



ABINGDON

Baptist Church

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

THE BANNER

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SUNDAY

JULY 5
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

WORSHIP

Religious Freedom
Matthew 22:15-22

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

Religious Liberty

The following article was prepared by the BGAV Religious Liberty Committee and was published in the Texas *Baptist Standard*. I pray that this article is not only informational but that it inspires us all to continue the fight for religious liberty for all people today and for future generations of Americans.

John Leland and James Madison

The Leland-Madison Memorial Park in Orange County, VA, commemorates a likely meeting suggested by various accounts between James Madison and the influential Virginia Baptist pastor John Leland. This meeting helped to secure the future of religious liberty for the then-young nation.

Baptists and other religious dissenting groups suffered tremendous persecution and discrimination in Virginia and in other colonies. Residents were legally required to attend the established church, the Anglican church, and could be fined for non-attendance. Residents were taxed to give support to the Anglican Church, the ministers of the church, and support to the minister's home and the land. Baptisms and weddings had to be performed by Anglican ministers, and baptisms of infants in the Anglican Church were mandatory.

In March of 1788, Virginians were scheduled to vote on delegates to the Virginia Convention in order to decide whether to ratify the proposed U.S. Constitution. Madison came home to Orange as a candidate for ratification, having heard Baptists, growing in number, continued to be skeptical of a constitution that did not have explicit guarantees of religious liberty.

John Leland was one of the most popular preachers in Virginia. He advocated for religious freedom for all, and he spoke out against slavery. Thomas Jefferson said it would be a grievous error if the U.S. Constitution were ratified without a Bill of Rights. So, Pastor Leland scripted, drafted, and circulated oppositions to the proposed Constitution. A friend of Madison heard of this and informed him of the oppositions and then encouraged Madison to meet with Leland.

Tradition holds this meeting took place at the large oak tree known as Madison's Oak in what is now Leland-Madison Memorial Park. It was here in 1788 that Leland made secure the promise of Madison to add to the Constitution a Bill of Rights that would guarantee religious liberty. In turn, Madison convinced Leland to support the new Constitution and to support Madison.

Madison's subsequent election to the Virginia Convention and his persuasiveness and acknowledgement of the importance of the Bill of Rights with the Constitution won over the fierce opposition from the Anti-Federalists, led by none other than Patrick Henry.

As a member of the new House of Representatives, Madison introduced the Bill of Rights. Religious liberty, including free exercise of religion and the prohibition of the establishment of religion, was forever enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

That history is represented with a historical marker noting the contribution Virginia pastor John Leland made to securing religious liberty for America. We are so grateful for the Goshen Baptist Association for maintaining this beautiful park, located at the intersection of Highway 20, known as Constitution Highway, and Clifton Road.

Dr. Ken Pruitt, president of Leland Seminary in Arlington, Va., 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=pKyIX-jEkds>.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month – June

George Hodnett 910-200-8370)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Attendance for Sunday, June 28
Sunday School & Bible Study - 59
Worship Service - 125
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

July 5, 2026

Holly Stiltner & Helper

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Car Ministry

July 5, 2026

Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update

June 28, 2026

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,992.00
Received 6/28/26	\$12,052.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$252,720.91
YTD Total Expenses	\$287,295.00

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Pew Cushion Fund

To Date:	\$3,216.00
Goal:	\$11,250.00

Noisy Bucket Offering 6/28/26 (Pew Cushion Fund)	\$505.02
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 5
9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

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

MONDAY July 6
Office Closed—4th of July Holiday

9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry
Team 1

10:00am Ladies Canasta & Fellowship
1-3rd Classroom

TUESDAY July 7
2:00pm Friends of Audrey & Jill Circle
Location TBD

WEDNESDAY July 8
5:30pm Coffee Time *Common Ground*
6:00pm Adult Bible Study *Chapel*
Young Adult Circle *Common Ground*

THURSDAY July 9
6:00pm Dinner Church Abingdon Terrace
Abingdon Terrace Apts.

7:00pm Council of Deacon's Meeting
Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY July 10
9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry
Team 2

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 19-22
5:30-8:00
LUNCH PROVIDED
ABINGDON BAPTIST CHURCH
SCAN ME

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

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 P. Owens
Abingdon Police Department
Sylvia Sullivan
Donna Sutherland
Washington County Sherriff's Dept



Tuesday, July 7

- Nadine Farmer

Thursday, July 9

- John Crigger



SANCTUARY FLOWERS
JUNE 28, 2026
WERE GIVEN
IN HONOR OF
ROGER & MARY GARRETT'S
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 25, 2026

"60 CIRCUITS AROUND THE SUN"

OCC
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

ITEM of the MONTH

This month, we are collecting:
PLAY DOUGH

Your donation helps bring joy and hope to children around the world!

Thank you for helping share God's love!

OLD FASHION
POT LUCK
Lunch

IMMEDIATELY
 AFTER
 WORSHIP
 Sunday,
 July 12th

★ SPONSORED BY THE SEEKERS CLASS ★

Bring your *favorite* DISH OR DESSERT and come have some *good food, good fun, & good fellowship.*

There will be a **"PASSING OF THE PLATE"** to raise money for the new *pew cushions.*

SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
Jesus

Community Picnic & VBS Kickoff

FOOD • FUN • GAMES • LIVE MUSIC • FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 19
3:30-5:30 PM
ABINGDON BAPTIST CHURCH

VBS REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Join us for an afternoon of food, music, games, and fellowship as we kick off a week of learning to shine the light of Jesus!

Everyone Welcome! ♥

Bring the whole family and invite your friends!

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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