



The Messenger

Perseverance Christian Church Newsletter
Celebrating 198 Years of Ministry

August 2026

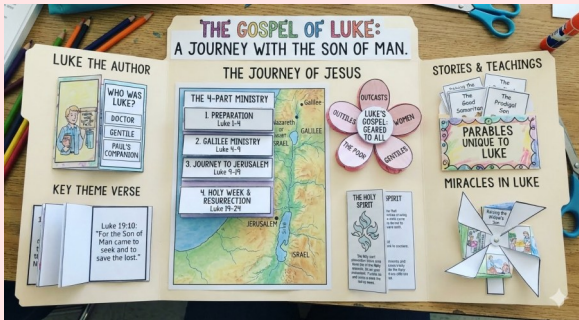
From the Pastor,

On July 25th, we had a wonderful Vacation Bible School teaching the story of the little boy who shared his loaves and fishes with Jesus in John 6. We had fifteen children attending. We had fabulous volunteers and eager learners. I hope as our children and youth return to school, we stay focused on continuing to teaching them more about Jesus.

This month I have "everything school" on my mind. I am so grateful to live in a community with dedicated adults who looks out for our children.

Social Media is filled with so many great ideas for parents and teachers. One in particular caught my eye. Lap boards. No, not the lap board for reading or using a lap top that you might buy at Barnes and Noble, but making a lap board for easy recall on things we want to learn and memorize.

I find this lap board, that I found online, fascinating! If you are interesting in creating one like this or even to create something else, let me know, and I will send you the instructions.



Starting now, the Missions Committee is leading our "School Supply Drive!" Tammy Matthews provided the following list of needs. If you are able to help, please bring items to the church or you may provide a monetary gift to help purchase supplies.

Tissues
Clorox Wipes
Expo Markers
Headphones/earbuds
Crayola Crayons
Quart-size Ziplock bags
Glue Sticks
Germ-x or hand sanitizer
Pencils
Markers

On August 9th we will have out blessing of the backpacks. If you have a child in school or if you are currently in college, we hope you will participate!

In Hope,
Rev. Webster

PRAYER LIST

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

Anne Elder, Johnny Moore, Danny and Edna Moore, Pamela James, Frank Bowers, Kathy Pegram, John Ragsdale, Richard Maddox, Jane Browder, Bill Gary, Rose Jenkins, Lynn Pollhammer, Eddie Callahan, Charles Hudson, Jr., Steven Lucy, Evon Walker, Lari Lamb, Anna Elder, Cynthia Arthur, Our Military and their families, Craig Stewart (Pastor's nephew), Charles Greene, Libby Smith (Sharon Watson's sister-broken femur), Sharon Cromer. Ray (Bones) Covington.

Family of:

Billy Conti and Girlfriend, Mike Mason, Edward Almand, Ruby Jeter Saferight, Lucy Brooks Gwaltney, James Edmonds, Peggy Townsend, Virginia Dare Wallace, Carol Hawthorne Stanley, Justin Kempo, Bernice Wilkinson.

**Virginia
Disciples
Women
Regional Retreat**

**September
18 - 20,
2026**

"Sprouting Our Faith"
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Erin Reibel

"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as the garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations"
Isaiah 61:11 ESV

Dr. Reibel is a dynamic, thoughtful and inspirational speaker who has served in multiple church settings.

The VDWM Retreat means fellowship with old and new friends, learning and growing our faith through worship and study, and having fun together. Bedrooms are single to triple, twin or full beds, with a private bathroom.

The retreat is Friday dinner through Sunday morning worship.

LOCATION:
W.E. Skelton 4-H Conference Center
at Smith Mountain Lake, Wirtz, VA

Registration opens May 1st, 2026 and closes Aug. 15, 2026
Please see registration form for cost details.
To register, use the QR code or link below:
<https://bit.ly/48hO3Pe>

Questions? Email ccinyaooffice@gmail.com or call the Regional Office 434-846-3400

August 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 SS @ 10 Worship @ 11 Minute for Mission Choir Practice @ 6	3	4	5	6 Board Meeting @ 7	7	8
9 SS @ 10 Worship @ 11 Blessing of the Backpacks Choir Practice @ 6	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 SS @ 10 Worship @ 11 Choir Practice @ 6	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 SS @ 10 Worship @ 11 Choir Practice @ 6	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 SS @ 10 Worship @ 11 Choir Practice @ 6	31			Three Day Revival September 13-15		Christmas Cantata December 20th



Kirby Dalton (1)
 Jackie Daniel (3)
 John Clayton Hankley (4)
 Betty Reese (5)
 Charlotte Jones (5)
 Nancy Turner (8)
 Doris Wallace (9)
 Billy Bryan (10)
 Thomas Thompson (12)
 Susan Parrish (13)
 Yvonne Thompson (15)
 Heather Gwaltney (16)
 Suzanna Gee (16)
 Cory Lail (23)
 Bucky Daniel (25)
 Donna Kay Stokesbury (25)
 Harley Fenwick (27)
 Sherry Smith (27)
 Tiffany Thompson (27)
 Savanna Fowler (27)
 Crystal Lane (29th)
 Diane Thackston (30)
 Laney Palmer (30)
 Richard Hite (30)

Take the One Year Challenge!

August Reading Plan

August 1 — 2 Samuel 9
 August 2 — 2 Samuel 10
 August 3 — 2 Samuel 11
 August 4 — 2 Samuel 12
 August 5 — 2 Samuel 13
 August 6 — 2 Samuel 14
 August 7 — 2 Samuel 15
 August 8 — 2 Samuel 16
 August 9 — 2 Samuel 17
 August 10 — 2 Samuel 18
 August 11 — 2 Samuel 19
 August 12 — 2 Samuel 20
 August 13 — 2 Samuel 21
 August 14 — 2 Samuel 22
 August 15 — 2 Samuel 23
 August 16 — 2 Samuel 24
 August 17 — 1 Kings 1
 August 18 — 1 Kings 2
 August 19 — 1 Kings 3
 August 20 — 1 Kings 4
 August 21 — 1 Kings 5
 August 22 — 1 Kings 6
 August 23 — 1 Kings 7

Make a postcard PUZZLE

Summer is full of little moments
that remind us that God is
guiding each step. Like a
puzzle, he brings every
piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.

In August, pray for...

- August 1** -A heart that holds fast to God's promises.
August 2 -Patience & trust in God's timing.
August 3 -Courage to face whatever the day brings.
August 4 -Renewed strength as you wait on the Lord.
August 5 -Rest from burdens and weariness.
August 6 -Hope that fills and steadies your spirit.
August 7 -Gratitude for God's fresh mercies each morning.
August 8 -Trust God's guidance over your own understanding.
August 9 -Teachable, humble spirit.
August 10 -Wisdom in decisions and conversations.
August 11 -Grace to guard your words.
August 12 -Everything you do honors Christ.
August 13 -Peace and wisdom in relationships.
August 14 -God to search your heart and lead you.
August 15 -Compassion towards the hurting.
August 16 -Love the neighbor right in front of you.
August 17 -Generosity that reflects God's grace.
August 18 -Encourage someone who needs lifting up.
August 19 -Willingness to bear another's burden.
August 20 -Serve quietly, without seeking recognition.
August 21 -Shine Christ's light in dark places.
August 22 -The Spirit to help you pray when words are hard.
August 23 The fruit of the Spirit to grow in you.
August 24 -Walk in the freedom Christ gives.
August 25 -A renewed mind and transformed life.
August 26 -Quick obedience to God's leading.
August 27 -Joy in God's presence.
August 28 -Boldness to share the gospel.
August 29 -Pray with gratitude in all circumstances.
August 30 -Faith that expresses itself through action.
August 31 -Life that reflects Christ in every way.





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MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Edward Almand

Dickie and Patti Harris, Oliver and Nancy Lafoon
John and Donna Justin, Ruth Cowan and Family
Dundas Hunt Club, Michael Justis
Phillip and Kay Lerdy, Sue Justis
Scott and Elizabeth Marker, Mary Overman

In Memory of James Edmonds

Dundas Hunt Club

In Memory of Helen Daniel

Sharon Lyles

In Memory of Dennis and Katherine Morgan

Robert and Donna Northington

If you would like to send an offering to Perseverance, please send it to Perseverance
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[Perseverance Christian Church's website](#)