

AUGUST 2021

THE MESSENGER

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Michele Hennessy - 2
Susan Jones - 8
John Saunders - 10
Brittney Clifton - 11
Ellie Brittain - 11
Raymond Clyburn - 11
Lydia Gross - 13
Michael Hires - 13
Rosell Carr - 15
Wanda Romm - 16
Donna Baker - 19
Mary Jane Porter - 22
Kim Clarke - 23
Ronald Saunders - 24
Bea Reiver - 26
Jeanette Eldridge - 26
Cindy Lee - 31

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 1

Daniel 3:1-30

August 8

John 4:1-42

August 15

Ruth 1:1-22, 4:13-17

August 22

Philemon 1:1-25

August 29

Renew Service

During August, Aaron will be preaching a series of sermons called "The Outsiders," focusing on biblical characters who did not fit in.

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

Sometimes I sit down to read about the life of the saints and I am astonished at their remarkable stories. They perform miracles and face terrible punishments, sometimes even death, as they bear witness to the faith. They are examples for us of courage and tenacity.

Most Christians today will never found a hospital or face lions in an arena. But I believe we are still called to testify to Christ in the ways that we speak and live on a daily basis. And most often, that discipleship takes the form of how we treat other people. The scheduler at the doctor's office has made a mistake and told us to be there two hours ahead of our actual appointment. Do we berate them in front of everyone or do we sit quietly and wait our turn? The grocery store clerk rang us out and charged us for one item five times. Do we scream and rant or do we laugh about how we once did the same thing as a clerk when we were younger? Someone posts a political opinion with which we disagree on social media. Do we immediately post something back insulting their viewpoint or do we post something uplifting instead? The server at the restaurant we're eating in has ignored our table for twenty minutes. Do we walk out without leaving a tip or do we leave a little extra tip because we see how they are spread so thin with so many customers? Life is filled with frustrations and inconveniences, some of them big and some of them small. But I believe that how we respond to those situations says as much about our faith as if we were being grilled by a hostile pagan emperor.

Patience. Kindness. A gentle word or a joke that turns away wrath instead of stoking it. These may seem like mundane or unimportant gestures. But in our society today, I believe these practices demonstrate our commitment for Christ as much as any grand gesture we read about in the lives of the saints. There are simple ways for us to show compassion and empathy that we can exhibit every single day. But just because they're simple doesn't mean they're easy. Being a saint is still tough work. But I believe we need those examples of faith just as much as ever. So let's astonish the world by the way we love others.

AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the month of August, we will once again have one combined adult Sunday School class as we have in past years. We will meet in the Social Hall from 9:30-10:30 each week. You may bring your own refreshments but they will not be provided. This year, the theme will be "Stories From The Other Side" and will focus on personal stories that may give us new perspective on different topics.

The schedule is below:

August 1: Ann McMellin, member of Ascension Episcopal will share a story of forgiveness.

August 8: Jordann McMahan, Rosell Carr, Nicole Farrar, & Caitlin Brown will share stories of being women in ministry.

August 15: Lyda White, Pat Powell, & Ellen Turner will share stories of aging gracefully.

August 22: Eola Dance, Superintendent of Fort Monroe National Monument, will share stories of the site's significance

August 29: Video presentation of *Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism*.

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SCHOLARSHIP REWARDS

The Talbot Park Baptist Church Scholarship Committee received four applications this summer and awarded scholarships to all four applicants. Madison Brody, who studies at Old Dominion University, Kayla Brody, who is beginning at Old Dominion University, Maddie Foster, who studies at Longwood University, and Sadie Miklos, who is beginning at Virginia Commonwealth University. Congratulations to all four young ladies on your hard work and best of luck for the year ahead!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT



On Wednesday, August 18th, we will have a game night in the Social Hall at 5:30pm. Bring your own favorite card or board games to play, as well as a dessert to share. We'll play and eat until we can't take anymore!

FOOD DRIVE REPORT

It was a close contest throughout July, but our annual Canned Food Challenge has concluded and once again the women came through with the victory, collecting 367 items. The men were close behind with 301. Thanks again to all who participated. Wonderful job!

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES

Per the new guidelines from the CDC and the Governor, Talbot Park is no longer requiring masks during worship for individuals who have been fully vaccinated. Reminder that fully vaccinated means having both shots and a two week period following. We have no way of knowing if you've been vaccinated but we will abide by the honor system. This is especially important with the resurgence of the new Delta variation. We want to remain vigilant. Individuals who remain vulnerable or who wish to continue to wear a mask will of course be encouraged to do so. No one will be pressured to remove their mask. Those who feel uncomfortable being around others without masks should be advised that there will be many maskless folks present in worship from this point forward.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



We are reaching out to children and families in the Norfolk area by providing book bags filled with basic school supply items. These book bags will be distributed to homeless or displaced families with school-age children at various locations. We will also be collecting items requested by teachers for use in their classrooms.

If you are interested in participating in this mission project, please purchase items from the list below. Items/book bags filled with supplies can be left in the boxes in the hallway. We will bless the backpacks during worship on Sunday, August 22nd and then distribute them during the first week of September. Thank you for your contributions! See Judy Brooks for additional information.

Student Supplies: box of crayons, glue sticks, pack of standard #2 pencils, pencil box/pouch, pair of scissors, 3-prong pocket folder, bottle of white glue, package of wide-ruled notebook paper, 12" ruler in cm. and inches, Black & White Composition Notebook.

Optional: A book bag to put the items in.

Teacher Supplies: white card stock, 3M masking tape, paper clips, binder clips, binder dividers, fun Band-Aids, baby wipes, Bounty paper towels, Lysol wipes, Sharpie markers, hand sanitizer, post-it notes, sheet protectors, erasers, manila envelopes.



WORSHIP IN AUGUST

During worship in August, we will be a bit more relaxed. We encourage everyone to dress comfortably (no tie needed!). We will continue our August tradition of inviting people in the congregation to choose favorite hymns for us to sing during the morning service.

"RENEW" WITH ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, August 29th at 11am, we will have a time of worship entitled Renew. The service will focus on music, scripture, and stories. People will be asked to share a time that life's circumstances have caused their faith to become stronger. Please consider sharing your story, too.

WELCOME

We joyfully and warmly welcome our newest member to our church family.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Craig and Cheryl Casper want to thank everyone for all their kindness during Craig's recent illness. The delicious food and meals from the Food Team and others, plus the cards and phone calls are deeply appreciated.

God Bless each one,
Craig and Cheryl Casper



The youth had a great time in Danville, VA! 5 of our youth and 2 chaperones spent time praying and serving alongside Grace and Main Fellowship. This intentional community is a beacon of Christ in the heart of Danville, and we got to see specifically how they work to address housing and food insecurity. We spent Saturday morning working in a community garden alongside Dr. Joshua Hearne, our contact at Grace and Main. We then spent time learning and listening to stories of the city and the ministry. As a whole, our group really enjoyed playing games, laughing, and working together. We ended our time by writing a community covenant of our own.

We are actively searching for volunteers to help continue this momentum with kids and youth! If you are interested in helping in any capacity, we would love to connect you with opportunities to serve.

As I prepare to move on to what God has in store next, I wanted to thank Talbot Park for embracing me into such a wonderful community. I so appreciate the time we have had together, and I will continue to pray for you as I transition into a new season of life in Texas!

Grace and Peace,
Jordann

EMAIL INFORMATION

Reminder, if you need to contact the church office, please use the main email of info@talbotparkbaptistchurch.org
To contact Laura directly, use Lmaxey@talbotparkbaptistchurch.org



Preschool News

We are halfway through summer camp now, and the kids have had a blast! From celebrating the Olympics, Zoo Animals, and even Christmas (in July) they have already made some incredible memories. We are excited to have four more weeks of camp in August. Our most popular week coming up is Shark Week. Then we will be quickly transitioning to our 2021-2022 school year. Our classes are full, and we are ready for the next group of children and families to welcome to the Talbot Park Preschool Family. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable rest of your summer!

Anna Selvy



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9:30 Summer Sunday School Celebration of the Lord's Supper	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 9:30 Summer Sunday School	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7pm Deacon's Meeting	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:30 Summer Sunday School	<i>16</i> 7pm Finance Meeting	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 5:30pm Family Game Night	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 9:30 Summer Sunday School	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 9:30 Summer Sunday School	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				