



ABINGDON

Baptist Church

... Where a warm welcome is just the Beginning...

THE BANNER

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**MUSIC
SUNDAY**

06/28

CHOIR
SPECIALS

SOLOS

HYMN CALL

SUNDAY

JUNE 28

11:00am

In Person & Live Stream

Music Sunday

Listen to [sermon recordings](http://www.abingdonbaptist.org/sermon_recordings) at
www.abingdonbaptist.org

WORSHIP

Religious Liberty

From our beginning, Baptists have been strong advocates for religious liberty for ALL people. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence and the freedoms that it proclaimed, let us pause to remember the part that Baptists, especially Virginia Baptists, played in securing religious liberty for all people in our nation.

Starting this week, I will share three stories from Virginia Baptist history that highlight our fight for religious liberty during the birth of our nation. These articles were prepared by the BGAV Religious Liberty Committee and were published in the *Texas Baptist Standard*. I pray that these articles are not only informational but that they inspire us all to continue the fight for religious liberty for all people today and for future generations of Americans.

John Weatherford

Baptists have always been committed to religious liberty for all believers of any stripe and unbelievers as well. Our commitment to religious liberty is grounded in our theological and biblical view that the only authentic faith is one that is freely and voluntarily chosen. This doctrine is inextricably linked to our commitment to believer's baptism.

For Virginia Baptists, our commitment to religious liberty was affirmed by our experiences under the established Church of England. During that time, Baptists were not allowed to preach without a license from the government. Baptist clergy were not allowed to officiate weddings, and Baptist churches were restricted and required to have a license from the state to organize, operate, and hold property.

Everyone in Virginia, regardless of religious belief, was required to attend the established church, and everyone was taxed to support that church. Infants born to Baptist parents were required to be baptized in the Church of England.

Upwards of forty Virginia Baptist ministers and lay people were jailed, whipped, beaten, or dunked for preaching or openly bearing witness to their faith. Among those who were persecuted was the Elder John Weatherford, who in 1773 was jailed in Chesterfield County for five months for the crime of unlicensed preaching.

Weatherford, undeterred by his imprisonment, used his jail cell as a pulpit, preaching to crowds with hands outstretched through the barred windows to implore people who gathered outside. Local ruffians would sneak along the wall, crouching low, and use knives and razors to slash the preacher's hands when he stretched them forth. Weatherford is buried in Pennsylvania County, close by the Shockoe Church. Those who viewed his body at death, sixty years after his imprisonment, reported that they could still see the scars upon the back of his hands.

The long battle for religious freedom for all was finally won with the passage of Thomas Jefferson's Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786. Baptists provided much of the political muscle for the passage of that bill, which made the Commonwealth of Virginia the first government on the face of the Earth to recognize and protect full religious liberty for every individual.

Virginia Baptists, this is a grand legacy. Own it, celebrate it, pass it on, and defend it against those who create new establishments of religion or proscribe the free exercise of religion.

Rev. Shelton Miles, bi-vocational pastor of Union Hill Baptist Church in Brookneal, VA and past-president of the BGAV, narrated the video that accompanies this transcript. The video, part of a series produced by BGAV's Religious Liberty Committee, may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pamJ7bPAUoI>.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month – June

Tony Roberts (276) 698-1318

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Attendance for Sunday, June 14
Sunday School & Bible Study - 65
Worship Service - 110
Wednesday - 22
Dinner Church - 21

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Worship Technicians:

Tim Barnett
Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Paxton Matney
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Extended Session Workers

June 28, 2026

Holly Stiltner & Helper

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Car Ministry

June 28, 2026

Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update

June 21, 2026

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,992.00
Received 6/21/26	\$3,245.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$256,215.91
YTD Total Expenses	\$263,202.94

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Pew Cushion Fund

To Date:	\$3,191.00
Goal:	\$11,250.00



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

9:45am

June 28

Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

11:00am Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm Coffee Time

July 1
Common Ground

6:00pm Adult Bible Study

Chapel

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
ChoirRm

THURSDAY

6:00pm

July 2

Dinner Church Abingdon Terrace
Abingdon Terrace Apts.

SATURDAY

July 4

Happy 4th of July

VBS
SAVE THE DATE
Abingdon Baptist Church
JULY 19-22
SIGN UP TODAY

SCAN ME



To call in by telephone to listen to our Sunday morning

Worship each week:
Call: (929) 205 6099#
ID: 851 6607 5347#
Participate ID #
Passcode: 957729#

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Terry Christian, Kelly Davis, Cindy Farmer, Denise Gobble, Joel Piazza, Angie Smith.

Long Term:

Barbara Back, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Kylee Coleman, Barbara Compton, Geraldine Culberson, Barbara Dunn, Abigail Fannin, Amylee Fannin, Allen Garrett, Lee Garrett, Barbara Gillespie, Karen Hand, Kenna Henderson, Bruce Hicks, Ron Hicks, Sarah Johnson, Kevin Leonard, Conner Mays, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, George Owens, Ronnie Perkins, Joyce Powers, Paul Rich, Jimmy Singleton, Park Shropshire, Archer Skeens, Angie Smith, Rachel Stout, Candy Tignor, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:


Linda Belisle, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Pearl Hayter, Trula Harris, Jim Hughes, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

Becky Corvin, Nadine Culberson, Nadine Farmer, Grace Kiser, Nora Milsap, Joyce Vanover.

Homebound of the Week

Jim Hughes



This week we want to lift up
Patrol Officer c. Dea
Abingdon Police Department
Sylvia Sullivan
Donna Sutherland
Washington County Sherriff's Dept



Tuesday, July 7

- Nadine Farmer

Thursday, July 9

- John Crigger



COME GLOW WITH US!

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 19-22
5:30- 8:00
LUNCH PROVIDED

ABINGDON BAPTIST CHURCH



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**July 19
thru
July 22**

Let Holly know where you
would like to help

Ladies' Day On The Holston Lake

Enjoy a Relaxing Boat Ride with
Captain Bill and Deborah
and Lunch at the Broken Ski Grill.

Thursday, July 9th

9:00 am-12:00pm

Meet at Painter Creek Marina at 8:30am
(766 Painter Creek Rd, Bristol, TN)





\$49.50 per person

Price Includes 3-hour Boat Ride. Lunch is on your own.
Reservation and Payment are due by July 2, 2026

Not a fan of Boating? No worries.

Join us for lunch at 12:30pm at the Broken Ski Grill at the
Sportsman's Marina! (23511 Sportsman Dr, Abingdon, VA 24211)

Pick up a flyer at the church office & make reservations or
contact Deborah for more information

**OCC featured item for
JUNE will be
Notebook Paper**

Ministers			Entire Congregation
Pastor	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 32	Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan
Minister of Music/Worship & Young/Median Adults	showell@abingdonbaptist.org		Mr. Shawn Howell
Minister To Students	lwolfe@abingdonbaptist.org		Rev. Lisa Wolfe
Administrative Assistant	tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 21	Mrs. Trina Vickers
Children's Ministry Assistant	hstiltner@abingdonbaptist.org		Mrs. Holly Stiltner
Church Organist			Mrs. Carol Clifton
Church Pianist			Mrs. Rose Payne

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 9:00-12:00pm

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