

PEACE HERALD

March / April 2026

Peace Haven Baptist Church

The Season of Lent:

A Time to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of the Lord

Happy Lent! That sounds strange to some people because they feel or have been taught that Lent is a season of sorrow. But like all church seasons (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost), 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 Lenten 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. The time frame is from Ash Wednesday (February 18) through Easter (April 5). Below are some resources and opportunities to help embrace the season. Let's embrace the season with glad, expectant, and hopeful hearts. Contact me with questions as needed. Nathan.

The Gospel of John for Lent – The entire gospel of John divided into 40 readings.
The guide is available at church or by request.

Blessed are the Meek - A printed devotional resource providing daily scripture reading, reflection, and prayer for Lent. Available at church or by request.

Online Devotional Site for Lent www.d365.org or download the app for mobile device
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.

Sunday afternoon Labyrinth Walks at 3:00 pm – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Contact Rev. Michele Shadden for more details

Stations of the Cross: A self-directed walk on the church grounds that moves through fourteen stations/scenes that begin with Gethsemane and conclude at the tomb. The walk is available daily until Easter Sunday, April 5.

God is my Rock (Psalm 62:6) – small rocks available at church to carry throughout the Lenten season or beyond as a prompt to prayer or physical reminder that God is our Rock and Salvation.

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.

Holy Week Services

March 30 – April 4 at 6 PM (Monday - Friday)
During Holy Week, we will gather each evening from 6:00-6:30 pm for special services that lead us deeper into the final days of Jesus' life, culminating in the celebration of Easter.

Resurrection Sunday – April 5

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.

Growing Deeper Together: The Importance of Sunday School

Lent is a season of reflection, renewal, and drawing closer to Christ. As we focus on spiritual growth during these weeks, it is the perfect time to establish habits that strengthen our faith long after Easter has passed. One of the most meaningful ways to do that is by committing to Sunday School.

While Sunday worship inspires and uplifts us, Sunday School provides the opportunity to go deeper. In a smaller setting, we are able to ask questions, share insights, and apply Scripture to everyday life. Growth happens when we move beyond simply hearing the Word to discussing and living it out together. Faith is strengthened through conversation, encouragement, and accountability.

Sunday School is also where lasting connections are formed. Church is more than a place we attend for an hour each week. It is a family. In Sunday School, we build relationships that allow us to celebrate joys, carry one another's burdens, and pray for each other in meaningful ways. Strong churches are built not only in rows during worship, but in circles where people are known and cared for.

We are blessed to offer Sunday School classes for every age group. From our youngest children to our adults, each class is designed to nurture faith in ways that are engaging and relevant. Our children and youth are learning foundational truths that will guide them for a lifetime. For adults, we offer two classes that provide thoughtful Bible study, practical application, and rich discussion. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, there is a place for you.

Lent is an ideal time to begin. If you have been looking for a way to grow spiritually or feel more connected to our church family, make it a priority to join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Consistent participation in Sunday School builds a rhythm of faith that shapes hearts and strengthens community.

We invite you to take this step. Come grow deeper in God's Word. Come connect with others. Come be encouraged. There is a place for you at Sunday School.

Engagement Team Update

CBF 500.00
CBFNC 700.00
SALVATION ARMY OF WS (FAMILY SHELTER) 550.00
LOVE CDC 550.00
SAMARITAN MINISTRY – PROJECT CORNERSTONE 450.00
NC BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME 450.00
MARC AND KIM WYATT 1,500.00
CITY WITH DWELLINGS – GOAL END HOMELESSNESS 450.00
BETHESDA CENTER – COST OF FOOD 300.00
FAMILY SERVICES (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER) 450.00
PIVOT 300.00
LEAD GIRLS OF NC 300.00
SAM & EGGS 500.00
TRANSFER TO BENEVOLENT FUND 83.81
MINERAL SPRINGS ELEM. APPRECIATION LUNCH 216.19
LENT OFFERING: CA SALVATION ARMY, FIRE RECOVERY 939.42
LENT OFFERING: WELCOME HOUSE & REFUGEES 939.42
LENT OFFERING: MSES READING TUTORING 781.46
MSES SCHOOL SUPPLIES 295.44
GLOBAL OFFERING: KUKUMA INTERNATIONAL CH. 3300.25
TOTAL DISBURSED 13,555.99

ADDITIONAL 2025 MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS (NOT FROM BUDGET)
CROP WALK \$2,155.00

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.

For Lent the Engagement Team has decided to support Project Hope, a program offered thru the WSFCS. During Lent, we will share and promote awareness of the local needs for homeless students.

Project Hope is dedicated to ensuring that all children and young people experiencing homelessness have access to the educational services to which they are entitled under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. This federal law requires schools to remove barriers for students experiencing homelessness. It serves all students who do not have a fixed, regular or adequate living situation.

In the 2024-2025 school year there were approx. 1100 students identified during the school year who experienced homelessness.

Ways to give:

- Write a check payable to Peace Haven Baptist Church and designate Lent Offering, or
- Give cash using an offering envelope and designate Lent Offering, or
- Donate online by visiting the PHBC website, selecting Online Giving, then Donate, and choosing Lent Offering.

Please contribute to the Lent Offering during the dates of March 1 thru Easter Sunday – April 5.

Thank each of you for your generous offerings for our many projects

Building Hope / Growing Faith

The Building Hope/growing Faith Campaign is approaching completion on May 31, 2026. This campaign focuses on funding sanctuary renovation/upgrades, fellowship hall upgrades, landscape development, and the replacement of our roadside sign. In the January 2026 church conference, the church approved a new roadside sign design option with construction proposed for spring/summer 2026. We hope to receive outstanding commitments by the end of May and continue to invite contributions from those who did not participate earlier or who desire to make an additional offering. Mark your gift "Building Hope" in the memo line of checks or with the same designation on envelopes. There is also an online giving option available through the church website. Contact the pastor for more information or with questions. Thanks for your commitment to God work in Jesus Christ through Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem!

Building Hope Campaign (May 2026)
Total Receipts - **\$133,616**
Total Commitments Outstanding - **\$33,644**
Projected Total - **\$167,260**

Life Team Update

The Life Team will be hosting our annual Easter Breakfast held on Easter morning right after the service at the cross. There will be sign-ups in the coming weeks to allow our church family to participate in this joyous event.

We also have a tentative date of Saturday, May 30th for a churchwide cook out event. More details to follow!

Meals on Wheels 2026

PHBC participates in Meals-On-Wheels every 2nd Monday of the Month at 10:00 am. This ministry provides local seniors with a healthy meal and a human touch. 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: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

UPCOMING TEAM MEETINGS

Monday - March 16 @ 2:00pm

Senior Adult Ministry Team

Focus on providing ministry and engagement with older adults within the congregation and throughout the community.

Monday - March 23 @ 6:30pm

Operations Team

Focus on the facilities, grounds, equipment, and maintenance needs of the church. Contact Tom Nichols

Tuesday - March 24 @ 6:30pm

Communications / Outreach Team

Focus on internal forms of communication, marketing PHBC in the community, and developing ways to engage the wider Winston-Salem community with the life of Jesus Christ. Contact Rev. Jon Hamby-Lattimore

Monday - April 13 @ 5:30pm

Support Team

Focus on the administration, personnel, and finances of PHBC. Contact Larry Dorriety

Tuesday - April 14 @ 6:30pm

Deacons

Focus on the spiritual and relational well-being of the church family. Contact Mark Fansler

Monday - April 27 @ 6:30pm

Engagement Team

Focus on the mission of PHBC in the community and the world. Contact Carol Doss



Deacon Nominations

As church members, we have a privilege and a responsibility to prayerfully nominate and elect candidates 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.

In August 2026, there are two deacons rotating off the diaconate. Jessica Stevens, who is completing the term of a previously elected deacon, is eligible for nomination and re-election. Mike McCraw is completing three years of ministry and is not seeking nomination or re-election at this time. Meg Denbo, Mark Fansler, Nancy Greene, Loren Hamby-Lattimore, Katherine Klett, Tammy Shadden, and Tom Vincent are continuing to serve through August 2028 and should not be nominated. 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, 2026.

The congregation will be notified of deacon nominees in May. Deacon election will be held by ballot in church conference on Sunday, May 17 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 17. Contact Pastor Nathan with questions.

Senior Adult Lunches

11:30am

April 16 - Carriage House

June 18 - Little Richards

August 20 - 66 Pizza

October 15 - Mama Zoe's

December 17 - 801 Southern Kitchen - Advance, NC

PHBC Reading Club

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30pm
In Person

The reading club is one year old. We have read numerous books together. It's a good opportunity for community, friendship, and growth. Our next read is *The American Queen* By Vanessa Miller. The book is an Award-Winning Historical Fiction Novel about the Real-Life Black Woman Who Ruled a Kingdom on American Soil.

Dianne Tebbetts
336-770-0711

The Fellowship Adult Sunday School Class

Join us for a multi-week study on the Sermon on the Mount.

Sundays at 10am

For more information reach out to
Steve Doss - 336-403-7897

or

Mike Jamison - 704-507-0611

Financial Update

Total Unrestricted Offering through

February

\$19,585

Total Expenses through February

\$31,607

Total Deficit through February

\$12,022

Happy Birthday Wishes!

March

Tyke Guyton	3/02
Carrie Pruitt	3/02
Lori Stutts	3/06
Sophia Hartley	3/08
Steve Doss	3/10
Michael Alston	3/11
Maggie Iddi	3/15
Ann Ring	3/17
Bob Travis	3/21
Landon Flanegin	3/23
Shane Fisher	3/24
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
Brooke Goughary	4/21
Drew Williams	4/22
Ryan Williams	4/22
Ricky Lee	4/23
Larry Dorriety	4/28

May

Mary Ruth Hord	5/04
Jake Shortt	5/04
Dan Davis	5/05
Tom Nichols	5/13
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

Weekly Church Life Events

Tuesday Drive Thru -
10:00am until Noon

Wednesday Choir Practice - 6:30pm

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study - 6:30pm

Friday Zoom Prayer Circle - 10:00am