



# The Messenger

*Perseverance Christian Church Newsletter*

*Celebrating 197 Years of Ministry*

*July 2025*

## From the Pastor

I have been thinking about the challenges of life. If you are like me, you were raised with parents and/or grandparents that would tell us when “life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” In VBS in June, the children learned the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the Book of Daniel. They learned about these Jewish men that refused to worship a golden idol while living in captivity in Babylon. No doubt that King Nebuchadnezzar was pretty tough on them. These three Jewish men, however, would not budge. Their faith was to God, the Father of Abraham, and no one else. The king had his officials throw these three men into a fiery furnace to punish them. Remember the result? A fourth figure emerged in the furnace and saved the three men. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out completely unharmed! Life gives us lemons at times, but we must trust that we are not alone. And just like these three found out, Jesus will come and stand in the muck right beside us ensuring that we make it to the other side.

In June, I had the pleasure of joining the Regional Mission team in Black Mountain, North Carolina. My heart ached after seeing the damage in the area caused by Hurricane Helene. but was overwhelmed with thanksgiving by the hard work that Sarah, Harley, and the 78 other participants did that week! “They will know we are Christians by our love.”



Thank you also for giving to the Easter Offering. Our offering totaled \$820. Your generous gift helps equip college students for leadership, strengthens global mission partnerships, sustains health and social service ministries, supports the formation of new congregations, cares for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. This month Jonathan and I will be attending General Assembly in Memphis! We’ll learn a lot, share a lot, and even take some time to enjoy some Memphis Barbeque!

In Hope,

Rev. Webster

## Prayer List

Jane Browder  
 Pamela James  
 Susan Hite  
 Johnny Moore  
 Patricia Mahaney  
 Kathy Pegram  
 Beverly and David Hite  
 Danny Moore  
 Richard and Janice Lacks  
 Devon Forehand  
 Connie Ledbetter  
 Gail and Kevin Witty  
 John Mahaney  
 E.C. Foster  
 Wayne Parrish  
 April Edmonds  
 June Nichols  
 Tracey Hadley  
 Dee Hite  
 Lynn Hite  
 Agnes Reed Hawthorne  
 Dave Weaver  
 Lewis Tucker  
 Steve Williamson  
 Our military, Our nation and world leaders  
 People of Israel and Gaza  
 Alice Carol Maitland  
 Larry Way  
 Mark Walsh  
 Tim Williams  
 Family of Harry Brown



## PRAISES

### 70th Wedding Anniversary

Ray (Bones) and Genevieve Covington

### Wedding on June 28th

Jay and Brittany Franklin

### Successful Surgery

Agnes Reed Hawthorne

# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters- Larry Way and Lisa Greene		1	2	3 Board Meeting @ 7 p.m.	4 Independence Day	5
6 SS 10 am Worship @ 11	7 Choir and Praise Group Practice	8	9 Fellowship Hall in use @5	10	11	12 <i>General Assembly in Memphis</i>
13 SS 10 am Worship @ 11 <i>General Assembly</i>	14 Choir and Praise Group Practice <i>General</i>	15 <i>General Assembly</i>	16	17	18	19
20 SS 10 am Worship @ 11	21 Choir and Praise Group Practice	22	23	24	25	26
27 SS 10 am Worship @ 11	28 Choir and Praise Group Practice	29	30	31		



Gale Edmonds (3rd)  
Bernice Thompson (9th)  
Luke Daniel (10th)  
E.C. Foster (11th)  
Becky Fowler (13th)  
Wyatt Daniel (14th)  
Robbie Hawthorne (14th)  
Gordon Turner (14th)  
Betty Mae Daniel (15th)  
Margaux Blue Lail (15th)  
Debra Crenshaw (18th)  
Rosetta Bryan (18th)  
Mary Balarzs (20th)  
Ginger Daniel (23rd)  
Jonathan Webster (29th)  
Margaret Moore (31st)

#### Perseverance Q & A

##### Q: Who makes up the Board?

A: All Elected Officers  
This includes:  
The Chairman (Chairperson)  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Elders  
Deacons  
Trustees  
Clerk  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer  
Sunday School Superintendent

##### Q: What constitutes a quorum?

A: 11 members  
(Which is why it is important for all officers to attend)

##### Q: Can you tell me more about the Memorial Boards in the Fellowship Hall?

A: The purpose of the Memorial Board is to honor members who have passed. Requests to be added can only be made by the family. We have recently added the following members we have lost and look forward to adding several more.

Edna Jones  
Helen Daniel  
Ronald Jones  
Letrecia (T.C) Moore  
Carolyn Moore



Make this candle to keep  
uninvited insects from your  
outdoor summer meals.

##### What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



##### What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half.  
Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate.  
Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



#### Gifts Received

##### In Memory of Joan Parrish

By  
Sharon Lyles  
Miller and Jane Buchanan  
Ray and Genevieve  
Covington

##### In Memory of Connie Greene

By  
Charles Greene

##### In Memory of Pete Perkins and Harris Cox

By  
Ray & Genevieve  
Covington

## A Special THANK YOU

- ♦ *Tiffany Pahe for the Pentecost Cupcakes!*
- ♦ *VBS Committee*
- ♦ *The Youth who participated in Youth Sunday!*

#### WAYS TO SERVE IN JULY

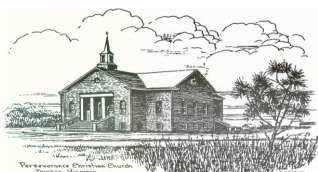
Bring foods for  
Lunenburg Ministries

Be a driver for someone  
in need.

Spend time  
with our shut-ins.

Provide encouragement to  
someone in need

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## *Perseverance Christian Church*

### **Church Camp**

Interested in attending a camp or retreat this year? No matter your age, there are camps and retreats out there to provide an enriching spiritual, fun filled refreshing time away. Interested? Please contact  
Rev. Webster at 270-963-8610.

### **Our Church Cemetery -Established 1889**

On December 2, the Board voted to do the necessary work to reset and realign some of the stones in the cemetery. Martin Monuments has begun the work.

Donations to help cover the costs are appreciated. Donations can be sent to Perseverance Christian Church, P.O. Box 157, Dundas, VA 23938.

If you know anyone who would like to be added to our email list, newsletter, or birthday calendar, please email the information to [perseverancechurch@gmail.com](mailto:perseverancechurch@gmail.com).

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