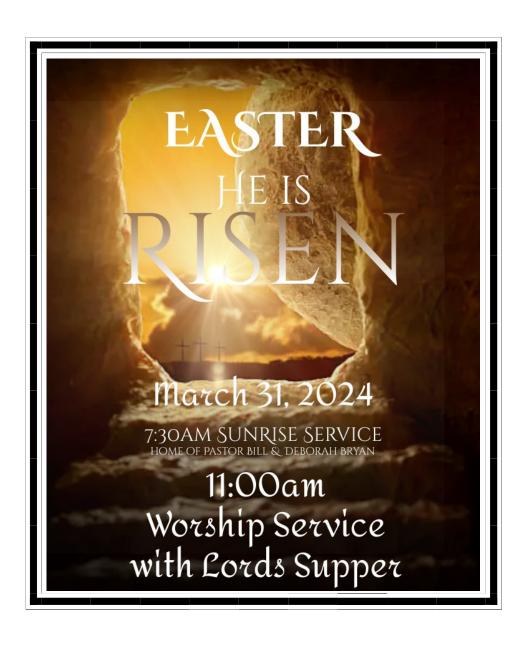


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The Banner

March 26, 2024





MARCH 31 11:00am In Person & Live Stream

"Jesus on Who am I?"

"John 14:1-14

Listen to <u>sermon recordings</u> at www.abingdonbaptist.org





Flowering of the Cross – This Saturday, March 30 beginning at 3pm, we will again observe this meaningful Abingdon Baptist Easter tradition. The cross will be available in front of the sanctuary exterior entrance for you to begin decorating at 3pm on March 30. You may stop by the church anytime Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning to add your flowers to the cross. The flowering of the cross visually demonstrates the power of God to transform an instrument of suffering and death into a source of beauty and life. Thanks be to God for Jesus, the Son, who decorated the cross with his blood that eternal life might bloom in our lives by our faith in Him.

Easter Sunrise Service – We will gather at the home of Pastor Bill & Deborah (22468 Azure Lane, Abingdon 24211) for a sunrise service on Easter morning, March 31, at 7:30am. Look for the balloon on their mailbox. We will have a brief service of singing and devotion followed by a time of fellowship. Bring a lawn chair. We will have the service rain or shine. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful sunrise, but, if not, we will gather on a covered porch or indoors.



Also, we will conclude our Easter Sunday morning 11am worship service with an observance of the **Lord's Supper**. Make plans now to be in both of these Easter Sunday worship services. Hope to see you there. He is risen!



Hands & Feet Ministry Fundraiser for The Sanctuary – Sunday, April 7 – The Sanctuary, a program of Hands & Feet Ministry, is a refuge for women pursuing recovery while their children are likewise sheltered and nurtured. Located in Damascus, this residential, safe-haven will be a resting place for mothering adults to pause and focus on healing after they complete the treatment program through Mended Women in Abingdon, giving them six full months in safe and supportive housing which will exponentially increase the likelihood of their success in recovery and providing a stable home for their children once they

leave the program. The residents will be assisted by our Navigator to build social capital through connections and relationships in the community, clear the barriers and regain their valid driver's license and reliable transportation through our "Safe Travels" program, and to find permanent housing.

Dove & Grammy Award-Winning Artist Mike Farris will perform this benefit concert in the **Kennedy-Reedy Theatre of McGlothlin Center for the Arts on the Emory & Henry campus at 2pm on April 7**, which will be Mike's 13th sobriety anniversary. Local artist Daniel Davis will be the opening act. This event is family-friendly and will be an alcohol-free afternoon of good music and celebration! Tickets for the general public are \$25; children under 12 are free; students, 12 and older, no matter the age, pay \$10, and folks in recovery pay only \$10. Anyone who wants to come but can't afford to purchase a ticket will be provided a free "will call" ticket that can be picked up the day of the event. Contact Pastor Bill if you need a free "will call" ticket.



Deacon of the Month - March

John Looney

423-742-0708

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP Attendance for Sunday, March 24

Sunday School & Bible Study - 78 Worship Service - 153

Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 38

Worship Technicians:

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

Car Ministry March 31

Tony Roberts 276-698-6319

§ Financial Update March 24, 2023

Budget Funds

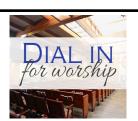
Weekly Budget Needs \$9,306.00 \$4,796.00 Received 03/24/24 YTD Total Expenses \$131,212.00 YTD Total Receipts \$119,076.06

Building Fund

\$100,860.99 To-date

Annie Armstrong Offering

\$4.120.00 To-date Goal \$7,000.00



To call in by telephone to listen to our Sunday morning Worship each week:

Call: (929) 205 6099# ID: 884 1759 5846# Participate ID # Passcode: 504940#

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 31

Sunrise Service 7:30am 22468 Azure Lane

Abingdon, VA 24211

9:45am Sunday School In-Person/Zoom

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

MONDAY April 1

9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry Team 1

10:00am Ladies Canasta & Fellowship Fellowship Hall

> ~OFFICE CLOSED~ **EASTER HOLIDAY**



TUESDAY April 2

2:00pm Friends of Audrey & Jill Circle

Home of Lois Lavery

4:00pm Administrative Team Meeting

Conference Room

WEDNESDAY April 3

4:30pm Ladies Bible Study Conference Rm 5:00pm Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall

Pizza, Salad, Chips, Assorted Desserts

5:30pm New Horizons Class Eagle Wings Childrens Missions 1-3rd Classroom Youth Missions Youth Room

6:00pm Adult Bible Study Chapel Young Adult Circle Common Ground

Youth Group Youth Room Childrens Music 1-3rd Classroom

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir

Room

FRIDAY April 5

9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry Team 2

We start streaming at 10:45am

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





Full in-person or Livestream Worship. Doors open at 10:45am



Hospital:

Bristol Regional Masel Dunaway

<u>Treatments Continuing/Pending:</u>

Terry Christian, Nadine Culberson, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Denise Gobble, Wayne Hayter, Bill Hedrick, Harold Jackson, Hunter Land, Karen Lane, Scyrethia 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, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Linda Belise, 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,

Homebound:

Jim Jones, Grace Kiser, Dale Orfield, Collette Taylor.

Sympathy:

Expressions of Love & Christian Sympathy go out to the family of Vicki Burkett & Family in the passing of her mother, Rheba Starnes.

Homebound of the Week Christine Kohr



This week we want to lift up
Patrol Officer J. Austin
Abingdon Police Department
Ethan Barlow
Emalee Belcher
Washington County Sherriff's Dept



Wednesday, April 13

- Jerry Davis
- Sue Munsey

Thursday, April 14

Finleigh Berry

Continued from Pastor Bill...

Pastor's Tuesday Study Group — On Tuesday, April 9 at noon in Fellowship Hall, we will begin a new weekly study, Overview of Church History with emphasis on Baptist History. We will explore the history of Christianity from the first century until now with special focus on the history of Baptists from the time of their earliest formation to the present. The goal of this study is to enable us to better understand both the basic stages and events in the development of Christianity over the past twenty centuries and the development of Baptists as a major denomination within Christianity over the past four centuries.

Bill

PENCIL PROJECT



Don't panic – the 2023/24 school year is not yet concluded. However, we have begun planning for the **PENCIL PROJECT** that will assist children (and parents) for the school year beginning in August, 2024. School usually begins the first Wednesday of August, which will be August 7, this year. As you probably know, the price of everything has been going up and the school supplies are no exception. We are anticipating that it will

cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500 to purchase the items listed below for 100 bags to be given out by Faith in Action, food pantry. Therefore, we are setting a goal of \$500 each month for April, May and June to purchase these items. We will provide an update on reaching that goal each month. The Circle will need to purchase the items and have them bagged and to Faith in Action the week of July 15th, so they will have 2 full weeks to distribute before school.

Following is a listing of items that we include in the bags:

- 2 paks of 70 wide ruled paper (or equivalent)
- 2 spiral bound paper notebooks
- 1 composition book
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 box of 24 cravons
- 2 erasers
- 1 pencil box
- 2 paks of 10 #2 pencils (or equivalent)
- 1 pak of 10 pens (either black or blue ink)
- 1 pak colored pencils (usually come in paks of 10 or 12)
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 pair Fiskars (safety) scissors

If you would prefer to purchase the items and bring them to church, that will also be a good way to help. We will then assemble the bags and get them delivered to SSFP (Stone Soup Food Pantry) so that ours with other churches will be enough to hand out before the first week of school. We will need to have bags to SSFP by 7/19 so they can be handed out the last 2 weeks of July.

Thank you for your past support and we look forward to your support again this year.

Friends of Audrey & Jill, WMU Mission Circle

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

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