



## Weekly Financial Report

Last Sunday's Offering	\$
Last Week's Paypal	\$
Year To Date Offering	\$

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Welcome to our Seventieth Anniversary Worship Celebration! Please join us after the service for a time of food and fellowship downstairs in our gym. Handicap parking is available at both entrances to the gym. The pulpit and communion table in the auditorium today were built for our original building about 1960 by Mr. Will Clapp. He is the tall man at the back of the picture in the foyer (#48). Mr. Malcolm Sprinkle made the cross which hangs over the baptistry.



## Thank You

Thank you so much to our anniversary committee (Brenda Crane, Mark & Jackie Godbey, Ray & Judy Lutzo, Jeffrey Johnson, and Pastor Paul) for all your work and preparation for our upcoming anniversary. We really appreciate you!



Dear Church Family – I've been overwhelmed by the love and care shown to my family and me during my surgery and recovery. Thank you for the cards and the calls, the food and the flowers, the visits and the encouragement. The body of Christ in action is a beautiful thing! - Laura Moore



## Prayer Gathering

Join us at 4 P.M. on Sunday, September 24 in the Fellowship Hall as we come together to pray for those in our church family who minister and for the missionaries we support. Participants are welcome to pray aloud or pray in silent agreement with those who pray aloud. All ages are encouraged to attend.

## Rowe (Mutt) Anderson "The Deacon"

Rowe Anderson was given the name Mutt early in life. He brought his family to Abingdon Bible Church in 1963. He and his wife, Vivian, and their two children, Jimmy Anderson and Janet Anderson (Berry) joined the church on July 21, 1963. They were all baptized in the Holston River by Pastor John Berry along with Brenda Neese Crane and Howard and Billie Jo Little on August 9, 1965.

Mutt and Bill McCall were elected as deacons for their first term 1969, 1970, 1971. They were re-elected to serve 1972, 1973, 1974. However, Mutt died March 11, 1974. Also in 1974 Bill McCall was elected to become an elder along with Jack Atkins. Their first term was 1974, 1975, 1976.

Mutt earned another nickname at Abingdon Bible Church. At that time he and Vivian operated Anderson Trailer Court. On Monday mornings he made a habit of coming to the church to see what maintenance items needed attention. Gary McCall recalls his dad referring to Mutt as "the deacon" even though Bill was a deacon as well.

Vivian enjoyed visits from the German volunteers. She often gave them needlepoint Kleenex box covers. She also loved to talk about Mutt's military service and his military unit reunions.

Mutt and Vivian's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren continue to live in Washington County. His grandson, Jason, is the Washington County Administrator. He is married to Courtney and their children are Ainsley, Wes, John Daniel and Vivian. His other grandson Jonathan (Jessa), has three children, Rowe, Norabel and Finleigh and his granddaughter Jennifer (Carr) Blankenship, has two children, Carson and Nelson.

We also remember "the deacon" in more recent years, Paul Quetsch. He served as deacon 2014-2020.



## September 17, 2023 Anniversary Sunday!

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Jason Bakker
Dan Graham Audio	Pastor Paul Bufford
Worship In Song	<i>Doxology</i> (Hymn 625) <i>To God Be The Glory</i> (Hymn 66)
Greeting Time	
Video Testimonies	
Worship In Song	<i>It Is Well</i> (Hymn 493) <i>Amazing Grace</i> (Hymn 202)
Video Testimonies	
Prayer	Bill Mullins
Worship In Song	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> (Hymn 43)
Special Music	
Sermon	Pastor Frank Eppinette
Invitation	<i>Just As I Am</i> (Hymn 342)
Recognitions	
Worship In Song	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> (Hymn 4)

At Abingdon Bible Church, Christ's mission of making disciples compels us to:



**KNOW** Christ  
**GROW** in Christ  
**GO** Serve as Christ  
**SOW** the Gospel of Christ

## Opportunities of the Week

Sunday Morning Prayer (Rm 105) 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday School (Children & Adult) **No Sunday School Today**  
Awana (Wednesdays) 6:20 P.M.  
Wednesday Youth 6:30 P.M.

## Audio Assist

If you need some help hearing the service, hearing assistance devices are available. To request one, please see an audio technician or an usher.

## Wednesday Night Menu

September 20 – Bbq sliders, salad, chips, dessert  
September 27 – Pepperoni pizza bake, salad, bread, veggies, dessert  
October 4 – Chicken ole, salad, pintos, dessert

## Online Church Directory

ABC uses a digital family photo directory service. You can find the mobile app called Instant Church Directory or access it online. If you are not yet in the directory or have questions on how to access it, please contact the church office.



Also! If you are currently in the directory and would like to submit an updated photo, email it to the church office at [biblechurch@abingdonbible.org](mailto:biblechurch@abingdonbible.org).

## Missionary of the Week Benjamin and Patricia Broyles



Benjamin Broyles is the son of Terry and Wendy Broyles and he and Patricia are working with Vision Baptist to raise support to go work with the Balkans. In a recent newsletter, they write, "We wanted to start out by saying how grateful we are to God for you all. This past month was full of opportunities to serve, preach, teach, and share our burden for Albania and the Balkans. One of the great privileges we have had is to preach to youth groups and challenge young people to give their lives to the Lord and serve in missions. We have a full schedule for this coming month. We will be in Indiana, California, Tennessee and Georgia for missions conferences and meetings. Please pray that God would be working in the lives of people and for safe travels. You all are in our prayers, and we thank you for your faithfulness."

## Food Pantry Teams

Abingdon Bible Church is scheduled to volunteer in the Faith In Action Food Pantry September 18 – 22. A sign-up sheet is in the church foyer. We also want to encourage everyone to bring food to donate to the pantry by placing it in the bins in the foyer. For more info, call the church office.



## Save The Dates!

Our missions conference is scheduled Sunday, October 15 – Wednesday, October 18. More details will be coming later.

And our Ladies' Fall Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. More information is coming!

## Results Of Congregational Meeting

The results of last Sunday's congregational meeting to vote on 2023-2024 church officers was - 98 approve, 0 disapprove.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2023



20 Awana – 6:20 P.M.  
23 Upward Football Games  
24 Deacon Board Meeting – 12 P.M.  
24 Prayer Gathering – 4 P.M.  
26 Elder Board Meeting – 6 P.M.  
27 Awana – 6:20 P.M.  
30 Upward Football Games

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### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
Friday 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

### Staff

Senior Pastor: Jason Bakker  
Associate Pastor: Paul Bufford  
Dir. of Music & Media: Kevin Burrill  
Family Discipleship: Scott Graham  
Office Manager: Kisha O'Quinn

### Elders

Greg Bailey  
Jason Bakker  
Phillip Claybrook  
Mark Godbey  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Kirk Lortz  
Jeff McCraw  
Jeff Smith

### Deacons

Jeff Barlow  
Jim Champion  
Steve Champion  
Matt French  
Stacy Hayton  
Glen Johnson  
Robert Mitchell  
Robbie Shields

### Trustees

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