

**Amherst Baptist Church  
Vision**

It is our vision that every one of us becomes a thriving, multiplying, joy-filled follower of Jesus Christ, whose understanding of God is always deepening — to the glory of God and to the building of His kingdom.

If you have questions about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, how to request baptism, or what membership at Amherst Baptist Church looks like, please speak with Pastor Eric or Pastor Scott  
(email to: [pastors@amherstbaptist.com](mailto:pastors@amherstbaptist.com))

*Thank you for worshipping  
with us today!*

*Today's Message:*

**FOR A PURPOSE—  
TO GLORIFY JESUS**

**JOHN 11:1-16**

**BY PASTOR SCOTT GILLETTE**

**March 19, 2023**

# *We Believe...*

**The Scriptures** - The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, as its matter.

**God** - There is only one living and true God. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

**Man** - Man was created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. Man sinned against God so Christ died to make man acceptable before God.

**Salvation** - Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

**God's Purpose of Grace** - Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end.

**The Church** - The New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel ... and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. This church is an autonomous body. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages.

**Baptism & the Lord's Supper** - Baptism is the act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. **The Lord's Supper** is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

**The Lord's Day** - The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion.

# Amherst

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Another TRIP TO ISRAEL is being planned for October. We were asked to come back by those who organize the outreach to the kids at the Nazareth School. Any interested folks are asked to attend a meeting next Sunday (3/26) after DNA.



We have extended the SHERIDAN-PARKSIDE CANNED GOOD AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE until the end of March. Located in Tonawanda, SP is one of the most under-served /financially

- strained areas in the Buffalo area. The donation barrels are in the lobby ready to receive your contributions. Thanks!

Join us for our church FAMILY CAMP @ ALLEGHENY STATE PARK. Cabins are only \$125 for 2 night-stay the weekend of May 5-7. Sign up sheet near office windows.

### MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries!

3/25- Jeri Bowden

3/26- Michael Crétacci



### FOURTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP- WORSHIP CAFÉ this Friday,



March 24th 6-9. What a joy to mix two ABC favorites - music and caffeine! Open to all non-caffeine connoisseurs as well! Bring a dessert if you wish!

Next PRIME TIMERS event is on Tues, Mar. 28th @ 5pm. We will meet at Chili's @ 1145 N.F. Blvd. We would be honored to have someone present a brief 10 minute devotional. Please let Gail know if you're interested or also who's attending!



## WEEKLY EVENTS THIS SPRING

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY- VALUE OF GOD'S HEART. Sunday Nights @ 6:30p. Join us in the Mixed DNA Rm (outside Pastors' Offices). This study will run every Sunday 1/15 -3/26.

MEN'S WEEKLY PRAYER ON ZOOM—Every MON @ 9:30am.

### FOOD PANTRY HOURS—

Every TUES from 6-8pm (Every Tuesday this month)

Every other FRIDAY—3/10, 3/24 this month from 9-11am.

Every third SATURDAY—3/18 this month from 9:45-11:45am.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Every WEDS 9:30-11:30am at church. Currently studying the Gospel of John. Join us anytime!

AWANA—Every WEDS at 6:30pm. For kids Pre-K to Gr. 6

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY—Every THURS @ 7:30pm. Check Pastor Scott's emails for links. Study is in the Book of Romans.

X2-YOUTH GROUP—Every FRIDAY from 7-10pm. Grades 7-12. This is led by our Young Adults and supervised by Pastor Eric.

## MONTHLY, BI-MONTHLY AND OCCASIONAL EVENTS

FOURTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP—Worship Café, 3/24, 6-9pm Join us for an evening of worship, fellowship and caffeine galore! Bring your own favorite dessert. Contact Kathryn @ 716-912-8265

FBA TRAINING FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS—Sat, Mar. 25th @ 9a Please see Kathryn Napoli for training requirements to serve at VBS or Children's Ministry. Sign up @ Welcome Center table.

ISRAEL TRIP MEETING—Next Sunday (3/26) after DNA— For those considering the Israel trip the week of October 24, 2023.

PRIME TIMERS meet at Chili's on Tuesday, March 28th @ 5 pm. (Details on left column)

SHERIDAN-PARKSIDE CANNED & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE— Throughout March— barrels in foyer. Thanks for your help.

**MOST WEEKS AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR DNA (DISCUSSION 'N APPLICATION) GROUPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES (PRIMARYLY LOCATED IN THE EDUCATIONAL WING).**  
A GREETER WILL BE HAPPY TO ESCORT YOU TO A DNA GROUP AND INTRODUCE YOU TO THE DISCUSSION LEADER.

### ADULT DNA CLASSES:

**Young Adult DNA — Pastors' Study**

**Young Couples' DNA — Rm 2**

**Women's DNA — Library**

**Men's DNA — Rm 9**

**Coed DNA — Old Library (S3)**

**Coed DNA — Room S2**



### CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

**Nursery—Nursery (Room 5)**

**Grades K—2—Rm 24**

**Grades 3—4 —Rm 26**

**Grades 5—8—Rm 25**

**Grades 9—12— D2 (Downstairs)**



**Nursery Care is available for infants and toddlers during the entire service. A greeter will be happy to escort you to the nursery and introduce you to our wonderful nursery volunteers.**



*If you have a prayer concern that you would like to share with our church family, please email it to [prayerchain@amherstbaptist.com](mailto:prayerchain@amherstbaptist.com)*