



# The Messenger

Perseverance Christian Church Newsletter  
Celebrating 198 Years of Ministry

May 2026

Dear Church,

This month, our Scripture from John 14 reminds us of one of the most comforting promises Jesus ever gave: *“I go to prepare a place for you... and I will come again and take you to myself.”* No complicated itinerary, no uncertainty — just the assurance that Christ himself will come for us when it is time to go home.

As I shared on Sunday, I once helped plan a 30-day visit for Rev. Julianna Temparaja from Timor-Leste. She stayed in many homes across Virginia, and it took a whole community to make sure she was welcomed, safe, and cared for. That experience reminded me how much planning it takes for us to prepare a place for someone. And yet Jesus prepares a place for us with **perfect** love, and promises to be our direct guide home.

In the meantime, he does not leave us alone. Jesus gives us *another Advocate* — the Holy Spirit — to walk with us, strengthen us, and help us continue his mission. Paul calls this the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

These gifts shape how we live in the world today. They help us open doors where others find them closed. They help us welcome strangers as friends. They help us shine Christ’s light in a world hungry for hope.

As we move through May, may we be a people who live by faith, shine with hope, act in love, and rest in peace — trusting that the One who prepares a place for us is already preparing our hearts to serve in His name.

In Hope,  
Rev. Webster

### TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

We need new or gently used teddy bears. They can be any color. A card will be attached to each bear with these words: "Dear Friend, I'm just a teddy bear, it's true, but I have a message for you. I've been to church and sat in a pew; I've been hugged and squeezed by quite a few. I've bowed my head when they said a prayer; I've been charged with love by those who care. And now I've come to live with you, to bring you joy when you're blue. To let you know that others care and want to help your burdens bear. So, keep me close and squeeze me tight and know God's love helps make things right." Love from your friends at Perseverance Christian Church. Anytime you visit someone who needs a little encouragement, please select any bear from the pew and take it to those that need encouragement to keep.

LUNENBURG COUNTY CONCERTS  
*presents our*  
**SPRING CONCERT**

An evening of  
*talented local musicians*  
featuring  
Sue Palmer  
and the  
Perseverance  
Christian Church  
Praise Choir  
*under the direction of*  
Larry Way

**FRIDAY**  
**MAY 22, 2026**  
**AT 7:00 PM**  
VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH  
1423 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
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### PRAYER LIST

- Kathy Pegram, Alice Carol Maitland
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- Betty Cox, Ercell McDowell
- Blair Liggett, Kenneth Slaughter
- Denise Gibbs, Our Leaders and troops
- Roger Bailey, Billy Wilkinson
- Rev. Earl Pinchback
- Rev. Kelsey Creech Sherazi, Virginia Chavis
- Normadelle Wilkinson, Frank Barnes
- Haley Quinn
- Doug and Katherine Manfred  
(James Edmond's daughter and SIL)

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 SS 10 Worship 11 Choir Practice @6	4	5	6 Bible Study @6:30	7 Board Meeting	8	9
10 SS 10 Worship 11 MOTHER'S DAY Choir Practice @6	11	12	13 Bible Study @6:30	14	15	16
17 SS 10 Worship 11 Pentecost Offering Choir Practice @6	18	19	20 Bible Study @6:30	21	22 Community Con- cert @ 7	23
24 SS 10 Worship 11 Pentecost Offering Choir Practice @6	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Bible Study @6:30	28	29	30
31 SS 10 Worship 11 Choir Practice @6						



- 1st-Rebecca Jenkins
- 3rd-Jane Browder
- 5th -Elsie Almand, Donna Kay
- Northington
- 7th-Genevive Covington
- 10th- Al Brooks, Chris Craft
- 13th- Ashley Frankin, Shelby Wallace
- 15th-Kevin Thompson
- 16th-Nick Daniel, Cayley Stokes
- 17th-Charles (Junior) Hudson
- 20th-Sue Perkins
- 23rd- Beverley Hawthorne, Chuck Parrish
- 26th-Will Daniel

## Take the One Year Challenge!

### May Reading Plan

- May 1 — Deuteronomy 31
- May 2 — Deuteronomy 32
- May 3 — Deuteronomy 33
- May 4 — Deuteronomy 34
- May 5 — Joshua 1
- May 6 — Joshua 2
- May 7 — Joshua 3
- May 8 — Joshua 4
- May 9 — Joshua 5
- May 10 — Joshua 6
- May 11 — Joshua 7
- May 12 — Joshua 8
- May 13 — Joshua 9
- May 14 — Joshua 10
- May 15 — Joshua 11
- May 16 — Joshua 12
- May 17 — Joshua 13
- May 18 — Joshua 14
- May 19 — Joshua 15
- May 20 — Joshua 16
- May 21 — Joshua 17
- May 22 — Joshua 18
- May 23 — Joshua 19
- May 24 — Joshua 20
- May 25 — Joshua 21
- May 26 — Joshua 22
- May 27 — Joshua 23
- May 28 — Joshua 24
- May 29 — Judges 1
- May 30 — Judges 2
- May 31 — Judges 3

# GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

### What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



### What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

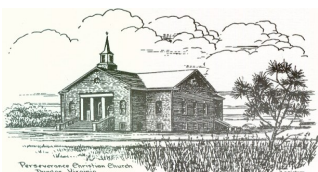
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

## 31 Days of Prayer for May

- May 1 — *Scripture:* Lamentations 3:22–23
- May 2 — *Scripture:* Psalm 51:10
- May 3 — *Scripture:* Joel 2:12–13
- May 4 — *Scripture:* Matthew 11:28–29
- May 5 — *Scripture:* 2 Corinthians 12:9
- May 6 — *Scripture:* Psalm 30:5
- May 7 — *Scripture:* Isaiah 26:3
- May 8 — *Scripture:* James 1:19
- May 9 — *Scripture:* Ephesians 4:32
- May 10 — *Scripture:* Philippians 2:3–4
- May 11 — *Scripture:* Galatians 6:2
- May 12 — *Scripture:* 1 John 4:20–21
- May 13 — *Scripture:* Proverbs 18:21
- May 14 — *Scripture:* Colossians 3:13
- May 15 — *Scripture:* Ephesians 4:3
- May 16 — *Scripture:* Psalm 119:105
- May 17 — *Scripture:* 1 Peter 5:2–3
- May 18 — *Scripture:* John 4:23–24
- May 19 — *Scripture:* Acts 4:31
- May 20 — *Scripture:* 2 Timothy 1:6–7
- May 21 — *Scripture:* James 5:16
- May 22 — *Scripture:* Psalm 46:9–10
- May 23 — *Scripture:* Micah 6:8
- May 24 — *Scripture:* Proverbs 14:31
- May 25 — *Scripture:* Psalm 24:1
- May 26 — *Scripture:* Matthew 28:19–20
- May 27 — *Scripture:* Romans 13:1
- May 28 — *Scripture:* Proverbs 2:6
- May 29 — *Scripture:* Hebrews 6:19
- May 30 — *Scripture:* Galatians 5:25
- May 31 — *Scripture:* John 15:5

National Day of Prayer,  
May 7, 2026  
Mother's Day, May 10, 2026  
Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2026  
Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2026  
Memorial Day, May 25, 2026





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## *Perseverance Christian Church*

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. The study continues every Wednesday in the month of May. We are continuing the study *the Purpose-Driven Life*. Come and be apart of a spirit-filled, energetic study.

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

#### **In Memory of Joanne Kirk**

by Oliver and Nancy Lafoon

Barbara Hudson

Richard Harris

Pat Beuman

Rebecca Swoap

Ralph and Elizabeth Sheffield

#### **In Memory of Walter and Martha Rawlings**

by Gene and Karen Rawlings

### **CEMETERY**

Donations to help cover 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](#)