; Jesus says, “Come drink from this spring of living water that wells up in you to eternal life.” Finding your real fit in life begins by fitting in with Jesus. He will help you find your fit. He accepts you.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - February
Saundra Farmer 276-623-7300

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Attendance for Sunday, February 4
Sunday School & Bible Study - 84
Worship Service - 132
Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 42

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Extended Session Workers

February 11, 2024

Carrie Trivett & Mary Lynne Lowe

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Worship Technicians:

Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Sid Lanier
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Car Ministry

February 11

Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update

February 4, 2023

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,306.00
Received 02/04/24	\$21,234.06
YTD Total Expenses	\$55,571.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$61,842.06



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

9:45am

11:00am Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

6:00pm Common Ground Super Bowl Party
Common Ground Classroom

February 11

Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

TUESDAY

10:00pm

5:00pm DDM Home/Youth Mardi Gras Party
Fellowship Hall

February 13

S.I.S Circle
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

12:05pm

5:00pm

6:15pm

Lenten Noontime Service
St. Thomas Episcopal

Fellowship Meal

"Hollywood Memories"

Valentines Day Show

Fellowship Hall

Spaghetti, Salad, Assorted Desserts

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Choir Room*

FRIDAY

10:00am

February 16

Widows Support Group
Home of Dana Duncan

Gifts...

Have been given in memory of:
...Buddy & Betty Jo Carrier

Donations Needed



If you have any 2 liter
soda bottles, please drop
off in the Youth Sunday
School Room
by February 11th.

*Must be empty and washed
Twenty bottles needed*

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Recuperating:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Terry Christian, Nadine Culberson, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Denise Gobble, Wayne Hayter, Bill Hedrick, Harold Jackson, Hunter Land, Karen Lane, Scyretia Mullins, Joel Piazza, Rita Reynolds, Bill Roark, Press Stanley, Joyce Vanover.

Long Term:

Barbara Back, Easton Ball, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Barbara Compton, Barbara Dunn, Chris Dye, Richard and Sue Foil, Lee Garrett, Bruce Hicks, Bob Jerrell, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, Kevin Mullins, George Owens, Linda Pugh, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout, Shirley Turner, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Joe Campbell, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Harold Dunaway, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Trula Harris, Christine Kohr, Virginia Moore, Sue Munsey, Joanna Owens, Margaret Roe, Bill Roark, Howard Smith, Gladys Snead, Collette Taylor.

Homebound:

Jim Jones, Grace Kiser, Dale Orfield, Shirley Turner.

Homebound of the Week **Howard Smith**

	<p>This week we want to lift up Investigator Y. Wilmoth Abingdon Police Department Brandon Widener Dillon Wilburn Washington County Sherriff's Dept</p>
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Thursday, February 15

- Parke Deans

Sunday, February 18

- Janet Berry
- Millie Willis

Friday, February 16

- Cathy Shelton



Cub Scout Pack 20 represented by a great group of scouts, leaders, and parents joined with us for Boy Scout Sunday this past Sunday. We host Cub Scout Pack 20 meetings in our Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings. We are thankful to have them fit in with us.

Cub Scout Pack 20 will be on our church's northeast parking lot again this **Saturday,**

February 10 from **noon to 3pm** for their **annual Scout Food Collection** of non-perishable food items. We also have collection boxes at the main ground floor sanctuary entrance and near the door to the church office, if you prefer to bring your donations by this Sunday 2/11.

If you would like to donate money instead of non-perishable items, please mark your envelope for "Stone Soup." If giving by check, please make your check 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 ensure that both your food items and monetary contributions are passed on to Ecumenical Faith in Action (EFIA) so that together we can help those in need in our community.

Continued from Pastor Bill...

In the Footsteps of Paul – Due to the current high level of conflict in Israel, we have postponed our planned trip in June to the Holy Land. However, we will offer an alternative trip to Greece to walk in the footsteps of Paul. If you are interested in joining us June 3-12 for this adventure, please let me know. Details are available now by following this [Footsteps of Paul link](#) on our church website. Printed brochures will be coming soon.



Highlights of the trip include exploration of significant ministry sites of Paul on the mainland of Greece including Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth. We will also enjoy a four-day Aegean cruise with stops at Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, and Santorini. Please consider joining us for a walk in the footsteps of Paul.

Lenten Ecumenical Service Plans – The Abingdon Main Street Churches have completed planning of our annual ecumenical services/luncheons for each Wednesday at noon throughout the Lenten season. Here is the 2024 schedule.

Date	Location	Worship Leader
14 Feb	St. Thomas Episcopal	Rev. Kevin Campbell
21 Feb	Christ the King Catholic	Rev. Boyd Evans
28 Feb	Abingdon Baptist	Rev. Paul Seay
6 Mar	Sinking Spring Presbyterian	Fr. Chris Masla
13 Mar	St. John Lutheran	Rev. Bill Bryan
20 Mar	Abingdon United Methodist	Rev. Glenn Patterson

Bill

ABINGDON BAPTIST CHURCH
SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

February 8	VALENTINE/BINGO ICE CREAM SOCIAL Ice Cream Stop 660 W Main St.	\$15 Ice Cream, Bingo, Prizes
March 21	OLD MILL RESTAURANT & COMEDY BARN Pigeon Forge, TN	\$42 Comedy Barn Show & Transportation
April 29-May 3	SPRINGFEST BEACH TRIP Ocean City Maryland	Single \$959 Double \$659 Triple \$559 Quad \$499 Includes 4 nights at the Holiday Inn & Suites 1 Continental Breakfast on buss 1 Boat Cruise Transportation, snacks, drinks, games, prizes & movies on the bus
June 17-18	WOMEN'S RETREAT Billy Graham Training Center At The Cove	Single \$372 Double \$278

Flyers with more information are available at the church office.

Ministers			Entire Congregation
Pastor	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 32	Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan
Minister of Music/Worship & Young/Median Adults	showell@abingdonbaptist.org		Mr. Shawn Howell
Minister To Students	lwolfe@abingdonbaptist.org		Rev. Lisa Wolfe
Administrative Assistant	tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 21	Mrs. Trina Vickers
Children's Ministry Assistant	ctrivett@abingdonbaptist.org		Miss Carrie Trivett
Church Organist			Mrs. Carol Clifton
Church Pianist			Mrs. Rose Payne

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.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 9:00-12:00pm

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Website: **www.abingonbaptist.org**