

# Historic White Marsh Church

July 19, 2026

Prelude Naomi Vaughan

Hymn ~ 777 On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 712 Be Still, My Soul

Prayer & Praise

Scripture Reading Joshua 1:1-9 Pastor Brad

Nicene Creed

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Sermon: "Because God Goes Before Us" Pastor Brad

Holy Communion

Hymn ~ 581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Benediction & Postlude

## Visitors:

**Welcome to our church!** Please complete the visitor card at your pew, then either give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the wooden offering box on the table at the church entrance.

## Because God Goes Before Us

Joshua 1:1-9

- 1. God Calls Us Into New Seasons (vv. 1-2)**
  - Following God always involves moving forward.
  - God's call is always accompanied by God's promise.
- 2. God's Promises Never Change (vv. 3, 5)**
  - Faith is trusting God because He sees the whole picture.
  - God's grace comes one day at a time because that is how He teaches us to depend on Him.
- 3. God's Presence Is Our Confidence (v. 5-9)**
  - The promise of God's presence changes everything.
  - The command to be strong and courageous is built upon everything God has already said.
- 4. Jesus Leads Us Into The Greater Promised Land**
  - The Hebrew name Joshua means, "The LORD is salvation."
  - We do not walk through life trying to find God. We walk with God who has already come to us through Jesus Christ.
- 5. Practical Applications:**
  - Trust God in seasons of change
  - Build your life upon God's promises instead of circumstances
  - Choose faith over fear
  - Keep your eyes on Jesus

## Personal Questions to Ponder This Week:

*Where is God calling me to move forward?*

*What step of faith is He asking me to take?*

*What fear do I need to surrender to Him?*

*How can my faith encourage someone else this week?*

## Discussion Questions for Bible Study:

1. What does God's promise to Joshua teach us about His faithfulness?
2. God repeatedly assured Joshua, "I will be with you." Why is God's presence more important than simply knowing His plan?
3. What does it mean to meditate on the Book of the Law day and night? How can we apply this in a modern context?
4. In what ways can the message of Joshua 1 help strengthen your faith and trust in God's promises?

**Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM**  
**Wednesday: Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

## **Announcements - July 12, 2026**

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m.

**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m.

**HWMC Movie Night** - Come join us for the next movie on the Third Thursday, July 16, at 6:00 p.m. See the Parson Perry Post for details.

**Friendship Fellowship** on Sunday, July 19, following the service. We will be celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, and America with a special cake made by Shirley!

**Pray at the new Lancaster County High School.** Please plan to join us on Saturday, July 25 at 8:30 a.m. to pray for the school, students, teachers, and staff.

**NNK Christian Theater presents "The Secret Garden,"** *which is produced by special arrangement with Stage Partners - Adapted for the stage by Erin Detrick, from the book by Francis Hodgson Burnett*

**Saturday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 26 at 3:00 p.m.**  
See insert for details.

The NEW **9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service** will begin on **August 9!**

### **We Need You!**

- Hospitality Chair
- Flowers for Sunday Service
- Cemetery Chair (Board Position)

### **July Celebrations**

#### *Anniversaries*

John & Tammy Jo Arsenault - July 3

#### *Birthdays*

Ellie Muddiman - July 4

Heath Torgerson - July 6

Billy Lampkin - July 13

Joyce Hutchings - July 20

Verna Ann Saunders - July 21

***Tithes & Offerings:*** Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

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