

# PEACE HERALD

May / June 2025

Peace Haven Baptist Church

## **The Great Fifty Days Wisdom and Power for the Church**

The Great Fifty Days extend from Easter to Pentecost (April 20-June 8 this year). The biblical basis for this season in the worship life of the church is found in the Book of Acts. There are forty days between the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the Ascension of Jesus.

“After his suffering, Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3). “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he (Jesus) was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:8-9).

Ten days later – the 50 th day after resurrection – the disciples experienced the promised outpouring and empowerment of the Holy Spirit while gathered in Jerusalem. This was the day of Pentecost (which means fifty days). Pentecost (Shavuot) was already established as a festival for the Jewish people – 50 days after the first day of Passover. Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible) to Moses at Mount Sinai. It also celebrates the harvest of the first fruits of the wheat harvest.

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:1-4).

The Great Fifty Days is about time and timing. They remind us that the mission of the church is rooted and grounded in the wisdom and power of God in Jesus Christ. Even though the disciples had been with Jesus for years, they were still in need of further insight into the Kingdom of God. And even though they were instructed by the Lord, the disciples were still in need of divine empowerment for the mission. Wisdom without power was not sufficient. Power without wisdom is reckless and dangerous. Wisdom & Power is the combination of gifts that the Risen Lord provides for the church during The Great Fifty Days.

As Peace Haven Baptist Church moves forward on mission with and for the Lord Jesus Christ, let's remember the prescription provided by the Lord for His church has not changed. Wisdom and Power are both required for the mission and we must continually seek the Lord for both.

## *Church Conference - May 18 at 4:00pm*

During church conference, members may select from nine candidates nominated for seven vacancies on the diaconate. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office until noon on Sunday May 18.

Nominated candidates: Meg Denbo, Mark Fansler, Nancy Greene, Loren Hamby-Lattimore, Katherine Klett, Tammy Shadden, Jessica Stevens, Roger Stevens, Tom Vincent.

The church conference will also include a financial update and ministry team reports/recommendations.

## *PHBC Book Club*

A reading group was recently established at PHBC and is completing a second book on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30pm. You are welcome to attend the May 6 gathering and join the conversation of *The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom* by Don Miguel Ruiz. Another book will be selected at this upcoming session. Contact Diane Tebbetts for more information (336-770-0711)

## *Reflections: Daily Devotional Guides*

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 128 pages of thoughtful, daily devotions, Reflections is designed to challenge and encourage adults on their spiritual journey. Reflections is published on a 4-month cycle with editions released in January, May, and September. There were 16 people requesting a copy and we have 25 available.

Contact the pastor for your copy or to see the publication. A contribution of \$5 per copy is requested.

## *Engagement Team Update*

We thank you for the Lenten Love offering which currently exceeds \$2400. In case it slipped your mind we are still accepting any offerings you want to contribute. Remember to designate it as Lenten Love Offering. In June we will publicize how the offerings will be distributed.

During May our emphasis will be collecting food or clothing for Love CDC. Love CDC is a non-profit located in north Winston-Salem on Liberty St across from the airport. They provide a community food pantry and clothing closet on an as needed basis. Love CDC is committed to serving all individuals living in our community, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social class, physical ability or attributes, religious or ethical values system, national origin or political beliefs. No one visiting the Love Center is refused service because of who they are or what they believe. Food items that are requested are Black eyed peas, Oatmeal, Grits, Canned meats/stews such as Brunswick Stew, Mac'n Cheese and canned or dried Beans. A shopping list is available on the table outside of the sanctuary, Contributions can be placed in the basket on the bookcase in the hallway.

Each of you is invited to join our next meeting on Zoom which is scheduled for Monday, June 2 at 6:30. Come to help us make decisions for upcoming mission activities.

## *Celebrating Pride with a Purpose - June 14*

As summer approaches, we look forward to joining our community at the annual Pride event on June 14. This special day is an opportunity for us to live out our values of welcome, inclusion, and love.

We'll be walking in the parade and hosting a booth, showing that our church is a place where all are embraced—regardless of who they are or whom they love. Our presence is a statement of faith: that God's love is for everyone. The booth will be a space for connection, conversation, and hope. Whether you're part of the LGBTQ+ community, a supportive friend or family member, or someone seeking a spiritual home, you are welcome here.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the beauty of diversity and the power of community.

Rev. Jon Hamby-Lattimore

Pastoral Assistant of Outreach and Evangelism

# Honoring Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom and Resilience

Juneteenth, observed on June 19th, marks a pivotal moment in American history—the day in 1865 when Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce and enforce the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Although President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation over two years earlier, on January 1, 1863, many enslaved people in Texas remained in bondage due to the state's resistance and geographical distance from Union influence.

Texas was among the last Confederate strongholds to surrender, making the arrival of Union troops a powerful symbol of delayed—but eventual—liberation. The proclamation itself followed earlier legislative efforts like the Confiscation Acts of 1861 and 1862, which aimed to undermine slavery in the Confederacy and encouraged voluntary emancipation by offering compensation to slaveholders—efforts largely ignored by secessionist states.

The first Juneteenth celebration took place on June 19, 1866, under the name "Jubilee Day." It quickly gained momentum across the South as a time for formerly enslaved people to gather, reflect, and rejoice. In the 1870s and 1880s, Juneteenth festivities included barbecues, rodeos, music, and worship services. Amidst growing attempts to suppress Black freedom and culture, community leaders in Houston, Texas, purchased "Emancipation Park" as a safe and permanent place for these celebrations.

More than 150 years later, Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday on June 19, 2021. Today, it is honored across the United States with festivals, educational events, parades, and moments of reflection—a testament to the enduring spirit of freedom, resilience, and community.

Let us continue to remember and uplift the legacy of Juneteenth as we work toward justice, equality, and unity for all.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Columbarium Team Meeting

Wednesday,  
May 7  
2:00pm  
In Person at PHBC

### Outreach Team Meeting

Thursday, May 8  
6:30pm  
In-Person at the church

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

### Life Team Meeting

Monday, May 19  
6:30pm  
In person with Zoom option

### Senior Adult Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, May 20  
In-Person and Zoom at  
6:30pm

Contact Jean Jarvis for more info

### Engagement Team Meeting

Monday, June 2  
On Zoom at 6:30pm

Contact Carol Doss for more info



## Walking The Prayer Labyrinth

The PHBC Prayer Labyrinth is located adjacent to the columbarium/prayer garden on the Archer Road side of the church property. The Prayer Labyrinth was constructed in 2022.

The octagonal design of Peace Haven's labyrinth is rooted in church history. Many baptistries in early Christian communities were octagonal and were symbols of resurrection, renewal, and regeneration in Jesus Christ. The Peace Haven labyrinth also faces east. This connects us with the dawning of a new day and the promise of new beginnings in God. The labyrinth is not a maze. There are no tricks. There is no deception. Labyrinths symbolize our journey in God. There are twists. There are turns. There are directional changes. But the singular path leads to the center – a place of resting in God. The Labyrinth area is available to the whole community every day. Take time to explore walking the prayer path on your own or at a scheduled time. Rev. Michele Shadden will be glad to provide more information and insight about prayer walking. Upcoming scheduled opportunities include:

**Sunday, June 8** at 4:00pm

**Sunday, July 20** at 4:00pm

**Sunday, August 10** at 4:00pm

**Saturday, September 20** at 11:00am - Labyrinth 101 - "An Introduction to an Ancient Practice"

## Happy Birthday Wishes!

### 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

### June

Dot Harmon	6/01
Lisa Barfield	6/05
Shukuru Iddi	6/07
Cindy Jones	6/07
Julian Williams	6/08
Michael Iddi	6/11
Brent Jones	6/12
Josh Snyder.	6/12
Cinthya Jenkins	6/13
Bill Piper	6/16
Jimmy Flanegin	6/17
Guy Oldaker	6/18
Christy Flanegin	6/21
Gail Patella	6/22
Lisa Parrish	6/29

### July

Heather Wham.	7/01
Deborah Hord	7/02
Trish Warren	7/02
Terrell Tebbetts	7/03
Mike McCraw	7/04
David Shatzman	7/04
Robert Urane	7/06
Evelyn Benfield	7/10
Meg Denbo	7/13
Olivia Maciel	7/14
Alyra Young	7/24
Khalil Williams.	7/27
Elizabeth MacMillan.	7/28
Norman Travis	7/28

Please share corrections and additions with Pastor Nathan

### Senior Adult Events

**May 22** - BINGO

At PHBC - 10am - 11:30am

**June 19** - Senior Lunch

At Little Richards - Stratford  
11:30 AM

### PHBC Ministry Teams

Ministry Teams are the way PHBC seeks to plan, promote, coordinate, and accomplish the mission of this church, meet our various needs, and pursue our aspirations. Your voice, vision, and wisdom is needed on these teams. Attend the meeting(s) of your choice to learn more about the ministry of any of these teams. Find your place in the process of helping PHBC pursue its mission and design ministries that make disciples. Contact Nathan with questions. (336-391-4031)

### WS Dash Game

Join PHBC as we attend a WS Dash game on Saturday, June 21.  
Game begins at 6:30pm

Please sign up by Sunday, June 8.

Tickets are \$10.00 each

Tickets include the game, and a voucher for a hotdog, chips and drink.

### Support Team Meeting

**July 14 at 6:30pm**

The Support Team focuses on finances, staff and church processes.