

**Colonial Ave.
Baptist Church**
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**MARCH
2018**

A
COMMUNITY OF
FAITH
STRIVING
TO

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Our Mission

Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world

Our Vision

To **Know** Christ personally,
Grow with Christ intimately,
and **Show** Christ passionately

“Thirst” John 19:28-29

At the root of all longing is the soul’s thirst for God. It is a thirst given expression in the ancient prayer of St. Augustine: “O God, you have made us for Thyself, and we are restless (we are thirsty) until we rest in Thee.” And how often do we choose something other than God in which to rest?

Advertisers know well this thirst within each of us. So they try to feed us fancy cars, dream houses, the popular look that will help us find acceptance, the sexy look that will help us find love, the Oscar that will give us a sense of accomplishment. We sometimes don’t even know what we are really thirsty for. So we buy the car, the house, the clothes, we strive after awards, and search to appease our loneliness in relationship after relationship.

Behind it all, however, is the hunger to love and to be loved and to move closer to the Source of love - God our Maker, our Savior, our Friend. Deep down we are thirsty for God, for the living water and the bread of life that only God can give.

It is important to know that the emptiness, the longing, the thirst can we cannot seem to quench, is not a sign of something gone wrong. It is the holy of holies inside of us, the uncluttered throne room of the Lord our God, that can only be filled with the presence of the Holy One. Nothing on earth can fill it, but that does not stop us from trying. Whenever we start feeling too empty inside, we search for what will satisfy, if only for the moment.

Jesus can and does show us a better way. He shows us the meaning of our thirst. Only a thirsty Savior could understand our thirst. Our Savior hungered and thirsted for forty days in the wilderness where he was tempted by other voices than The One Who Made him to short-circuit his thirst for God not only with bread and water, but also by the lure of power and acclaim and the illusion of freedom from death and pain.

But our thirsty Lord would accept no substitute for God. He refused those substitutes because he knew they would not quench the deeper thirsts of his soul. Bread and water, power, acclaim, freedom from death—those things were not the reason for his life, nor are they the reason for ours.

On the cross he is offered sour wine for his parched mouth. And he drinks it to fulfill scripture. But that’s not what he’s really thirsty for. Yes, he is thirsty for physical comfort and consolation and release from pain. But more than that, he is thirsty for reunion with God. He is thirsty for the world’s redemption.

It was not just a thirst he suffered on the cross, but his whole life long. There were nights he never slept, seeking God all night in prayer, thirsting for love and communion and consolation.

He yearned for the kingdom of God, the coming reign of God’s justice, peace, and joy, to see this world healed of evil. And he calls us to share that same thirst. “Blessed are those,” he said, “who hunger and thirst to see justice prevail; they shall be satisfied.”

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Your Place in Service

Infants/Toddlers

Pat & Peggy Wilson

Deacon Greeters

John Pruitt

Sunday Unlock Schedule

March 4	Tim Thornhill
March 11	Pete Rickman
March 18	Craig McCown
March 25	Mary Shirley

Media Ministry

John Pruitt/Taylor Shirley

Finances for 2018

Monthly Giving Needed to meet monthly expenses:
\$ 18,070.00

2018 Budget Giving \$ 19,481.13

January Giving Breakdown:

January Giving (Budget)	\$ 16,700.31
Colonial Pres. Payment (Budget)	\$ 2,500.00
Amazon/Kroger Rewards (Budget)	\$ 280.82
Benevolence: (includes Christmas Eve)	\$ 803.00
Missions	\$ 280.00
Global Missions	\$ 12.00
Memorial:	\$ 475.00

2018 Total Budget Giving Breakdown:

Jan. Budget:	\$ 19,481.13
Feb. Budget:	\$
March Budget:	\$
April Budget:	\$
May Budget:	\$
June Budget:	\$
July Budget:	\$
August Budget:	\$
September Budget:	\$
October Budget:	\$
November Budget:	\$

Financial Gifts to CABC

If you would like to make contributions to the church online, either through scheduled giving or one-time donations, visit: www.cabc.us/donations to learn more.

There are other ways you can give, just by shopping for things you are already buying! Link your Kroger card to our church, and Kroger automatically sends us a check each quarter based on how much our linked members spend. If you need help signing up, please let the church office know. We will be happy to help you!

Also, Amazon gives us a donation based on the amount spent by those enrolled. For help signing up with Amazon.com rewards, see our website www.cabc.us/donations

Prayer Concerns

- Our Church
- Reatha Linkenhoker's daughter, Paula Bailey-recovering from heart surgery
- Amy Durrer-recovering from complications from diabetes
- Ric & Melissa's friend, recovering from sever motorcycle accident
- Brennon Viele's mother, Kathy Viele, inflammatory disease
- Sandra Britt-recovery at home
- The Moore family friends, the Johnsons, for comfort, strength and healing

Remember our homebound and those in nursing homes

Betty Brown	Christine Martin (Burkeville, VA)
Madaline Brown (Friendship South)	Yvonne and Jim Metz
Lois Burge	Nadine Minnix
Jane Byrum (The "Oaks")	Shirley Moore (Brandon Oaks)
Carol Camp	Betty Obenchain
Becky Erdmann	Louise Parris
Freda Guill	Evelyn Ragland (Elm Park)
Bill Linkenhoker	Ruby Whitehead (The Glebe)
Dody Matze	

Know, Grow, and Show- Jan. 2018

	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
Sunday School	45	51	47	56
Worship	72	64	76	90
Bible Study	4	-	6	10

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

Thank you to those that prayed for Pastor Melissa on Sunday 2/25 as she preached at our sister church, Calvary Baptist, in honor of Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. This annual preaching month is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Baptist woman. Along with her husband, Daniel, Martha converted to Christianity during the First Great Awakening. The couple eventually migrated from New England to Virginia, where they were introduced to Baptist beliefs. Concluding that scripture taught believer's baptism, they were soon baptized and joined a Baptist church. Both Marshalls were preachers. In 1810, Virginia Baptist historian Robert Semple wrote: "Mr. Marshall had a rare felicity of finding in this lady a Priscilla, a helper in the gospel. In fact, it should not be concealed that his extraordinary success in the ministry is ascribable in no small degree to Mrs. Marshall's unwearied, and zealous cooperation. Without the shadow of a usurped authority over the other sex, Mrs. Marshall, being a lady of good sense, singular piety, and surprising elocution, has, in countless instances melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations!" We are grateful for churches that remember and honor Martha Stearns Marshall by celebrating the giftedness of the woman who proclaim the good news from the pulpit.

Missions

Stay tuned. As the New Year has begun, so will planning for our Spring Yard Sale. That is, once the weather warms up a bit. Our garage is already full of treasures to sort!

Youth Ministry

- Youth, join us on Sunday evenings for dinner at **5:00 pm**, followed by Bible study and discipleship. If anyone would like to provide dinner for our youth, we still have several slots open in April and May!

- Mark your calendars now for Youth Sunday at **CABC on March 18** and at **CPC on April 15**. We'll begin planning on March 4, and we'll have a full rehearsal at our **spring lock-in on March 17**.

Children's Ministry

PBJ Kids, Youth, & families are invited to join us for a Palm Sunday Party & Journey Through Holy Week on **Sunday, March 25, 12-2 pm**. Join us for a pizza lunch, followed by a special time of worship and fellowship as we journey through Holy Week with crafts, games, and more, including an egg hunt for the children! Cost is \$10/family.

Dessert Auction

Our children and youth invite you to join us for a potato and salad bar lunch following Youth Sunday worship on **March 18**. After lunch, we will hold our annual dessert auction. This is such a fun time of fellowship! All proceeds will help send our children and youth to missions camp this summer. If you would like to donate a dessert, please make two of the same dessert (one for sampling, one for sale). Please sign up if you plan to attend lunch, so that we will have enough food for everyone.

Expression In The Arts

Sundays at 4:00 pm through March 18th

We have a strong desire to discover the many musical talents of our membership, and so we extend a special invitation to our youth (middle and high school) and adults (young and not so young) to come, and in just a five week period prepare to share your gifts. Do you play a musical instrument; or have a desire to perform with the Reader's Theatre group? No memorization is required. Maybe you possess a talent to be shared in worship that is not mentioned! Music for vocal ensembles will be provided, or you can bring your own. Please let Jan Bryant know if you plan to attend, or have questions.

Woman's Gathering

Join us **Saturday, March 3rd from 10 am-12 pm** for a woman's gathering. With pressures from all parts of life (work, family, home, and more), it can easy for women to feel overwhelmed. We need each other to help us remember that presence is more important than perfection! Come join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation as we take a deep breath and decide how we as women can help each other experience a deeper sense of grace and connection. Child care will be provided if requested by February 28.

Lenten Bible Study

This Lenten season, we are offering 3 small groups. Each group will be studying Adam Hamilton's book *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*. Find a day and time that works for you and join our church family in this Lenten discipline. We meet on **Tuesdays at 6:30 pm** at the home of Ric and Melissa Scott (2316 Mount Vernon Road), at the church on **Wednesday evenings (6:30 pm)** and **Monday mornings (10:30 am)**.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday CABC Family! March Birthdays

Joe Durrer Jr	March 1
Patrick Millehan	March 4
Barbara Horstmann	March 4
Doris Newcomb	March 7
Richard Rader	March 8
Stacy Rhodes	March 8
Vicki Wray	March 9
Bob Crawford	March 9
Carolyn Hatcher	March 12
Irma McBride	March 12
Tonya Conner	March 14
Barbara Kern	March 14
Dorothy Salmons	March 15
Judy Knott	March 16
Barbara Beck	March 20
Ron Britt	March 20
John Pruitt	March 26
Susan McFaden	March 28
Kallie Coleman	March 31
Nancy Vest	March 31

Current Sunday School Studies

Faithkeepers:	"Looking to Jesus/Jesus Teaches and Heals"
Friendship Class:	"Book of Gospel of John"
Men's Class:	"God is Faithful/ How To Fight Injustice"
New Beginnings:	"Looking to Jesus/Jesus Teaches and Heals"
Pastor's Class:	"Headline News"
Sunshine Class:	"God is Faithful/ How To Fight Injustice"
Youth:	"Where Pain Meets Progress/ Restored"
Children:	"13 Cool Stories and Why Jesus Taught Them"