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Peace Haven Baptist Church

The Survey Says

In a recent article - What If Everything We Thought About the “Nones” Was Wrong? – Tripp Fuller, a graduate of WFU Divinity and founder of Homebrewed Christianity in 2008 (www.homebrewedchristianity.com) shares some interesting insights from a survey of the NONES: that growing segment of Americans who check “no religious affiliation” on surveys. Researchers discovered that the 100 million Americans with no religious affiliation aren’t one thing at all. There are four very different groups with radically different relationships to faith, meaning, and the reality of the divine. Below are some excerpts for reflection.

Surprise #1: Twenty Million “Nones” Pray Every Day

The researchers call them “NiNos” — Nones in Name Only. They account for about 21% of the unaffiliated, meaning roughly 20 million Americans fall into this category. These people pray daily. Many believe in God without doubt. They don’t hate religion. They don’t distrust God. They just... don’t belong anywhere.

Surprise #2: The “Spiritual But Not Religious” Aren’t Really That Spiritual

“I’m not religious, but I’m very spiritual.” This group is large — 36% of all nones, about 36 million people. But the vast majority aren’t doing anything spiritual at all. They want to be spiritual, they think of themselves as spiritual, but they haven’t built a spiritual life.

Surprise #3: Pascal Was Probably Wrong

For centuries, Christian theology has rested on an assumption articulated most famously by Blaise Pascal: that every human being has a “God-shaped hole” that can only be filled by the Divine. A third of all nones — about 33 million Americans — challenge that assumption directly. Researchers call them “the Dones.” They’re done with religion. Done with spirituality. Done with God. They don’t pray (99% say “seldom or never”). They don’t attend services. They don’t yearn for the divine or spiritual. They’re not miserable. They’re not searching. The “Dones” say they are just fine.

Surprise #4: The Loudest Voices Are the Smallest Group — And the Most Unhappy

The zealous atheists and mockers of religion. They represent just 11% of the nones — about 3% of all Americans. They’re the least satisfied with their lives of any group in the study. They score lowest on meaning, purpose, self-worth, and hope. Their war with religion hasn’t set them free. Something is wrong, and they’re in pain.

Surprise #5: There Is No Gen Z Revival (folks born between 1997-2012)

There’s been a lot of anecdotal buzz about young people returning to faith, whispers of a revival on the horizon. The data doesn’t support it. Whatever comes next for the church, it won’t be a return to the 1950s.

What Do We Do With This?

We must appreciate the reality of 100 million+ people who self-identify as Nones. We must stop treating “the Nones” as a monolithic group. They’re not. Twenty million of them are praying and believing right now. Thirty-three million of them have moved on completely. Thirty-six million claim spirituality they’re not actually practicing. And eleven million are fighting battles that seem to be making them miserable. We must recognize that one size doesn’t fit all. Different responses are needed for different needs. We must examine ourselves – individually and institutionally

In addition to the Nones: There are 200 million+ people who self-identify as Christian in the United States. But more than half indicate that they seldom or never attend church. That’s another 100 million+ folks with no meaningful connection with or commitment to a local church family.

As we enter 2026, let’s embrace the opportunity and privilege of engaging these diverse communities of neighbors. Prayer, creativity, risk-taking, listening, compassion, courage, truth, urgency, and authenticity will be needed.

Jesus said to them (his disciples), “Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.” (John 4:34-35)

The Survey Says What do we say?

A Note from Aundreya

I've been thinking a lot about Peace Haven and my church family. I wanted to provide a little update since it has been a while, and life has been happening!

Josh and I are incredibly happy together. We are in the process of adopting our third cat- her name is Madonna. I am so incredibly thankful for where I am on my journey, and I am thankful for the folks who helped get me here! I love the life that Josh and I are building, and it is cool to reflect on where we have been. It is exciting to dream of where we will go/be in the future!

As far as my professional journey, I will be submitting my Board Certification materials by February so please pray for me. Interviews will be in the Summer of '26. As of November 2025, I have officially been the chaplain for the UNC Burn ICU for a year! I love this community that I have found and get to be a part of. The Burn community is shaping me and often spiritually feeding me! It has been and continues to be the most rewarding calling yet. Each day that I go into "work" is a new gratitude.

I am about to be 31. WILD how time flies! I just wanted to reach out and share that I was missing PHBC, and I am thankful for PHBC! Yall are such a light in the community. Keep shining brightly! ❤️

Love and Peace,
Aundreya Shepherd
Clinical Chaplain for UNCH Burn Center
UNC Dept. of Spiritual Health and Education

Home Blessing 2026 - An Invitation

Home blessing is often performed at the beginning of the year, but it can occur throughout the year. For example, when a family moves to a new location or when a new family becomes part of the Peace Haven Baptist Family. This practice serves as a prayerful request for the well-being of the household and the protection of the home throughout the year. Placing the sign of the cross on the door can also be part of the ritual and serves as a visible sign to the home is committed to Jesus Christ. Contact the Pastor to schedule a Home Blessing in 2026.

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.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS 2026

Many local seniors experience great difficulty leaving home and find it challenging to obtain and/or prepare healthy meals. Hundreds have no one to talk with or check on them on a regular basis. Meals-on-Wheels is a community-based program meeting these needs daily.

PHBC participates in Meals-On-Wheels every 2nd Monday of the Month at 10:00 am. Volunteers meet at Church and deliver packaged meals to residents on a route along Robinhood-Polo-Peace Haven Roads. There are approximately 12-15 stops and the time required is about 90 minutes. Pastor Nathan generally drives and two additional persons for delivery is ideal. Contact Nathan or Jean Jarvis to participate in this vital ministry.

Dates for 2026:

January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Comments by Recipients:

"Meals-On-Wheels assures me of at least one hot meal each day. Also, I get to see at least one person each day. Thanks so much."

"If there were no Meals-On-Wheels I would not have food to eat. Thank you for the help."

"I enjoy all the volunteers who deliver my meals. God Bless."

Senior Services coordinates Meals-on-Wheels in Winston-Salem. Learn more about programs and additional ministry opportunities at www.seniorservicesinc.org



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PEACE HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH WINSTON-SALEM, NC

SPECIAL NOTICES



Online Prayer Circle

Fridays on Zoom
10:00am

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

PEACE HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH WINSTON-SALEM, NC



Online Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30pm on Zoom

Link will be sent by email.

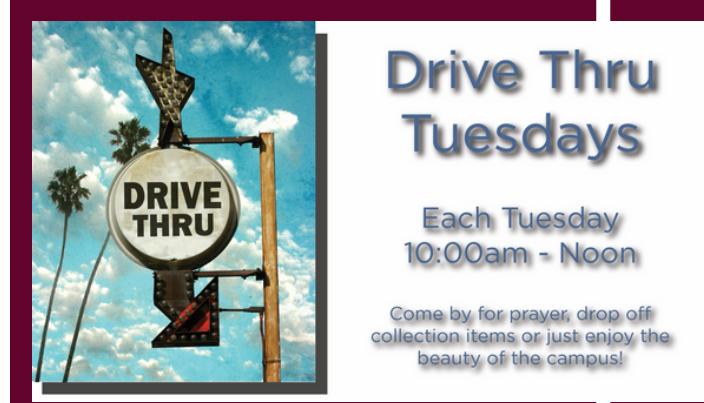


Church Conference

Sunday, January 18 @ 4:00pm

In Person with Zoom option

Vote on 2026 Budget, Roadside Sign & Church officers



Drive Thru Tuesdays

Each Tuesday
10:00am - Noon

Come by for prayer, drop off collection items or just enjoy the beauty of the campus!

Engagement Team Update

Thanks to everyone for the support throughout the year. Special thanks to those who have supported recent events. We provided an appreciation lunch before Thanksgiving for the Mineral Springs Elementary School staff. Thanks to Terri and Shane Fisher and special thanks to Kim Lee for the homemade cookies for the event. There were 11 bell ringer volunteers for the Salvation Army Kettle campaign. Also, 21 of you 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.

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. During 2026 there will be many opportunities to join us in mission projects and if you are interested, we encourage you to join our team.

Carol Doss, Engagement Team Leader

A LOOK BACK AT OUTREACH IN 2025 AND HOPE FOR WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2026

As we reflect on 2025, one thing is clear. God has been at work through the people of Peace Haven. This past year, outreach was not just something we did. It was something we lived. From serving our neighbors through local partnerships, to showing up with compassion in small but meaningful ways, our church continued to be a visible reminder of Christ's love in our community.

We packed, delivered, prayed, donated, showed up early, stayed late, and often served quietly behind the scenes. Whether it was supporting local ministries, lending a helping hand during times of need, or simply being present for someone who needed encouragement, each act of service mattered. Outreach in 2025 looked like faith put into action. Many hands, one heart, and a shared mission to love God and love others.

As we step into 2026, we do so with gratitude for what has been and excitement for what's ahead. In the coming year, we look forward to expanding opportunities for hands-on service, strengthening community partnerships, and creating new ways for every generation to be involved. Our hope is to continue meeting real needs while building real relationships, both inside and outside the church walls. Thank you for saying "yes" to serving, for being flexible, generous, and faithful, and for living out the gospel in tangible ways. We cannot wait to see how God will use Peace Haven in 2026 as we continue to be His hands and feet in our community.

*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
Jamie Reid	1/28
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
Tim Shortt	2/26

March

Tyke Guyton	3/02
Carrie Pruitt	3/02
Lori Stutts	3/06
Sophia Hartley	3/08
Steve Doss	3/10
Stephano Pinedo	3/11
Maggie Iddi	3/15
Ann Ring	3/17
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

Please share corrections and additions with Pastor Nathan