

PEACE HERALD

May / June 2026

Peace Haven Baptist Church

Student Recognition Sunday - May 31

We're excited to announce Student Recognition Sunday. A day dedicated to honoring all students in our church family, from Pre-K through college and beyond!

Whether they're just starting their school journey, heading into a new grade, graduating high school or college, learning a trade, or working toward a degree, we want to celebrate them. Every step matters, and we want each student to feel seen, supported, and celebrated.

Here's how you can help: If you have a student, of any age, you'd like to have recognized during the service, please let us know! Even if they can't be with us in person, we'd still love to include them.

Please send: The student's name, their grade level or type of program (e.g., 5th grade, college sophomore, nursing school, etc.) & a photo of them.

Email everything to rev.jonhamby@gmail.com by Sunday, May 24, 2026.

We'll feature all submitted students on the screens and we encourage all of them to be with us in person during the Student Sunday service as we lift them up in prayer and celebration.

Thank you for helping us encourage the next generation as they walk in faith and grow in knowledge. We can't wait to celebrate them all together!

Beyond "You Are Welcome" to "You Belong!"

At Peace Haven Baptist Church, we often talk about being a welcoming congregation, and that truly matters. Hospitality is part of who we are. This year, as we prepare for Pride, we are leaning into a phrase that invites us to go even further: "You Belong."

Being welcome means the doors are open and everyone is invited in.

Being told you belong means something deeper. It means you are part of the life of the community. It means your presence is valued, your gifts are needed, and your voice matters.

At Peace Haven, belonging means that everyone has the same opportunity to serve as everyone else. It means participating fully in worship, ministry, leadership, outreach, and fellowship. It is not simply about attending church. It is about helping shape who we are together.

This year, "You Belong" is our theme for Pride as we prepare to participate in the Pride Festival on June 13 in downtown Winston-Salem. As we show up in our community, we want our neighbors to know what kind of church we are striving to be. We are a place where people are not only greeted warmly but invited to live, serve, and grow fully as part of the church family.

"You Belong" is more than a slogan for a single event. It is an invitation to the kind of community we are continuing to grow into together.

Church Conference - May 17 at 4:00pm

During church conference, members may select from three candidates nominated for two vacancies on the diaconate. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office until noon on Sunday May 17.

Nominated candidates: John Crews, Jessica Mong and Aishia Williams.

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

PHBC Book Club

There's a reading group at PHBC and you're welcome to participate. We've completed about a dozen books together. Next gathering is Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. We are beginning *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Some copies remain available in the church office. ZOOM participation is also available. 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 are 50 copies available. A contribution of \$5 per copy is requested but not required (checks payable to PHBC with memo for Reflections; cash in offering envelope marked for Reflections).

Shepherd's Center Programs at PHBC

The PHBC Senior Adult Team is building a strong partnership with The Shepherd's Center of WS - an interfaith ministry whose mission is to support and promote successful aging through direct services, educational, volunteer and support programs for older adults. PHBC is currently hosting the following programs (descriptions available at church). Call The Shepherd's Center (336-748-0217) for more details and availability.

Writing the Stories of Our Lives (2nd Monday monthly at 10:00 am)

Tai Chi (Thursdays at 10:00 am)

Mahjong (Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00)

Art Therapy (Begins Tuesday April 7 from 9:30-Noon)

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (Tuesdays, Noon - 2:00: July 28 - September 1)

Welcome to Medicare Workshops

The Senior Adult Team is also planning, in partnership with The Shepherd's Center, to host a Saturday Night Fellowship event on September 12 that provides a night of fellowship for 40-50 seniors from the following communities: Granville Place/Plaza, Goler Manor, Alder's Point, Crystal Towers, Azalea Terrace, Assembly Terrace, Country Village, Andrew Heights, University Place. A meal will be served and a program offered.

The focus of the Senior Adult Team is providing ministry and engagement with older adults within the congregation and throughout the community. All are welcome to join this ministry team. Contact Jean Jarvis (336-671-2919) or the Pastor.

Engagement Team Update

We thank you for the generous Lenten love offering for Project Hope which provides necessities for homeless students in our public school system. We are currently in contact with Beth Ann Chambers, Homeless Liaison for WS/FCS. She will let us know which gift cards will be most beneficial to provide items to those students. We have a total contribution of \$2,096.21 and you will be notified later as this is distributed.

We encourage you to bring pasta and sauces for Crisis Control for the month of May.

Thank you very much for supporting our team with many projects.

Honoring Juneteenth

Juneteenth began in Galveston, TX on June 19th 1865 and celebrates the day Major General Gordon Granger of the United States Union Army arrived to enforce the emancipation proclamation issued by President Lincoln more than 2 years prior on January 1st 1863. The Union Army made their way across the country, and finally to Texas, one of the last slave holding states to surrender, to free the slaves from bondage. The emancipation proclamation was in response to confederate states refusal to acknowledge the two previous manumission efforts enacted by congress in first and second Confiscation acts of 1861 and 1862 that would issue reparations to the slave owners for voluntarily releasing their captives. Juneteenth was first celebrated as "Jubilee Day" on June 19th 1866 and quickly began to spread throughout the south, and it was recognized as an official federal holiday on June 19th 2021. In the 1870s and 1880s, the formerly enslaved Africans celebrated their freedom with rodeos, theater, barbeques and other festivities, and in the face of suppression of their celebrations Black leaders purchased "Emancipation Park" in Houston TX to hold celebrations of Juneteenth without threat of violence or discrimination. Today, Juneteenth is celebrated nationwide as a day of remembrance and community.

Support Team Update

The following is a recap for all offerings/gifts and expenses through the first quarter 2026. As a reminder, our approved annual budget is \$191,327.

- Total Gifts/Offerings (January - March 2026) \$33,859.11
 - Total Expenses (January - March 2026) \$48,367.11
 - Deficit Through (January - March 2026) - \$14,508.00
- Giving as a percentage of the budget January - March:
- 2025 (January - March) 24.1%
 - 2026 (January - March) 17.6%
- Year To Date our giving is 6.5% under where it was for the same period of last year.

Building Hope Campaign Update

Our "Building Hope" Campaign ends May 2026. Most of our initial commitments have been received. As of March 2026 we have a total balance due of \$31,630 of the original \$135,000 pledged. We anticipate a successful closure of this campaign with all committed funds received.

We want to thank everyone for their continued support of the mission of Peace Haven Baptist Church.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Landscape Team

The Church is in the process of forming a Landscape Team to help with church gardens including the Labyrinth, Pollinator and York St. gardens. Activities include decision making about what to add to these gardens, help with obtaining plants and other items, weeding of the beds and general maintenance. If you have interest, please call Larry Dorriety at 832-529-7601 or Cindy Jones 336-575-7112.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS MINISTRY 2026

Sponsored by Senior Adult Team
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.

A Sign-up Sheet is available at church for upcoming dates in 2026: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Back To School Bash 2026

Peace Haven is excited to begin preparing for our annual Back to School Bash on August 1, a special outreach event where we provide school supplies, food, and encouragement to students and families in our community.

Now through the end of June, we are collecting school supply donations to help make this event possible. Watch for collection details in the lobby and updates on needed items. Thank you for helping us support local students as they get ready for a new school year!

Walking The Prayer Labyrinth

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

Rev. Michele Shadden will be glad to provide more information and insight about prayer walking. Future walks are scheduled Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 am, Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 am, Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 am. But remember the Labyrinth area is available every day for the whole community. Take time to explore walking the prayer path on your own. Contact Michele or the pastor as needed.

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.

Senior Adult Lunches

11:30am

\$10.00 Requested

June 18 - Little Richard's
August 20 - 66 Pizza
October 15 - Mama Zoe's
December 17 - 801 Restaurant

Upcoming Fellowship Events

May 30 @ 5pm - Church Cookout
July 12 - Salad Lunch after church
August 9 - Church Anniversary Lunch
October 25 - Chili supper / Trunk or Treat
December 6 - Holiday Lunch after church

Ministry Team Meetings

Monday - May 11, 2026

Outreach Team Meeting

6:30pm

Monday - June 15, 2026

Support Team Meeting

5:30pm

A Note From Vonda Renegar

Your prayers and kind words were greatly appreciated when my brother Doug recently passed away. Many thanks to all of you who attended his funeral and thank you for all the sympathy cards. You are good friends and very special to me - Vonda

Happy Birthday Wishes!

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

June

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
Bill Piper	6/16
Jimmy Flanegin	6/17
Guy Oldaker	6/18
Christy Flanegin	6/21
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
Meg Denbo	7/13
Olivia Maciel	7/14
Deborah Winfield	7/23
Alyra Young	7/24
Khalil Williams.	7/27
Elizabeth MacMillan.	7/28
Norman Travis	7/28
Staci Jackson	7/31

Please share corrections and additions with Pastor Nathan