

JANUARY 2019

# *The Epistle*

## *Newsletter of Amelia Christian Church*

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### **Times of Worship**

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:45AM
Fellowship Time	10:30AM
Worship Service	10:45AM

#### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Night Live	6:45PM
Beginner/Elementary	
Choir Practice	6:45PM
Adult Choir Practice	7:30PM

### **Secretary's Office Hours**

Monday	10AM - 2 PM
Tuesday	10AM - 2PM
Wednesday	10AM - 2PM
Thursday	10AM - 2PM

### **Pastors' Office Hours**

Tuesday	9AM - 12PM
Wednesday	9AM - 12PM
Thursday	9AM - 12PM
Friday	9AM - 12PM

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### **Welcome Pastor Brandon and Camille!**

Amelia Christian Church is both honored and excited to welcome the Rev. Brandon Patterson and wife Camille! As students at Mercer University, Brandon and Camille met, fell in love, and married in November 2017. They both love serving the Lord and playing soccer and both are accomplished soccer players.

Before coming to North Carolina, the Pattersons lived in Plains, Georgia where Brandon served as the Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church – the home church of former President Jimmy Carter!

Brandon received his B.A. from King University and a Master of Divinity from the Mercer School of Theology. As a student over the years, Brandon not only excelled in academics and athletics, but he was also very active in a variety of ministerial roles. He was ordained into the ministry in 2017. Brandon states, *“I am a lifelong Christian who has a desire to serve God completely. I give my entire life to His faithful service.”*

We are very grateful to have Brandon as our Family Life Pastor. Please pray for him and Camille during this time of transition. I truly believe that Amelia Church will be blessed to have them on board.

A heartfelt word of gratitude goes out to the FLP Search Committee! They trusted that this whole process was a movement of the Spirit of God. May the Lord continue to lead our church!

In His Service,

Pastor Keith



Welcome  
to our Church

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## News/Announcements

The 2019 Church Council Meeting has been set for Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room. All Committee Chairs should email important dates to Sharron, our church secretary, no later than Sunday, January 13th so she has an opportunity to add them to the calendar before the meeting.



## LADIES BIBLE Study

The Sherrie Pourron Women's Bible Study will begin a new book in February. More information will be coming soon. The group will meet each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. All ladies of the church and their guests are invited to join!

The first Wednesday Night Live Meal of 2019 will take place on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. Please use the offering envelope in the pew to pay for your meal.



## WNL WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

After the meal, please stay for the WNL Service will also resume on January 16th at 6:45 p.m.

# News/Announcements (continued)



## ALIVE



Contemporary Worship Service  
January 20th at 4:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Amelia's monthly praise and worship service

**\*If you would like to provide childcare for this or any other ALIVE service, please contact Matt Dupree or Todd Horton.**



The Amelia Prayer Warriors will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Library. The next meeting will be on January 23rd and everyone is invited to participate. If you are unable to attend but would like to submit a prayer request, please contact Sonya Stephenson or Teresa Moss.

Sunday, January 27th  
8:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



Thursday, February 7th  
7:00 p.m.  
Activity Room



Women's Fellowship

## Update from the Elders

The Elder Board wishes everyone a blessed and happy 2019! May your relationship with our Creator grow in ways you never thought possible!!! As a new year begins, the board extends a very special thank you to former Elder Board Chair Ron Hughes for his dedication and hard work throughout his years of service. We also welcome our newest member Steve Taylor.


2019 is certainly starting out with great anticipation and excitement as we welcome Brandon and Camille Patterson to Amelia Church!! Effective 1/1/2019, Brandon began his new role as Amelia's Family Life Pastor. Brandon graduated from King University with a BA in Business Management and earned a Master of Divinity from Mercer University. He was ordained at Grace Baptist Church in TN. Most recently he served as Senior Pastor at Maranatha Baptist Church and, yes, he knows Former President Jimmy Carter. He's been in love with Jesus since he was a child and that love shines through! Stay tuned for opportunities to get to know Brandon and his wife, Camille.

We ask for continued prayer as we plan for a new playground for our children. This is an important goal for a growing church. The members of the Playground Committee are John Perdue, Kyle Pleasant, Todd Horton and Ursula Webb. They are busy making plans and raising money to cover the cost of this project (**see details on next page**). All donations over and above regular tithes are welcomed!

**Committee Chairs, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Church Council Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room. The purpose of this meeting is to review the church calendar for the coming year. Committee Chairs should have 2019 meeting and other important dates to Sharron, the church secretary, no later than Sunday, 1/13.**

Committee Chairs, please don't forget to check your mailboxes. We'd love to hear from you if you have any comments or concerns. Just write them down and leave your note in the Elder Board mailbox or see a member of the Elder Board.

Joey Hopkins, Chair  
Angie Grady,  
Vi Perdue  
Ben Monroe  
Steve Taylor



Church Elders

# Flamingo Flocking

Surprise your friends and family with a lawn full of bright pink flamingos!

- ◆ Flocks can be sent to the home of your choosing for **\$25/day**.
- ◆ Insurance available to bird proof your lawn for **\$25/month**.
- ◆ Donations will go toward the construction of a new church playground.
- ◆ Forms are in the vestibule and can be turned in to John Perdue, Todd Horton, Ursula Webb, Kyle Pleasant.



## Trustees' Report

This trustee report will cover our activities from 01 January 2018 thru 31 December 2018. As you will hopefully see, the trustees had a very busy year.

1. Replaced 132 air filters
2. Cleaned 750 air vent covers
3. Inspected and tested 186 emergency exit lights for functionality
4. Inspected 84 fire extinguishers
5. Evacuated water from both HVAC drain trays multiple times in Sanctuary
6. Repaired both HVAC drain lines
7. Replaced several defective ceiling tiles in Education Building
8. Replaced 6 fluorescent light bulbs in Education Building
9. Fire alarm errors were all corrected
10. Replaced 18 emergency exit light batteries
11. Replaced 1 emergency exit light battery
12. Repaired 4 exit doors in Sanctuary
13. Repaired commode in women's restroom in Sanctuary
14. Repaired commode in men's restroom in Sanctuary
15. Repaired commode in men's restroom in Education Building
16. Repaired commode in men's restroom in Fellowship Hall
17. Found the 6 HVAC units behind the Education Building vandalized-Police report filed with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office on Friday, 12 October 2018-Sheriff's Office temporarily installed 2 cameras to catch those responsible
18. Ordered 18 HVAC air fin covers to keep air fins from further damage
19. Temporarily repaired vinyl siding on Education Building
20. Had sump pump cleaned and emptied
21. Had both backflow preventers recertified for 2018
22. Replaced 3 door closer assemblies
23. Replaced several defective ceiling tiles in Education Building
24. Replaced 2 ceiling light bulbs in Sanctuary
25. Obtained 2 quotes for Sanctuary carpet cleaning. Neither was accepted
26. Completely replaced 1 florescent light fixture in Fellowship Hall kitchen
27. Completely replaced 1 florescent light fixture in Education Building
28. HVAC units at all buildings inspected and cleaned per spring contract
29. HVAC units at all buildings inspected and cleaned per fall contract
30. Replaced battery in emergency exit light in Education Building
31. Replaced burned wiring for defective lamp on outside of Sanctuary

## Trustees' Report (continued)

33. Cleaned and straightened out front storage room under picnic shelter
34. Repaired both ½ doors in Children's Nursery so they would close easier
35. Repaired 2<sup>nd</sup> floor stairwell railing in Education Building
36. Repaired commode in women's restroom in Sanctuary
37. Repaired commode in men's restroom in Sanctuary
38. Replaced fluorescent lights inside of outdoor church sign (Thanks to Allen)
39. Replaced defective ceiling exhaust fan in women's restroom in Sanctuary
40. Had Fire Suppression System recertified twice (every 6 months)
41. Had our fire alarms for the Sanctuary & Education Building inspected & certified
42. Had the Clayton Fire Marshal perform the annual fire inspection
43. Replaced the photo cell timer for the flag pole light (Thanks to Allen)
44. Cleaned out the detention ponds multiple times
45. Ordered new wall pack light for top of rear door of Education Building
46. Ordered 2 new photo cell devices for 2 wall pack lights at Education Building
47. Replaced 12 expired fire extinguishers with new ones per NFPA/NC Fire Code
48. Replaced leaking kitchen sink faucet & sprayer in Activity Room

Trustees, at various hours, continue to find doors to both the Sanctuary and Education Building unlocked. Trustees, at various hours of the night, are finding the lights to the Education Building being left on. Trustees would like to remind everyone again that if they are the last ones to leave a building, to please make sure the doors are locked and the lights turned off.

Due to our 2019 budget allotment, several projects that your trustees had hoped to implement will now have to be cancelled. If additional funding is located, those projects will be restored. Your trustees are working on several exciting & beneficial items for your church. More details will soon be provided.

At this time, I would like to thank Kennie Crabtree, our Trustee Chairman for 2018. Kennie was always available to guide us whenever he was asked to assist. I would also like to welcome our newest trustee, Matt Dupree. As always, should you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your trustees are here to serve the interests of Amelia Christian Church.

In Christ We Serve, Chuck Beal, Charlie Guarneri, Jon Callahan & Matt Dupree

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## Youth News

The Youth shopped in November for several elderly people in the Golden Wishes program as well as for young people on the Angel Tree at church. The youth delivered the presents to the elderly people one afternoon in December. Thanks to Joy Callahan and Tanya Galloway for taking the youth to the elderly residents and visiting with them.

The Youth Progressive Dinner was on December 15th. We had four of our college students return to enjoy the fun with the youth group! Special thanks to Kennie and Darlene Crabtree, Jennifer and Allan Batten, Linda and Bill Royal, Selena Royal, and Arlene and Terry Smart for hosting and feeding the youth and their friends. Thanks also to all the drivers for getting them there safely. Everyone had a really good time!



Staff Sergeant Christopher Adams showed his appreciation to our Amelia Youth Group for sending him care packages this fall while he was deployed to Southeast Asia. He said it meant so much to him as well as his unit. He presented the youth with a photo of his unit and the flag that flew on USAF C-130 Aircraft 84-0213 Mission Call Sign, CROME during combat missions over the skies of Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria. Kessler Callahan accepted the flag and plaque on behalf of the youth and thanked him for his service. Thanks to Charlie Guarneri, Tanya and Jason Galloway for leading the youth as they packed the care packages.

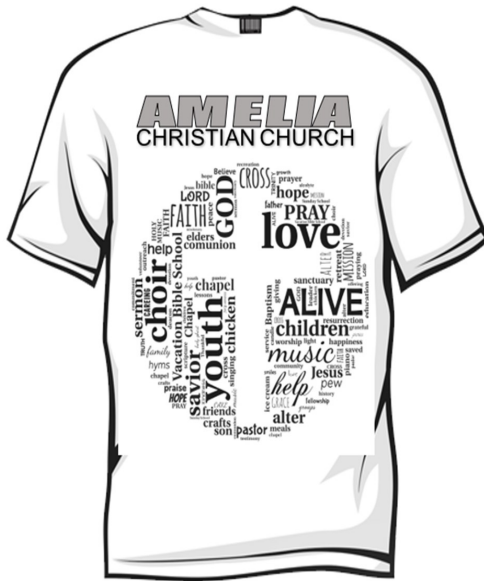
The youth would like to thank Mr. Charlie Guarneri for his leadership and the time he has spent with the youth this past year. They have enjoyed learning from him and spending time with him. Charlie, you are COOL!

Thanks for all the prayers surrounding the Family Life Pastor position. Ron Hughes and Keith offered Brandon Patterson the position and he has accepted the job. The youth are so excited about starting a new year with Brandon and his wife Camille. Woo Hoo!!!

# Youth News (continued)

## MS/HS Youth Meetings

**January 13th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room  
and  
January 27th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room**



Amelia Church Middle & Senior Youth  
**T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER**  
Adult Sizes \$16 Youth sizes \$12

- Gildan 50/50 Cotton Blend
- Short Sleeve T-shirt
- Oder Forms are available NOW
- Multiple colors available



### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!



**The Amelia Youth will be sponsoring a Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 9th. More information coming soon!**



# From the Church Office

**2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Envelopes are labeled with each member or participant's name and has an identifying number for ease of tracking donations. Please pick up your envelopes by the end of January.**



**If you are not currently using envelopes and you would like to, please call /text /email Vicki Harris, Church Financial Secretary at 919-616-3341 or [vicki-wh58@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki-wh58@yahoo.com). I will add your name and address to the computer database. This data is used to create your Donation Tax Receipt for the year. The 2018 tax receipts will be mailed in January 2019.**



Amelia Christian Church  
 Come worship with us!!!  
 Sunday School @ 9:45AM  
 Worship @ 10:45AM

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 Pastor, Keith DeBord

**Amelia Church business cards are on the table in the vestibule. Please take the cards and pass them out to co-workers, neighbors, friends, or anyone that you might have the opportunity to invite to our church. We are to shine God's light and share His love with others!**

**"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16**



**February newsletter articles are due Sunday, January 20th. Early submissions are greatly appreciated! Late submissions may be excluded from publication.**

## More From the Church Office

**All check requests or bills that need to be signed are to be placed in the black letter tray in the Conference Room. The last person to sign should place the check request/bill in the Treasurer's Box for payment. Please make certain that your church secretary has a copy for the church office files (it will be stamped received if she has seen and copied it). Thanks for your cooperation!**



**When submitting receipts for reimbursement, please tape your original receipts to a blank sheet of paper and submit it with your check request. The secretary can then easily make copies for the office files and the original receipts will not be lost. Thanks!**

**Effective immediately, Amelia Church will post inclement weather announcements on [WRAL.com](http://WRAL.com), [Spectrumlocalnews.com](http://Spectrumlocalnews.com), and [JoCoreport.com](http://JoCoreport.com). Information will be posted by 6:00 p.m. the evening before the affected service. Remember, if a church service is cancelled, ALL activities scheduled for that day are cancelled as well.**



**We extend a special prayer to those who are sick,  
shut in or with special needs...**



Barbara Coats

Carmen Parker

Carol Hudson

Chris Woodall

Cindy Peele

David Crane

Donna Faircloth

Ella Matthews

Cole Godwin

Irene Godwin

Jackie King

Patty Jo Johnson

Maxine Pulley

Robert Boyette

Selena Royal

Vickie Peele Olds

Steve Lee

Haley Trent

Jack Penny

Leon Daughtry

Fred Clark

Janice Corbett

Sovann Samreth

Rachel Darnell

Wanda Mealor

Sonya Stephenson

### ***Healing Prayer***

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay  
your healing Hands upon all those who are  
sick. We beg You to have compassion on all  
those who are suffering so that they may be  
delivered from their pitiful circumstances.*

*In Jesus, we pray.*

*Amen.*

# January Celebrations

02- Samantha Nordan

03- Edgar Johnson

04- Neal Thompson

04- Danny Dupree

06- Todd Horton

07- Clarence Blackmon

09- Bebe Coats

09- Kacey Thompson

10- Randy Godwin

10- Joe Konen

11- Larry Whitley

12- Dakota Stewart



15- Chase Pourron

15- Amanda H. Long

16- Brooklyn Pleasant

21- Eric Johnson

22- Pat Brown

23- Judy Shelly

23- Terry Smart

24- Tom Langley

25- Noah Parrott

25- Jacob Galloway

29- Walter Langdon

## Happy Anniversary

01- Chuck & Lou Ann Beal

04- Clarence & Hilda Blackmon

16- Robert & Faye Boyette





# January Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>AR- 7 pm- Women's Fellow- ship Meeting</i>	4	5
6 <i>*Gift Card Or- ders Due!</i>	7 <i>CR-7 pm- Trustees Meeting</i>	8 <i>AR- 7 pm- Christian Ed. Meeting</i>	9 <i>AR-1:30 pm- Women's Bible Study EB- 6:00 pm- Amelia Prayer Warriors Meeting EB- 6:45 pm- Youth Choir ChR- 7:30 pm- Adult Choir</i>	10 <i>AR- 7 pm- Deacons Meeting CR- 7 pm- Stewardship Meeting</i>	11	12 <i>AR &amp; CR- 8 am- 3 pm- Deacon/ Elder Retreat</i>
13 <i>Elder Ordination</i>  <i>YR- 6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Meeting</i>	14	15 <i>AR- 7 pm- Church Council Meeting</i>	16 <i>AR-1:30 pm- Women's Bible Study FH- 6 pm- WNL Meal S- 6:45 pm- WNL Service EB- 6:45 pm- Youth Choir ChR- 7:30 pm- Adult Choir</i>	17 <i>CR- 7 pm- Mission Out- reach Meeting</i>	18	19
20 <i>FH- 4:30 pm- ALIVE Service</i>	21	22	23 <i>AR-1:30 pm- Women's Bible Study EB- 6:00 pm- Amelia Prayer Warriors Meeting EB- 6:45 pm- Youth Choir ChR- 7:30 pm- Adult Choir</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>FH- 8 am- Men's Fellowship Meeting</i>  <i>YR- 6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Meeting</i>	28 <i>FH- 7 pm- 8:30 pm- SCS College Planning Meeting</i>	29	30 <i>AR-1:30 pm- Women's Bible Study EB- 6:45 pm- Youth Choir ChR- 7:30 pm- Adult Choir</i>	31		

1	Genesis 1-3
2	Genesis 4-6
3	Genesis 7-9
4	Genesis 10-13
5	Genesis 14-17
6	Genesis 18-20
7	Genesis 21-23
8	Genesis 24-25
9	Genesis 26-28
10	Genesis 29-30
11	Genesis 31-33
12	Genesis 34-36
13	Genesis 37-39
14	Genesis 40-42
15	Genesis 43-45
16	Genesis 46-48
17	Genesis 49-Exodus 1
18	Exodus 2-4
19	Exodus 5-7
20	Exodus 8-10
21	Exodus 11-13
22	Exodus 14-16
23	Exodus 17-19
24	Exodus 20-22
25	Exodus 23-25
26	Exodus 26-28
27	Exodus 29-30
28	Exodus 31-33
29	Exodus 34-36
30	Exodus 37-39
31	Exodus 40- Leviticus 3

## January Bible Reading Schedule

Read Through the Bible Straight Through in One Year  
 [from Bible Broadcasting Network (BBN) website]





# THOSE WHO SERVE

## CHURCH OFFICE

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 Music Director: Debbe Langdon 919-410-0271  
 Children's Church Dir.: Denise Powell 919-444-1460

## BOARD OF ELDERS

Joey Hopkins	919-553-2332
Angie Grady	919-817-0672
Vi Perdue	919-553-5863
Ben Monroe	919-612-0720
Steve Taylor	919-302-9391

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Allen Hollingsworth	919-614-1978
James Crane	919-320-5052
Jason Webb	919-412-2632
Jan Moss	919-553-4373
Joy Callahan	919-550-6420
Brian Parrott	919-917-8170
Christina Pleasant	919-418-2461

## USHERS

Sam Coburn, Leader

Mike Stephenson	Bill Royal
Rob Swift	Chuck Beal
James Crane	Ian Crabtree
Rich Borelli	David Batten
Paul Hichue	Dennis Capps

## ACOLYTES

Jan. 06	Billy Hopkins
Jan. 13	Peyton Desporte
Jan. 20	Kayleigh Barbour
Jan. 27	L.J. Konen

## Children's Church Volunteers

Jan. 06	Emily Moss & Lillie Martin
Jan. 13	Britni Simmons & Reagan Martin
Jan. 20	Brian Lipscomb & Shelby Rairigh
Jan. 27	Tara Meadows & Riley Dehner

## WORSHIP NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Jan. 06	Jan Davis, Jennifer Batten, Dawn Swift, Jonnette Earnhardt, & Kessler Callahan
Jan. 13:	Darlene & Ashton Crabtree, Frankie Medlin, Mimi Jenkins, & Shelby Rairigh
Jan. 20	Susan Perdue, Liz Smith, Tara Meadows, Leslie Batten, & Reagan Martin
Jan. 27	Britni Simmons, David Batten, Jason Meadows, Dawn Swift, & Lillie Martin

# December Stewardship

	02	09	16	23	30
<b>Tithes</b>	\$7,734.70	\$0	\$7,395.01	\$9,041.22	\$4,428.71
<p><b>Weekly Budget Need: \$6,739.00</b>  <b>Weekly Average for December: \$7,149.91</b></p>					
		<b>Services</b>			
<b>Sunday School</b>	96	<b>Cancelled</b>	81	81	79
<b>Worship</b>	142	<b>Due to Snow</b>	225	160	165
<p><b>Average Attendance for Worship in December: 173</b></p>					



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*...”Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of Your presence, a house of prayer and a Sanctuary amidst a world of chaos.”*

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