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**The Banner**

September 15, 2020

**All ballots must be  
received no later than  
noon on Thursday,  
September 24**

**Church Trustee**

**Deacon Election**

Results announced  
Sunday, September 27

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**SEPTEMBER 20**

**11:00am Limited In Person  
& Live Stream**

**Speaking the Truth in Love  
about Sexuality**

**Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25**

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

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### *From Our Pastor . . .*

**ABC Coronavirus Update** – New cases of coronavirus continue to be reported in Washington County. According to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) website on September 13, the seven-day average for new cases in our county was 8 per day, and the seven-day average death rate was 1 per day. These numbers have increased since July 5, when we re-started our in-person worship option. However, these average daily rates have been fairly stable through August and into September so far. You can consult the VDH website at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov> to view and assess the VDH reports.

Some of our members have been tested for the virus, but nearly all results have been negative. The very small number of our members with positive test results have sought appropriate treatment in the hospital or have self-quarantined as recommended by their medical professionals. To our knowledge, no one who has attended an in-person worship service has reported a positive test result.

Our Council of Deacons discussed the status of our current church programming during its monthly meeting last week. The consensus of opinion among our deacons was that we should continue with our programming as it stands. We will continue to offer the option of either in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 11am or live-streaming on FaceBook and Vimeo via our church website. Our four Sunday school ZOOM meetings will continue on Sundays at 9:45am. Our Wednesday Bible study will continue to be posted on FaceBook, and the Adult Choir will continue to meet for preparation/recording on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the sanctuary. Our Wednesday children's music program and ZOOM gathering will continue at 6:00pm each Wednesday. We do not plan to add any additional in-person ministries at this time. If you would like more information concerning participation in any of our current programming, please don't hesitate to call me or the church office for more details.

We continue to follow strict protocols for in-person worship, such as one-way in/out, hand sanitizing stations, requiring the use of masks, seating at appropriate social distances, shortened time in worship, no singing, hand-shaking, or passing of offering plates. We continue to thoroughly sanitize the sanctuary after every service and the Wednesday choir meeting. We believe that our church offers a safer experience for gathering in-person than most local stores and restaurants. We continue to ask that if you do not feel well or have potentially been exposed to the virus that you not attend worship in-person but join us online. Each person and family must make their own decision concerning when they feel safe returning to in-person worship. We pray that in-person participation will increase as the threat from the virus decreases. Until then, we must be vigilant and work together to ensure that our in-person gatherings remain safe.

As you lift your prayers, please remember those who have the virus and also the families of those who died from it. Pray for our medical professionals and researchers as they seek a vaccine and cure. Pray for those who have lost jobs or experienced decreased work time due to the virus. Pray that God will heal our land not only physically but also spiritually. We all look forward to the day, hopefully soon, when we can once again gather together in person to praise and worship our loving and healing Lord.



#### **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**

– Our ABC giving goal for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions is \$4,000 this year. Everything given to this offering will be used for coronavirus relief and ministry efforts. You can check the current total given in *The Banner's* financial report section. You may give to this offering from now until the end of October by sending a check made to the church with a designation of "Alma Hunt" on the for line. You may also give online using the "Alma Hunt" directed giving option in the dropdown menu on the giving page. Thank you for continuing your record of generous financial support for Virginia missions through the Alma Hunt offering. Continue to pray, give, and go as God directs.

# F.Y.I...

**Deacon of the Month - September**  
Tony Roberts (276) 698-6319

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Attendance for Sunday, September 13  
Zoom Study Groups - 47

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**Worship Technicians:**

Bill Klose  
Tony Roberts  
Ray Minor  
Angella Skeens

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**Financial Update**  
September 13, 2020  
**Budget Funds**

Weekly Budget Needs \$8,615.00  
Received 9/13/2020 \$5,278.29

YTD Budget Needs \$318,755.00  
YTD Receipts \$282,783.47

**Alma Hunt State Missions Offering**  
To-date \$2,520.00

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

## Gifts...

The following people have given in memory of  
Martha Patton to  
**General Fund...**  
...Nadine Farmer

The following people have given in memory of  
Marjorie Mullins to  
**General Fund...**  
...Nadine Farmer

The following people have given in memory of  
Tony Hughes to  
**Alma Hunt...**  
...Mary Ann Johnson  
...Roger & Mary Garrett  
...Ed & Helen Eller  
...Kevin Abel  
...Larry Payne  
...Dana Duncan  
...Carol Clifton  
...Jim McCall  
...Tony & Renee Roberts  
**World Missions II...**  
... Hunter & Ester Land  
...Rita Bailey



## CHURCH CALENDAR

Click to view monthly calendar

**SUNDAY September 20**

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*

**MONDAY September 21**

10:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry  
*Team 1*

**WEDNESDAY September 23**

6:00pm Online Bible Study  
*Facebook*

**"The Vineyard Tenants"**  
Matthew 21:33-46

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

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
*Sanctuary*

**FRIDAY September 25**

10:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry  
*Team 2*

The following people have given in memory of  
Patsy Henry to  
**World Missions II...**  
...Judy Myers  
**Alma Hunt...**  
...Rita Bailey  
...Norman & Margaret Klose  
...Mary Ann Johnson

The following people have given in memory of  
Harold Hilt to  
**World Missions II...**  
...Winona Hilt

### 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

# *Prayer Concerns*

## Hospital:

**Johnston Memorial**  
Renna Cook  
**Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Winston Salem**  
Peggy Johnson

## Recuperating:

### Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Ken Callahan, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Judy Ferrell, Carol Fuller, Denise Gobble, Charles Grogan, Bill Heddrick, Ron Hicks, Jane Hilt, Harold Jackson, Rose Ann Jenny, Deborah McKemey, Jimmy McKemy, Scyrethia Mullins, Hannah Moore, Glenda Pollard, Rita Reynolds, Margaret Roe.

### Long Term:

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

### Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Renna Cook, Sue Goodman, Lucille Heath, Marie James, Christine Kohr, Janet Lambert, Luke Martin, Genevive McCall, Bonnie McCracken, Jean Moore, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Mary Pace, Anne Smith, Howard Smith, Sally Stevens, Betty Webster.

### Homebound:

Eva Cunningham, Eddie Dunn, Bea Jones, Jim Jones, B.R. Munsey, Sue Munsey, Dale Orfield, Jake Turner, Shirley Turner, Jimmy Repass, Doris Southerlin.

### **Homebound of the Week**

**B.R. Munsey**  
490 Court St Apt 9  
Abingdon, VA 24210-2036

	<p>This week we want to lift up <b>Chris Jennings</b> Investigator Abingdon Police Department <b>Adam Rhudy</b> <b>Hailey Rogers</b> Washington County Sherriff's Dept.</p>
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Wednesday, September 23

- Louise Crigger
- Orville Davis

Friday, September 25

- Cade Berry

Sunday, September 27

- Kevin Abel
- Brad Abel

*Thank you for the love and support during this time of grief for the loss of our loved one. Thank you for the calls, cards and food*  
*The Crigger Family*

OCC featured item for September  
will be **Individual Packs of Kleenex**



Continued from Pastor Bill...

## Deacon ELECTION

**Deacon and Trustee Election** – Ballots for these important elections were mailed to all Abingdon Baptist Church resident members last Wednesday, September 9. If you have not received your ballot mailing by this Wednesday, September 16, please give us a call in the church office.

Each church member should mark the two ballots according to the instructions on each one. You may return your ballots by mail or in person to the church office for collection and counting. **All deacon election ballots and trustee election ballots must be received no later than noon on Thursday, September 24** in order to be counted. Results of the elections will be announced on Sunday, September 27 and will be published in *The Banner* the following week.

**Bristol Prayer Walk** – Kingsway Baptist Church invites us to join them in a prayer walk on **Saturday, September 26 beginning at noon**. The prayer walk will begin at Cumberland Square Park in Bristol, VA at noon—rain or shine. At the top of each hour until 6pm, the prayer walk will restart in the park to allow for more participation. Our country and communities are struggling, and we need to lift them in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hayter, at (423) 646-4717 or beachlover712@yahoo.com. Come and pray.

**Prayer in the Park** – Our next Prayer in the Park season of prayer will be on **Monday, September 28 from 6:00pm-7:00pm**. Please join with me and other believers in these special times of concentrated prayer for God's healing of us, our churches, our community, and our land. If you can't make it to the park, please pray along with us wherever you are. God hears and answers the prayers of His people.

Bill

## Preschool & Children's Choirs

Songs & activities emailed each Wednesday



Join KidZ Zoom call Wednesday's at 6:00 pm for  
overview by Ms. Vicki & Mr. Parke

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

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

WEB Site: **WWW.ABINGDONBAPTIST.ORG**