

**Colonial Ave.
Baptist Church**
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**MAY
2018**

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COMMUNITY OF
FAITH
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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

The Lord is My Shepherd
Psalm 23

I think, in all the world, no words are more cherished than the words of the 23rd Psalm. We say these words at our most tender times. We say them at grave sides and hospital rooms and the rooms of the infirmed. You say these words and the room seems to change.

Has it occurred to you that unless you specify otherwise, these words are likely to be read at your funeral. Mine too. It will be read as comfort to our loved ones. And maybe, just maybe, it will seem like an honest picture of our own experience. I hope it will be true for mine.

I'd like to show you something that I hope will be helpful as we consider this amazing Psalm. If you look closely, you'll see that the 23rd Psalm moves. It moves from here to here to here. In its' movement and shifting it tells about some tremendous changes for us.

It begins in lush colors and fragrance. Green grass. Can you see it? Can you smell it? Sweet cool water. And a place to lie down and rest. We have good paths before us. And over it all the kindest figure. A shepherd providing everything we need. Who is this perfect provider? We answer. The Lord is our shepherd.

We are surrounded by the perfect provisions of love. One of my favorite hymns speaks of it – "All I have needed your hand has provided." He leadeth me. Not all we want. But all that we finally need. We can say this with confidence. God is generous. And we are lacking in nothing that finally matters. Our shepherd has fed us well in loves green pastures. Rested our souls by still waters. Restored us to life. Set before us a good path.

The problem is . . . it all disappears. Green pastures and still waters suddenly vanish at times. And suddenly we are in this horrid place. The valley of terrible darkness. Our Bibles get it wrong to a degree. The Hebrew text does not say, "valley of the shadow of death." It says, "valley of the darkest shadow." And the truth is, in this human life, there can be shadows that are darker than dying. There are stretches of a human life that may hold tremendous dread for us, bottomless grief, miserable confusion, pain. I see no shepherd. I am walking blind here.

Where was the valley of terrible darkness for you? In the dark shadows are speech is reduced to fearful silence, cold silence. Or maybe into prayer.

How do we get through such times? Well, not quickly. There's no speed-walking when the lights have gone out. We take tiny steps. One at a time. And we say primal prayers, if we dare. Maybe through clenched teeth, we say those words. Maybe in outreaching trust with the sense that just ahead of us in the dark where we cannot see a presence is moving at our pace. His staff in His strong hand. He knows the way through. We do not rely anymore in what is visible, we are thrown back to trusting the presence that will somehow provide enough, even here, until we make it out.

And we do come out. We can't see our progress along the way. It's in the nature of the dark that you can't see the progress you have made. But the tunnel does come to an end. You turn in the bend and there is light at last and you emerge. But the thing is that when the dark valley is done with you and you walk into the light, you emerge not the same.

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Your Place in Service

Infants/Toddlers

Donna Kester

Deacon Greeters

Bill Felton

Sunday Unlock Schedule

May 6	Tim Thornhill
May 13	Pete Rickman
May 20	Craig McCown
May 27	Mary Shirley

Media Ministry

John Pruitt/Taylor Shirley

Finances for 2018

2018 Budget Giving \$ 37,533.58

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

February Giving Breakdown:

March Giving (Budget):	\$ 12,058.14
Colonial Pres. Payment (Budget):	\$
Amazon/Kroger Rewards (Budget):	\$
Benevolence:	\$ 238.60
Missions:	\$

2018 Total Budget Giving Breakdown:

Jan. Budget:	\$ 19,481.13
Feb. Budget:	\$ 18,052.45
March Budget:	\$ 12,058.14
April Budget:	\$
May Budget:	\$
June Budget:	\$
July Budget:	\$
Aug. Budget:	\$
Sept. Budget:	\$
Oct. Budget:	\$
Nov. Budget:	\$
Dec. 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
- Brennon Viele's mother, Kathy Viele, inflammatory disease
- Sandra Britt-recovering at home
- Jeanne Duddy's friend, Sheila Thompson, at home recovering from gall bladder surgery
- Debbie Agee's brother, Teddy Page, has been moved to Berkshire for rehab after blood clots in leg and abdomen
- Cindy Martin, daughter of Rita Richardson, for Neuro endocrine carcinoid tumors in her stomach
- Louise Parris-recovering from knee surgery
- Michael Krawchison's grandfather-recovering from colon surgery

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

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Sunday School	48	44	53	*
Worship	72	60	90	
Small Group	16	11	*	9

* Inclement weather

From Finance: Donations welcome

We had a need for new office equipment that was not budgeted for in this year's budget. The church's 10 year old laptop, used by Pastor Melissa, had to be replaced. The funds were taken from the church equity line, but we would welcome donations to offset the cost.

Missing Something?

Please check the Lost & Found Basket on your way out today to ensure that we haven't found anything you may be missing. It is currently located on the table in the foyer. Any unclaimed items will go into the Mission sale.

Like what you hear at church?...

Like what you hear? Check out more from our Church Musician, Bill Lininger, one of two ways:
His Facebook page: [WML Piano Videos](https://www.facebook.com/WMLPianoVideos)
His YouTube Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MusicMastersPS>
You can also just google it by typing in: MusicMastersPS
Check him out!

Missions

- Our missions garage and bake sale will be **June 1-2** this year. You can help in several ways!
 1. Pray that the sale gives us an opportunity to connect with our community, along with raising money for mission projects.
 2. Donate your unwanted treasures to the sale.
 3. Volunteer to help with pricing and sorting before the sale - on Tuesday/Thursday mornings or Wednesday evenings when we have workdays.
 4. Volunteer the weekend of the sale. We especially need volunteers early in the morning to put things out and later in the afternoon, when it's time to pack things away.
- Join us on **Saturday, May 12, from 12-3 pm** as we work to Stamp Out Hunger. We will be helping Feeding America volunteers unload and sort donated food from mail trucks at the downtown postal center. If you would like to meet at the church and carpool, please let Tim Thornhill know. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old (or 15, if accompanied by a parent) and must wear close-toed shoes.
- "In Our Backyard" Mission Trip, **July 23-27**. We are joining with Colonial Presbyterian Church this summer for our intergenerational mission trip—to Roanoke! We will be working with a different local ministry partner each day. Children (accompanied by an adult), youth, and adults are all welcome to participate. Also, volunteers are needed to prepare bag lunches and dinner each day for the team. More information about specific projects will be available soon, but mark your calendars now to join in the work God is doing in Roanoke!

Youth Ministry

- Join us for dinner and discipleship on **Sundays at 5:00 pm** during our study of "Modern Families." It should only take a quick look around to realize there are no perfect families (not even in the Bible) but that doesn't stop us from worrying about our families' quirks, flaws, and shortcomings. In this 4-week series, we'll be challenged to give our families grace, seek resolution to our conflicts, trust God through difficult transitions, and
- If you can provide dinner for our youth for one of our last two Dinner and Discipleship evenings of the semester on **May 20 or June 3**, please let Melissa know. We eat at 5:00 pm, and the meal can be prepared at the church or brought in.
- Join us for a mid-week meet-up on **May 1**. We'll be cheering on Liam and Jacob at the Hidden Valley Choir Concert. We'll meet at CABC at **6:30 pm** to carpool.

Children's Ministry

- Thank you to everyone who made our second PBJ Kids Academy a success! We couldn't offer this gift to our community without your donations and assistance! Stay tuned for information on our next Academy session in the late summer or early fall.
- If you would be interested in occasionally hosting our PrayGround or teaching the children's Sunday School class, please let Melissa know.

Woman's Gathering— May 19th

Thank you to everyone that attended and helped with our last Woman's Gathering! We had 18 in attendance and am looking forward to our next one next month! Mark your calendars for **May 19th from 10 am-12 pm**, when we welcome Cindy Elmore from the Virginia Baptist Foundation. She is coming to talk to us about wills, trusts, and making sure your affairs are in order. Please join us for this educational opportunity and bring your friends!

Library Corner

Did you know that our church library has not only books, but also DVDs, a few CDs, and even PC games? Come check us out! We're open whenever the church is open!

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday CABC Family! May Birthdays

Jessica Pruitt	May 3
Todd Conner	May 4
Philip Motley	May 7
Perry Mills	May 12
Carol Helms	May 13
Shelly Madden	May 17
Christine Martin	May 18
Reagan Rhodes	May 20
Olen Doyle	May 21
Josh Vest	May 21

Current Sunday School Studies

Faithkeepers:	"The Life of Barnabas"
Friendship Class:	"Book of Romans"
Men's Class:	"God is Faithful/ How To Fight Injustice"
New Beginnings:	"The Life of Barnabas"
Pastor's Class:	"Headline News"
Sunshine Class:	"God is Faithful/ How To Fight Injustice"
Youth:	"Unbelievable" (Doubt)
Children:	"13 Cool Stories and Why Jesus Taught Them"