



ABINGDON

Baptist Church

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

THE BANNER

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LENTEN MEDITATIONS

**FEBRUARY 25, 2026
12:05pm**

**Abingdon Baptist
Church**



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MARCH 1
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

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“Learning to Listen”
Matthew 17:1-8

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

What is Dinner Church?

Christianity is the greatest rescue project the world has ever seen. And yet the vast majority of churches across America have become ineffective at evangelism and slipped into decline. The percentages of Americans that hold a secular worldview now outnumber those who hold a Christian worldview. However, there are reasons to be hopeful. The life of Jesus is still a welcomed talking point, even among staunch Seculars. While their interest in church attendance is low, their interest in talking about Christ and the things he has brought to the world is high. Our traditional way of doing church does not fit the needs of secular people. It is time to re-examine our ways of doing church if we want the unchurched to come to Jesus through fresh expressions of faith.

Jesus’ Use of the Dinner Table: Jesus used the dinner table far more than it appears. J. Crossan, a Christian theologian, has observed that if we were to watch Jesus when he walked the earth, we would mostly see him healing and eating. This is inspiring to all who define Christianity as replicating the behaviors of Christ in our context today.

Dinner Church Theology: The first church was very serious about the dinner table theology that Jesus left them. Many Christians today overlook the centrality of the dinner table in the life of Jesus. Dinner table theology was also important in the formation of the church that sprung up in the book of Acts and expanded throughout the world. Jesus used the dinner table profoundly throughout his ministry. Whether it was the miraculous feeding of large crowds, the dinner at Matthew’s house with his sinner friends, the dinner at Zacchaeus’ house, or the meal with the men on the road to Emmaus who recognized Jesus by the way he broke the bread at dinner, Jesus used the dinner table to reveal himself and to welcome people into the kingdom of God.

Dinner Church in Action: Each week Abingdon Baptist Church will serve a hot meal at no cost to anyone who would like to attend at a location in the community, such as an apartment complex. There will be music, perhaps some singing, a brief Jesus story, and prayer. The focus will be on fellowship around the dinner table and growing Christian relationships between Dinner Church volunteers and those who attend. The ultimate goal is that some who attend might come to a fresh expression of faith in Jesus and that all who participate will be encouraged.

Dinner Church Needs Committed Abingdon Baptist Members: We pray for God to call out a consistent core of committed volunteers to prepare, serve, share, and clean up after Dinner Church each week. Some may just prepare or clean up, but we need a core group of servants who are committed to be present each week to build Christ-centered relationships with those who attend. If you feel called to be part of the Dinner Church ministry, please speak with Pastor Bill. He cannot do it alone.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month – February
Shane Lawson (276) 698-4003



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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
Attendance for Sunday, February 22
Sunday School & Bible Study - 79
Worship Service - 105
Wednesday - 25

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Worship Technicians:
Tim Barnett
Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Paxton Matney
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Extended Session Workers
March 1, 2026
Holly Stiltner & Mary Garrett

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Car Ministry
March 1, 2026
Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update
February 22, 2026

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Budget Funds
Weekly Budget Needs \$10,992.00
Received 2/22/26 \$11,302.00
YTD Total Receipts \$87,464.25
YTD Total Expenses \$84,258.00
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Noisy Bucket Offering 2/22/26 \$568.49
(Rhea Valley Food Backpacks)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY **March 1**
9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom
11:00am Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

MONDAY **March 2**
9:00am Abingdon Friendship Café'
Fellowship Hall
10:00am Ladies Canasta & Fellowship
1-3rd Classroom

TUESDAY **March 3**
2:00am Friends of Audrey & Jill Circle
Home of Lois Lavery

WEDNESDAY **March 4**
12:05pm Main Street Lenten Service
St. John Lutheran Church
5:00pm Fellowship Meal *Fellowship Hall*
**Ham, Green beans, Mashed Potatoes,
Rolls, Assorted Desserts**
5:30pm 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*

Gifts...

Have been given in memory of:
...Kenneth Bailey



To call in by telephone to listen to our Sunday morning
Worship each week:
Call: (929) 205 6099#
ID: 851 6607 5347#
Participate ID #
Passcode: 957729#



OCC featured item for
Feb. will be
Crayons

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

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

NHC

Marsha Terry

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Terry Christian, Cindy Farmer, Denise Gobble, Joel Piazza, Angie Smith.

Long Term:

Barbara Back, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Kylee Coleman, Barbara Compton, Geraldine Culberson, Barbara Dunn, Allen Garrett, Lee Garrett, Barbara Gillespie, Karen Hand, Kenna Henderson, Bruce Hicks, Kevin Leonard, Conner Mays, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, George Owens, Ronnie Perkins, Joyce Powers, Paul Rich, Jimmy Singleton, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Archer Skeens, Rachel Stout, Marsha Terry, Candy Tignor, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Linda Belisle, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Pearl Hayter, Trula Harris, Jim Hughes, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

Becky Corvin, Nadine Culberson, Nadine Farmer, Grace Kiser, Nora Milsap, Diane Roark, Joyce Vanover.

Homebound of the Week Virginia Moore

	<p>This week we want to lift up Sergeant J. Nichols Abingdon Police Department Blake Odum Madison O'Quinn Washington County Sherriff's Dept</p>
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Monday, March 2

- Alyaa Childers

Thursday, March 5

- Mary Garrett

Saturday, March 7

- Craig Phelps

Sunday, March 8

- Cindy Farmer
- Tammie Looney



**Prayer
&
Share Line**

*If you would like to receive the daily prayer list by email
please let Trina know by emailing or calling her at
tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org 276-628-8126
and she can add you to the list.*

Woman to Woman
Serving One Another With God's Grace
Abingdon Baptist Ladies' Retreat and Jennifer Rothschild Conference



4 Days and 3 Nights



March 19th – March 22, 2026

Depart from ABC on Thursday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m.

\$299.00 Per Lady for Single and Double Lodgers (per room availability)

A flyer with the detailed itinerary is available at the church. Please contact Trina in the church office to make your reservation and payments. (276) 628-8126.

Please note the following terms.

- **\$150 deposit per person due at time of reservation (Non-Refundable)**
- **Total balance due by March 3, 2026**
- **Exact Amount in Cash or Check, Please – NO Credit Cards**

All Aboard the Abingdon Baptist Church
Lancaster Buggy Express "JOSHUA"
May 18 – 21, 2026

Four day, three night bus tour to Lancaster, PA
Enjoy the Amish Country and experience "Joshua" at the mar-
velous Sight & Sound Theater.



Single	\$ 1,175.00
Double	895.00
Triple	875.00
Quad	845.00



A flyer with the detailed itinerary is available at the church. Please contact Trina in the church office to make your reservation and payments. (276) 628-8126. Please note the following terms.

- \$175 deposit per person is due at time of reservation.
- Deposits and payments are subject to No Refund.
- Exact Amount in cash or check, please. NO credit cards.
- Total balance is due by April 1, 2026.
- Trip price is based on 30 or more passengers.

Ministers

Pastor

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Church Organist

Church Pianist

Entire Congregation

Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan

Mr. Shawn Howell

Rev. Lisa Wolfe

Mrs. Trina Vickers

Mrs. Holly Stiltner

Mrs. Carol Clifton

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**