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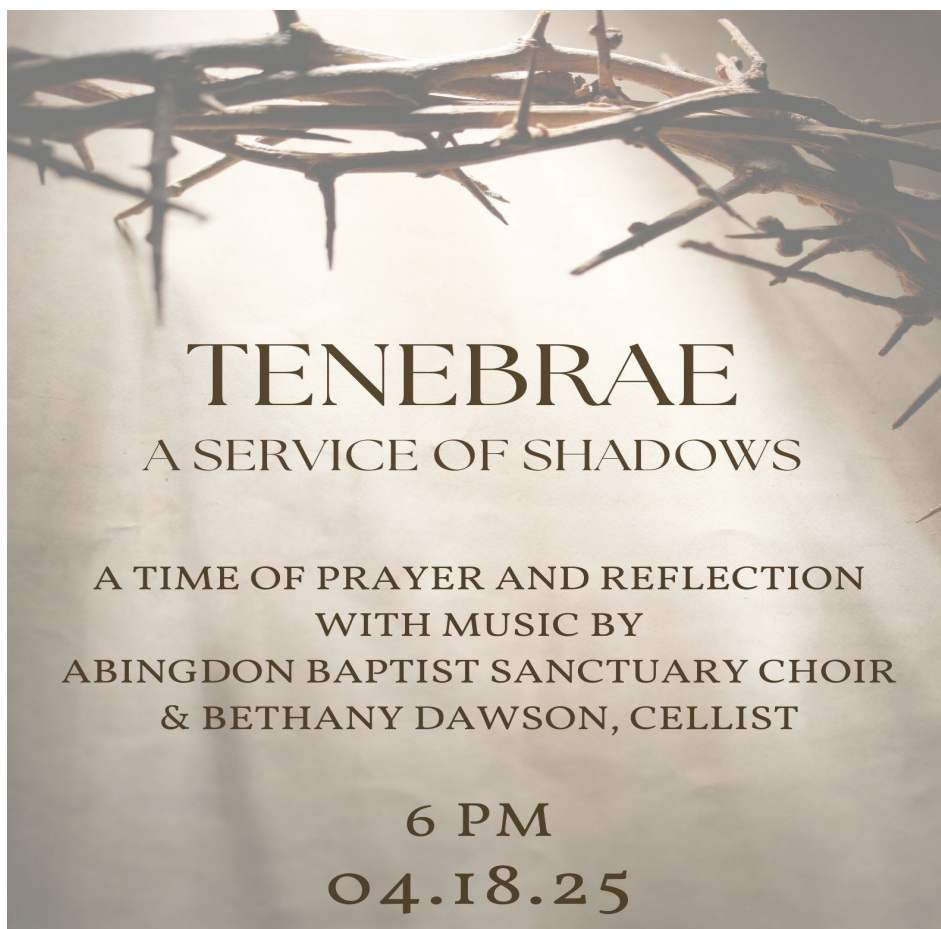
Baptist Church

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

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The Banner

April 15, 2025



TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

A TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION
WITH MUSIC BY
ABINGDON BAPTIST SANCTUARY CHOIR
& BETHANY DAWSON, CELLIST

6 PM
04.18.25

SUNDAY

APRIL 20

11:00am

In Person & Live Stream

“A Disciple Remembers”

Luke 24:1-12

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

WORSHIP

Tenebrae Service – This Friday, April 18 at 6pm we will gather in our sanctuary for a Tenebrae service of darkness as we remember the death of our Savior on Good Friday. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning “shadow” or “darkness.” This service will symbolically portray both the physical and spiritual darkness of the day that our Savior died by progressively extinguishing candles throughout the evening until the room is left in complete darkness. This service will be a time of prayer and reflection on the price Jesus paid for our sins on Calvary’s cross. There will be music by the Abingdon Baptist Sanctuary Choir, featuring Bethany Dawson on the cello.

Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday, April 19 at 10am

Our children and families will gather for this fun, annual event as we remember the real reason for Easter—the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our children and families will hear the Easter story, enjoy breakfast together, make a craft, and, of course, *hunt for Easter eggs*.



Flowering of the Cross – Saturday, April 19 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 April 19. You may stop by the church any time on 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, April 20, at 7am**. We will have a brief service of singing and a devotion followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please 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.



Senior Banquet Success – Last Thursday evening our Sisters-in-Service (SIS) Circle hosted a wonderful dinner and program for Hollyn Mullins, our only high school graduate this year. We appreciate their excellent work in recognizing Hollyn who was presented with a personalized Bible from the church. Please pray for Hollyn and her family as she embarks on college studies toward a nursing degree.

Recognizing Other Graduates – May is the month of graduations. So, we want to recognize the hard work and success of other graduates related to members of our church family. If you have a graduate that you wish to be recognized, please contact Pastor Bill.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - April
Kevin Abel 423-698-4710

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
Attendance for Sunday, April 13
Sunday School & Bible Study - 94
Worship Service - 122
Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 31

Worship Technicians:

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

Car Ministry
April 27, 2025
Kevin Abel-276-698-4710

Financial Update
April 13, 2025

Budget Funds
Weekly Budget Needs \$10,545.00
Received 4/13/25 \$7,125.09
YTD Total Expenses \$170,241.92
YTD Total Receipts \$164,729.04

Annie Armstrong Offering
To-date \$6,943.00
Goal \$7,000.00

OCC featured item for
April will be
Children's Scissors



CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY April 18

Office Closed
Good Friday - Holiday
10:00am Widow Support Group
Home of Dana Duncan
6:00pm Tenebrae Service
Sanctuary

SATURDAY April 19

10:00am Easter Eggstravaganza
Latture Field
3:00pm Flowering of the Cross
Abingdon Baptist Church/sidewalk

SUNDAY April 20

7:00am Sunrise Service
home of Pastor Bill & Deborah Bryan
22468 Azure Ln, Abingdon, VA 24211
9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom
11:00am Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

MONDAY April 21

Office Closed - Holiday
9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry
Team 1
10:00am Ladies Canasta & Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY April 23

5:00pm Fellowship Meal *Fellowship Hall*
Hotdogs, Homemade Chili, Baked Beans, Assorted Desserts
5:30pm New Horizons Class *Odds & Ends*
Children's Missions (K-5) *1-3rd ClassRm*
Youth Missions (6-12) *Youth Room*
Coffee Time *Common Ground*
6:00pm Adult Bible Study *Chapel*
Young Adult Circle *Common Ground*
Youth Group *Youth Room*
Children's Music *1-3rd ClassRm*
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *ChoirRm*

FRIDAY April 25

9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry
Team 2

SATURDAY April 26

9:00am Youth Mental Health First Aid
Fellowship Hall

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Ludell Bailey, Terry Christian, Nadine Culberson, Cindy Farmer, Denise Gobble, Harold Jackson, Karen Lane, Steven Minor, Joel Piazza, Amanda Sills-Pastella, Joyce Vanover.

Long Term:

Lonnie Adams, Barbara Back, Easton Ball, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Barbara Compton, Geraldine Culberson, Barbara Dunn, Chris Dye, Sue Foil, Lee Garrett, Barbara Gillespie, Pearl Hayter, Kenna Henderson, Bruce Hicks, Peggy Hughes, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, Kevin Mullins, George Owens, Joyce Powers, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Archer Skeens, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Linda Belisle, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Trula Harris, Bill Hedrick, Virginia Moore, Sue Munsey, Joanna Owens, Margaret Roe, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

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

Homebound of the Week **Virginia Moore**



This week we want to lift up
Patrol Officer S. DeBusk
Abingdon Police Department
Karen Tolbert
Charles Townsend
Washington County Sherriff's Dept



Monday, April 21

- Julia Childers

Tuesday, April 22

- Joel Brame

Wednesday, April 23

- Jim Jones
- Max Childers
- Beverly Singleton

Saturday, April 26

- Jason Berry
- Jonathan Berry

Sunday, April 27

- Lincoln Baxter



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#

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

Continued from Pastor Bill...

Scholarship Time is Here – It is time for graduating high school seniors and those already in college to apply, as appropriate, for two scholarships available through our church. Both the **David L. Miller Scholarship** and the **ABC Deacons' Scholarship** are available. Details about these scholarships and application forms are available by contacting the church office. Applications must be submitted to our pastor by June 1, 2025.



National Day of Prayer – On **Thursday, May 1 at noon** believers in our area will gather at the **Abingdon Farmer's Market pavilion** to pray for our nation and world. The theme this year is "Pour out to the God of Hope and be filled" from Romans 15:13.

Bill

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00AM
home of
Pastor Bill & Deborah Bryan
22468 Azure Ln.
Abingdon, VA 24211

SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:00AM

back to
School



PENCIL PROJECT

As you know the school year begins in August in Washington County. As in the past, the Friends of Audrey & Jill WMU Circle are working with other churches to provide school supply bags to Stone

Soup Food Pantry (SSFP) to be given out to customers with children as they pick up their food. We have a listing of 12 items that are included in the bags. We have established a goal of \$900.00 for this year's supplies that we will purchase, place in bags and take to the food pantry. Our bags along with other churches will be delivered to SSFP by next to the last week of July to be handed out the last week of July and the first week of August. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to your support again this year.

Friends of Audrey & Jill, WMU Mission Circle

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	hstiltner@abingdonbaptist.org		Mrs. Holly Stiltner
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

Phone: 276/628-8126

PRAYER LINE: extension 42, FAX: 276/628-5743

Website: **www.abingonbaptist.org**