

PEACE HERALD

January / February 2025

Peace Haven Baptist Church

Chalking of the Door – Blessing of the Home

The "Chalking of the Door" is a traditional Christian Epiphany blessing often performed at the beginning of the year. This practice serves as a prayerful request for protection, health, and blessings for the household throughout the year.

A Visible Witness for Jesus Christ

A Testimony To Seeking Jesus Christ like the Magi

A Blessing Through Jesus Christ over All who Enter the Home

CONTACT THE PASTOR TO
SCHEDULE A MARKING OF YOUR
HOME
WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND
PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR 2025

Charting A Course in 2025

In my sermon on Sunday December 29, I invited the church family to share thoughts on ministry hopes, dreams, goals, priorities, or initiatives for 2025. Take some time to think and pray. Talk with one another. This is like a brainstorming exercise. Share with me by email.

PHBC Ministry Teams will begin meeting again in January and join in this process. Ministry Teams are one way PHBC seeks to plan, promote, coordinate, and accomplish the mission of this church, meet various needs, and pursue our aspirations. Below is a description of each team. Contact team leaders to learn more and how you can participate or support. I look forward to hearing from you and serving together in the new year.

Columbarium Team: Focus on the administration/maintenance of the prayer garden and columbarium. Team Leader: Mary Ruth Hord
Next Meeting February 24 at 2:00 pm

Communications/Outreach Team: Focus on internal forms of communication, marketing church in the community, and developing ways to engage the wider Winston-Salem community with the life of Jesus Christ. Team Leaders: Jon Hamby and Tammy Shadden
Next Meeting January 23 at 6:30 pm

Engagement Team: Focus on the mission of PHBC in the community and throughout the world. Team Leader: Carol Doss
Next meeting February 10 at 6:30 pm

Life Team: Focus on the fellowship events of church and care for the church family. Team Leader: Terri Fisher
Next Meeting February 3 at 6:30 pm

Operations Team: Focus on the facilities, grounds, equipment, and maintenance needs of the church. Team Leader: Tom Nichols
Next Meeting February 4 at 6:30 pm

Senior Adult Ministry Team: Focus on ministry engagement with older adults within the PHBC church family and the community.
Team Leader: Jean Jarvis. Next meeting January 27 at 6:30 pm

Support Team: Focus on the administration, personnel, and finances of PHBC.
Team Leader: Larry Dorriety. Next Meeting February 17 at 6:30 pm

Jon Redding - Former WFU Intern 2009 - 2012

Dr. Jonathan Redding's influential research on Biblical interpretation and unwavering support of students has earned him one of the highest honors in academia at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Redding has been chosen as the inaugural holder of the Dr. Anne MacLeod Cognard Professorship in the Humanities. "This is a tremendous honor, and I'm beyond grateful for this opportunity," says Redding, associate professor of religion. "To receive this professorship at this stage of my career, is humbling and empowering. This gives me the chance to help students see what writing, creativity, and bold thinking can get them. I want them to see the power and importance of writing and reading with a critical eye. We put students and learning first, so this professorship grants me the chance to model the type of practical academic work we share with students here and beyond."

Since 2017, Redding has been a faculty member in the Department of Religion and Philosophy. He has distinguished himself as a scholar by authoring three books on Biblical interpretation; he is the recipient of the Margaret J. Prouty Teaching Award, the University's top teaching award; and he provides outstanding support and service to the University and students. Named professorships are considered among the university's leading faculty members. It lends prestige to the university and recipient, helps recruit and retain top talent and inspires faculty colleagues in their work.



The Benfield Legacy Society

Ray and Evelyn Benfield were the founding ministry couple at Peace Haven Baptist Church on September 1, 1957.

To honor the distinct role of Ray and Evelyn at PHBC, the church established The Benfield Legacy Society as a way for church members and friends to financially contribute to the ongoing witness of this distinct community of faith by means of a planned estate gift. Committing to an estate gift is an act of love, appreciation, and hope – a way for each of us to affirm the significance of Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in our present lives and provides financial resources for the future life, witness, and ministry of this church. A Legacy Society

Brochure is available to assist with this process and there are life planning resources on the church website: www.phbcws.org Make 2025 a year to establish or review your will or estate plan. Ensure that it reflects your intentions. Also review or create primary documents like health care directives, power of attorney designations, and insurance beneficiary forms. Planning provides peace and direction for family members.

Thanks for your commitment to the future of God's work through Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem.

Contact the Pastor for a brochure or conversation about Legacy Giving.

Winter Weather Policy

Weekday Policy - Our policy aligns with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (WSFCS):

If there is a delay, weekday events and services will continue as scheduled.

If school is cancelled or dismissed early, all weekday events and services at Peace Haven Baptist Church (PHBC) will be cancelled.

Weekend Policy - In the event of winter weather over the weekend when school is not in session, decisions about services and events will be made as early as possible. Updates will be communicated through the following channels:

Facebook, Email, WXII Channel 12 on TV and their website

The church will be listed on WXII12 as "Peace Haven Baptist Church W-S."

A Note About Safety - As always, we encourage you to use your best judgment before traveling in winter weather conditions. Your safety is our top priority.

Labyrinth Walks at PHBC

The labyrinth is a sacred path with one way in and one way out; one cannot get lost on a labyrinth walk. The labyrinth differs from a maze in that mazes have multiple paths which branch off, many different paths that may not lead to the center, and sometimes even "traps" which makes walking a maze difficult and unpredictable. (A lot like life).

Explaining the labyrinth walk with words is like trying to describe experiencing a vast ocean and then putting the experience into a coke bottle. The labyrinth walk is difficult to describe because the journey is so much more than words express. The labyrinth walk is a spiritual journey.

One way to think about this is as you walk into the labyrinth, you are walking to God, and with each step, you let go of thing(s) that separate you from God. When you arrive at the center of the labyrinth, it is helpful to offer a prayer to God for whatever you feel led to talk to God about as it relates to your journey with God. Sometimes, at the Center of the labyrinth, you may feel that you just want to be quiet and be present with God in that way. That is fine as well, it is important to do (be) with what you feel you are led to do (be).

As you journey out of the labyrinth, it is helpful to meditate or pray on those things that help you on our earthly journey. You may even feel that you acquire spiritual tools on your journey out of the labyrinth. There are different ways to use the labyrinth for nurturing your relationship with God, this is one example.

You are invited to participate in our monthly labyrinth walks. Walking the labyrinth is a solitary activity, communing with God. However, the monthly labyrinth walk in community with others enriches the solitary experience. When you walk the labyrinth during our monthly walks, we pray, then walk the labyrinth. After everyone finishes their walk, there is optional time to spend together sharing the experience in whatever way you feel comfortable. It is meditative, safe space in that the term "what is said here, stays here" applies.

With all my heart, I hope you will join us in this meaningful experience both individually and in community. In addition, there will be a series of Sunday afternoon walks as we journey through the season of Lent.

All walks are on Sunday afternoons (dates are listed below) and all are scheduled at 3:00 pm.

Walk dates are:

January 26

February 16

March 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, and 13

You may attend one walk or attend all of the walks.

If you have any questions, just let me know,

Rev. Michele Shadden,
mchlhn1@triad.rr.com

SPECIAL NOTICES



**2nd Monday
of each
month.**

If you are interested in assisting with the route to deliver food, please contact **Jean Jarvis**



**Online
Bible Study**

**Wednesdays
6:30pm on Zoom**

Link will be sent by email.

We are collecting
pasta and sauce for
CRISIS CONTROL.
You can drop off your
donations at the
church.

Contact Carol Doss for
more information.



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Engagement Team Update

Thanks to everyone for the support throughout the year. Special thanks for those who have supported recent events. We provided an appreciation lunch before Thanksgiving for the Mineral Springs Elementary staff. Thanks to Terri and Shane Fisher and a special thanks to Kim Lee for the homemade cookies for that event. There were 13 bell ringer volunteers for the Salvation Army Kettle campaign.

Also, there were 41 of you that contributed gifts for 17 children who were among the names on the Salvation Army Angel tree. In addition, we had a great response for the Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign which resulted in a large contribution for their ministry. The response to the love offering for Western NC Damage from Helene was terrific – over \$13,600 has been received so far.

Our congregation generously responds to many needs within our area, the state, and the world. I personally thank each one of you for your care and concern for others through our ministries.

Carol Doss, Engagement Team Leader



Happy Birthday Wishes!

January

Ningejua Iddi	1/01
Gail Shaw	1/03
Jimmy Kistler	1/08
Tom Vincent.	1/10
Elaine Hodges	1/10
Mikayla East	1/11
Craven Page.	1/12
Emily MacMillan	1/15
John Crews	1/23
Janet Day	1/30

February

Julia Fox	2/05
Nathan Parrish	2/08
Lore Reid	2/13
Bill Ring	2/13
Avery Fansler	2/14
Mike Jamison	2/15
Memphis Shortt	2/18
Anita Ketron	2/22
Stuart MacMillan	2/22
Jessica Stevens	2/22

March

Tyke Guyton	3/02
Carrie Pruitt	3/02
Lori Stutts	3/06
Sophia Hartley	3/08
Steve Doss	3/10
Chris Spainhour	3/10
Stephano Pinedo	3/11
Maggie Iddi	3/15
Ann Ring	3/17
Matt McCain	3/19
Kendra Jenkins	3/21
Bob Travis	3/21
Landon Flanegin	3/23
Shane Fisher	3/24
Andy Jenkins	3/29
Maynard Lloyd Jr.	3/29
Celia Tebbetts	3/31

Join Us For Sunday School

Sunday Mornings
10:00am



Online Prayer Circle

Fridays on Zoom
10:00am



Meeting Link and Password is sent by email.
Contact Pastor Nathan for details.

LIVE STREAM

Worship Service Options

www.phbcws.org

or

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Please share corrections and additions with Pastor Nathan