

PEACE HERALD

March / April 2025

Peace Haven Baptist Church

Embracing The Season of Lent: A Time of Reflection and Renewal

As a church season, Lent is the period of 40 days preceding Easter - beginning with Ash Wednesday (March 5) and continuing through Saturday, April 19 (not counting Sundays).

Like other church seasons (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost), the season of Lent calls us deeper into the passionate life, love, and light of the Lord Jesus Christ - the Savior of the World and the one Mediator between God, the human family, and all creation. The goal of the season is to deepen our union with Jesus Christ, to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, and to follow Jesus more fully into the reconciling, justice-making, peace-bringing ministry of the Kingdom of God.

Below are some ways to embrace the season:

Ash Wednesday – March 5

Join us as we start the Lenten journey. Come by the church for prayer of blessing and to receive the sign of the cross.

Times: 8:00am - 9:30am and 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Online Devotional Site for Lent www.d365.org

This daily devotional site will lead you through the season of Lent and throughout the year. Instrumental music is also offered for your devotional experience.

CHALKING THE DOOR

Pastor available to mark your home with the sign of the cross and pray with you for home blessing. Contact Nathan to schedule a time.

Lenten Labyrinth Walks - March 9, 23, 30, April 6 and 13 (3:00 pm)

Holy Week Services – April 14-18 at 6 PM (Monday - Friday)

During Holy Week, we will gather each evening at 6 PM for special services that lead us deeper into the final days of Jesus' life, culminating in the celebration of Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 19

A fun-filled event for children and families! Join us for an afternoon of egg-hunting and Easter joy as we celebrate the hope and new life found in Christ. Egg Hunt is scheduled for 11:00 am.

Volunteers needed beginning at 10:00 am and for assistance during the event.

Resurrection Sunday – April 20

Easter morning begins with a Roadside Cross Service at 8:45 AM (bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross), followed by a delicious breakfast at 9:15 AM. We will then gather for Sunday School at 10 AM before our Easter Worship Service at 11 AM, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord with music, scripture, and joyful praise.

Expanding Our Reach: The Impact of PHBC's Media Ministry

The Media Ministry at Peace Haven Baptist Church (PHBC) is playing a pivotal role in expanding our outreach and sharing the Gospel beyond the walls of our church. Through our live stream services and active presence on social media, we are connecting with individuals and families near and far, providing them with the opportunity to worship, learn, and grow in faith, no matter where they are.

Reaching Beyond Our Walls With the power of technology, PHBC's live stream ministry allows us to bring the message of Christ to those who may not be able to attend in person. Whether it's due to illness, travel, work obligations, or other circumstances, our live stream ensures that our church family and visitors can stay connected. Members have shared testimonies of how these services have encouraged them during difficult times and provided a source of spiritual nourishment when they needed it most.

Engaging Through Social Media Social media has become an essential tool in promoting PHBC and keeping our congregation informed. Through platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, we advertise church events, special services, and community outreach programs. By using social media to highlight upcoming activities, we ensure that our members and the broader community are always aware of what's happening at PHBC. These platforms also help us reach new audiences and invite them to experience our church family.

A Ministry of Connection and Transformation The impact of our Media Ministry is seen in the lives it touches. We've received messages from viewers who have come to faith through our online presence, testimonies from members who have deepened their relationship with Christ, and stories of families who found PHBC through social media and now call it their spiritual home. Our mission is clear: to use every available resource to spread God's love and truth to as many people as possible.

How You Can Be Involved As we continue to grow this vital ministry, we invite you to be a part of the mission. Whether it's by volunteering with our tech team, sharing our online content, or simply praying for the continued success of our digital outreach, your support makes a difference. Together, we can continue to shine the light of Christ into the digital world and beyond.

We encourage you to follow PHBC on social media and invite friends and family to tune in to our live streams. Let's make an impact—one share, one stream, and one message at a time!

Engagement Team Update

2024 BUDGET 7,300.00

CBF 500.00
CBFNC 700.00
SALVATION ARMY OF WS (FAMILY SHELTER) 600.00
LOVE CDC 600.00
SAMARITAN MINISTRY – PROJECT CORNERSTONE 500.00
NC BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME 500.00
MARC AND KIM WYATT 1,500.00
CITY WITH DWELLINGS – GOAL END HOMELESSNESS 500.00
BETHESDA CENTER – COST OF FOOD 300.00
FAMILY SERVICES (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER) 500.00
LEAD GIRLS OF NC 300.00
SAM & EGGS 500.00
SAMARITAN MINISTRIES POSTER, PENNY CAMPAIGN 45.59
TRANSFER TO BENEVOLENT FUND 60.55
CREDIT CARD CHARGE 5.67
MINERAL SPRINGS ELEM. APPRECIATION LUNCH 188.19
TOTAL DISBURSED 7,300.00

ADDITIONAL 2024 MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS (NOT FROM BUDGET)

LOVE OFFERING NC MTN RELIEF 13,668.33
CROP WALK \$2,233.88

GRAND TOTAL \$23,202.21

MISSION PROJECTS (WITHOUT TOTALS)

17 ANGELS FOR SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE, KETTLE BELL RINGING AT LOWE'S FOODS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MSES, COAT DONATIONS AT CROP WALK, SAMARITAN MINISTRY PENNY CAMPAIGN, MISC COLLECTIONS – CRISIS CONTROL, SAMARITAN MINISTRY, MSES, LOVE CDC.

Traditionally Baptist missions include local, state, national, and global promotions. The Engagement Team will promote a global effort later this year. During Lent, which begins on Wed, 3/5 thru Easter, 4/20, our team is encouraging you to contribute to a Love offering for local, state, and National offerings.

Our offerings will go toward:

- **Local** – Invest in effective summer programs to prevent summer-slide in young students who are most vulnerable. We will contribute to agencies that provide academics, enrichment programs, and socio-emotional development for youth here locally.
- **State** – CBFNC for Welcome Network grants to be used for Welcome House Raleigh to enable them to continue to embody one of CBFNC's core priorities: "embracing neighbors through missions." They are in jeopardy of losing government grants to continue their work. We have already voted that PHBC will be a CBF Encourager Church for Welcome House Raleigh and support them.
- **National** – Provide funds to assist in the recovery from the disastrous wildfires in Los Angeles with the devastation of thousands of homes and everything those families lost.

We ask for your support with your contributions and prayers for each of these needs. Thank you.

Columbarium

As we plan for the future, one important decision to consider is a final resting place for ourselves or our loved ones. Our church's Columbarium provides a meaningful, sacred space for remembrance, offering a beautiful, peaceful, and permanent place to be laid to rest. If you haven't yet considered purchasing a niche, here are a few reasons why now is the perfect time.

A Place of Comfort and Reflection

The Columbarium is located on our church grounds, providing a serene and spiritual setting where family and friends can visit, reflect, and remember. Knowing that your final resting place is in a location filled with faith and love can bring great comfort to both you and your loved ones.

Affordability and Convenience

At just \$500 per niche, this is an affordable option compared to traditional burial costs. Purchasing a niche now allows you to secure your space at today's price and ensure that your final arrangements align with your wishes.

A Thoughtful Gift to Your Family

Making arrangements in advance is an act of love. It removes the burden from your family during a difficult time, allowing them to focus on remembering and celebrating your life rather than making last-minute decisions.

Limited Availability

While we currently have niches available, space is limited. By making a plan now, you can reserve your spot before all niches are filled.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche or would like more information, please see Janet Day for details. This is a thoughtful and lasting decision that ensures you or your loved ones have a place of rest within our church community.

Take the step today to secure your place in our Columbarium—a space of peace, prayer, and remembrance.

SPECIAL NOTICES



**2nd Monday
of each
month.**

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

Outreach Team Meeting

Thursday, March 6
6:30pm

In-Person at the church



Contact Rev. Jon for details.
336-757-0264



Support Team Meeting

Focus on Administrative,
Personnel and Finance

Monday, March 24 at 6:30
In-person and Zoom

Contact Pastor Nathan for more
information



Lenten Labyrinth Walks

Sundays
March 9, 23 & 30
April 6 and 13
3:00pm

Gather in the Church Lobby

Contact Rev. Michele Shadden for details.
336-692-7588



PHBC Lenten Offering

March 5th thru April 20

1 National
Los Angeles
Wildfire Recovery

2 State
CBFNC
Welcome Network

3 Local
Summer
Youth Programs



Deacon Nominations

As church members, we have a privilege and a responsibility to prayerfully nominate and elect candidates for deacon ministry. In 2025, church members may nominate as many as seven members for deacon ministry. Deacons provide, in conjunction with the pastor, spiritual care for the members of the church and general oversight in fulfillment of the church's purpose. Deacons shall always regard themselves as servants of the church and reflect the attributes of a deacon as set forth in the scriptures.

Jan McCard and Jennifer Vincent will rotate off the diaconate after six years of consecutive ministry and will not be eligible for nomination for one year. Mike McCraw and Michele Shadden will continue their ministry in 2025-2026 and should not be nominated. Mark Fansler, Katherine Klett, and Tom Vincent are completing 3 years of ministry and are eligible for nomination. The deacon nomination process begins April 1 and continues through April 30. Under our bylaws, we may have a maximum of nine deacons in active ministry. Candidates must agree to have their names submitted for nomination and all church members are eligible provided that they (a) are at least 21 years of age; (b) have been a church member for at least one year; and (c) are not completing a second consecutive term of service. Deacons serve 3 years. Nomination forms will be available at church. These forms, when completed with your nominee or nominees for deacon, must be returned to the office (or placed in the offering plate during any Sunday worship) by April 30, 2025.

The congregation will be notified of deacon nominees in May. Deacon election will be held by ballot in church conference on Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 pm. For members unable to attend the church conference, absentee ballots will be available in the church office. Absentee ballots must be received in the church office by noon on Sunday, May 18. Contact Pastor Nathan with questions.

Senior Adult Lunches

11:30am

March 6 - Carriage House

April 17 - The Sherwood

June 19 - Little Richards

August 19 - Mama Zoe's

October 16 - 66 Pizza

December 18 - 801 Southern Kitchen - Advance, NC

PHBC Reading Club Interest Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30pm

In Person

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the formation of a reading/book club at church, to determine best days/times, and to share thoughts about a reading list or focus. Come be part of this new opportunity for community, friendship, and growth.

Dianne Tebbetts
336-770-0711

Devotional Resource Available

If you've longed to spend time in prayer and God's word but need a plan of action, Reflections Devotional Guide can help. Offering 4-months of daily devotions with each publication cycle (Jan-April, May-August, September-December, Reflections is designed to challenge and encourage adults on their spiritual journey.

Contact the Pastor for more information on how you can receive this resource for spiritual formation and growth.

Youth and Children's Breakfast Club

A time of providing a healthy breakfast for our youth and children.

All Youth and Children are welcome to join us Sundays at 9:40!

Happy Birthday Wishes!

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

April

Libby Jamison.	4/04
Mark Fansler	4/06
Maynard Lloyd	4/06
Logan Flanegin	4/15
Tim Mason	4/16
Drew Williams	4/22
Ryan Williams	4/22
Melvis McCarthy	4/26
Larry Dorriety	4/28
Gill McCain	4/30

May

Mary Ruth Hord	5/04
Jake Shortt	5/04
Dan Davis	5/05
Tom Nichols	5/13
Willie Atkins	5/16
GiGi Thompson	5/18
Alice Zegrea	5/24
Marcelina Iddi	5/25
Lance Williams	5/27
James Sanders	5/28
Donna Raebel	5/29
Hanna Guyton	5/30
Nell Tebbetts	5/31

Please share corrections and additions with Pastor Nathan