



The Messenger

Perseverance Christian Church Newsletter
Celebrating 198 Years of Ministry

January 2026

Dear Church Family,

The Websters have been so blessed this year by the number of Christmas cards we received. Thank you. Each year, Jonathan and I take these cards and pray for the families who sent them.

Enclosed in this edition of "The Messenger," you will find a guide to help us read or reread God's story from Genesis to Revelation. I have enclosed the January readings, and additionally a guide to encourage a faithful prayer life. Throughout the year, I will share other resources helpful for our faith formation.

We don't know what the new year will bring but let us trust in the Lord that no matter what it brings, our Lord Jesus Christ will be right there to catch us on days that are troubling. I trust that our joys will outweigh our woes and I trust that this beloved community of ours will be praying and caring.

The year will be busy. The adage "many hands make light work" can make our sacred work easier. It means sharing tasks so that one person is not trying to do it alone.

As I look back on this year, I am grateful. The picture of our choir and praise group (and spouse) at our annual Christmas meal at Dot's speaks volumes. We are a gifted and servant church. I encourage us all to take more pictures so we can see what God is doing in all of us.

As I think of the coming year, I am anxious to see Jonmichael's performance this spring in the Godspell Musical in Richmond, more on this in the Spring, excited to officiate Caroline and Tyler's wedding, looking forward to Lent, Easter, and yes, Advent and Christmas all over again. I am also excited, over the moon, for what Christ has in store for all of us. Think of the possibilities as we remain open and eager to receive HIS blessings.

In Hope,
Rev. Webster

PRAYER list



January 2026 List

Edward and Elsie Almand
Jane Browder
Eddie Callahan
Virginia Chavis
Vincent Coley
Ray (Bones) Covington
Kevin Cox
Cookie Daniel
James Edmonds
E.C. Foster
Tracey Hadley
David and Beverly Hite
Charles Hudson Jr.
Pamela James
Blair Liggett
Jessie Mae Maddox
Richard Maddox
Gene Marker
Danny and Edna Moore
Johnny Moore
Bobby Northington
Kathy Pegram
Sue Perkins
John Ragsdale
Jonathan Sharpe
Bruce and Voni Thompson
Mark Walsh
Larry Way
Nick Whisenhunt
Paul Willis
Our troops
Leaders of all nations



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 SS @10 Worship @11 Epiphany Sunday Choir/PG @6	5 Epiphany	6	7	8 Board Meeting @ 7 p.m.	9	10
11 SS @10 Worship @11 Installation of Officers and Deacons Choir/PG @6	12 Committee Chairs and Deacons meet @ 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. Purpose-Driven Life	15	16	17
18 SS @10 Worship @11 Choir/PG @6	19 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's B- Day	20	21 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. Purpose-Driven Life	22	23	24
25 SS @10 Worship @11 Choir/PG @6	26	27	28 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. Purpose-Driven Life	29	30	31



8th-April Craven
9th-Patricia Smith
14th-Barry Smith
17th-Walter Thompson
19th-Sue Palmer
20th-Jimmy Matthews
21st-Charles Green
26th-Oliver Pahe
27th-Virginia Chavis
29th-Roman Zava

Take the Challenge! Read the Bible In One Year January — Genesis

- Jan 1 □ Genesis 1–3
- Jan 2 □ Genesis 4–7
- Jan 3 □ Genesis 8–11
- Jan 4 □ Genesis 12–14
- Jan 5 □ Genesis 15–17
- Jan 6 □ Genesis 18–20
- Jan 7 □ Genesis 21–23
- Jan 8 □ Genesis 24–26
- Jan 9 □ Genesis 27–29
- Jan 10 □ Genesis 30–32
- Jan 11 □ Genesis 33–35
- Jan 12 □ Genesis 36–38
- Jan 13 □ Genesis 39–41
- Jan 14 □ Genesis 42–44
- Jan 15 □ Genesis 45–47
- Jan 16 □ Genesis 48–50

Snowflake SNACK CAKES

Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls

What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:
Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)

30 Days of Prayer for the New Year January 2026

Day 1: Gratitude for God's Faithfulness- *Lamentations 3:22–23*
Day 2: Remembering God's Presence *Deuteronomy 31:8*
Day 3: Confession and Cleansing *1 John 1:9*
Day 4: Letting Go of the Past *Isaiah 43:18–19*
Day 5: Renewal of the Mind *Romans 12:2*
Day 6: Rest for Weary Souls *Matthew 11:28*
Day 7: Being Still Before God *Psalm 46:10*
Day 8: Offering the Year to God *Proverbs 16:3*
Day 9: Seeking God's Will *Psalm 25:4–5*
Day 10: Trusting God with the Unknown-*Jeremiah 29:11*
Day 11: Courage to Obey *Joshua 1:9*
Day 12: Wisdom for Daily Living *James 1:5*
Day 13: Walking Humbly with God *Micah 6:8*
Day 14: Aligning Our Priorities *Matthew 6:33*
Day 15: Growing Deeper in Christ *Colossians 2:6–7*
Day 16: Hunger for God's Word *Psalm 119:105*
Day 17: Strengthening Our Prayer Life-*Philippians 4:6*
Day 18: Life in the Spirit *Galatians 5:22–23*
Day 19: Repentance and Renewal *Psalm 139:23–24*
Day 20: Joy in the Lord *Nehemiah 8:10*
Day 21: Gratitude in All Things *1 Thessalonians 5:18*
Day 22: Praying for Our Families *Joshua 24:15*
Day 23: Praying for the Church *Ephesians 4:15–16*
Day 24: Praying for Church Leaders *Hebrews 13:17*
Day 25: Praying for Our Community *Jeremiah 29:7*
Day 26: Praying for the Vulnerable *Psalm 82:3–4*
Day 27: Praying for the World *Matthew 24:14*
Day 28: Living as Christ's Witnesses *Matthew 5:16*
Day 29: Trusting God for the Journey Ahead *Psalm 37:5*
Day 30: God's Blessing for the Year *Numbers 6:24–26*



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. The new study is entitled "The Purpose Driven Life." Books are available in the sanctuary for those wanting to participate.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

December and January Memorials will be published in the February edition of *The Messenger*.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

By letter of transfer, we officially welcome Yvonne Moore as our newest member.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE PASTOR

Many thanks for my Christmas gift, to Billy Bryan for the piping tutorial at *The Mixing Bowl* bakery, those who attended the Cookie Extravaganza at the Parsonage, and for a great year serving together in worship, meetings, and special gatherings.

Thank you for being such a loving and amazing congregation.

CEMETERY

Thank you to so many for the gifts for the work that is being done on the cemetery. 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 would like to send an offering to Perseverance, please send it to Perseverance Christian Church, P.O. Box 157, Dundas, VA 23938. or give online at [Perseverance Christian Church's website](#)