

AUGUST 2026

THE MESSENGER

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marina Cyphers – 2

Susan Jones – 8

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Lydia Gross – 13

Jerry Sebastian – 14

Rosell Carr – 15

Wanda Romm – 16

Mary Jane Porter – 22

Kim Goode – 23

Cindy Lee – 31

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

The Church in Motion: Prayer, Power, and Presence

In Acts 2, we see a beautiful picture of what happens when ordinary people are filled with the Spirit and united in purpose. They gathered regularly, broke bread together, and devoted themselves to prayer. And what was the result? God moved powerfully—lives were changed, needs were met, and the church grew.

That same invitation stands before us today.

We are not called to simply study Acts—we are called to **live it**. In the weeks ahead, we want to create intentional spaces for our church family to come together in prayer. Just like the early believers, we believe there is power when we gather with one heart and one voice.

We encourage you to participate in one of our upcoming prayer gatherings. Whether it's in homes, small groups, or here at the church, these moments are not just programs—they are opportunities to seek God together, to intercede for our community, and to align our hearts with His mission.

Let's be a church that doesn't just talk about prayer—**but practices it**.

A CALL TO GO: AUGUST 15 OUTREACH EVENT

Prayer always leads to **action**.

On **August 15th** at **6:30pm**, we have an exciting opportunity to step outside our walls and into our community through a church-wide outreach event—a **Block Party and Movie Night**.

This will be a simple, joyful, and welcoming environment where families can gather, kids can play, and relationships can begin. We'll have food, fun, and a movie under the stars—but more importantly, we'll have the chance to be present with our neighbors and share the love of Christ in tangible ways.

This is not just an event—it's a **mission field**.

Here's how you can be part of it:

- **Pray** for the event, the conversations, and the people God will bring.
- **Invite** friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
- **Serve** by helping with setup, hospitality, games, or cleanup.
- **Show up** ready to engage, listen, and love.

Looking forward to seeing what God continues to show us!

2026/2027 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



The Talbot Park Baptist Church Scholarship Committee received two applications this summer and awarded two scholarships to Owen Foster at Old Dominion University and Josie Mackey at Richard Bland College. Congratulations on your hard work and best of luck for the year ahead!

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Talbot Park Women's Group will meet immediately after Sunday School on Sunday, August 2nd. All women are invited. Please bring a covered dish.

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.



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

The church office and preschool will be closed Wednesday, August 19th - Friday, August 21st, as well as Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th.



SAVE THE DATE! PUMPKIN PATCH PLANNING

Keep an eye out next month for exciting updates regarding the 2026 pumpkin patch! We already have our pumpkin delivery scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 10am.



Preschool News

Our summer camp was a huge success! The kids had a fantastic time making new friends, exploring new activities, and creating lasting memories. It was a season filled with laughter, learning, and adventure. As summer wraps up, we're proud of all they've accomplished and excited to see them carry that energy into the new school year!

Holly Costas



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am Blessing of the Backpacks	10	11 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	12	13	14	15 6:30pm Block Party
16	17	18	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed	22
23 10:00am Blessing of the Classrooms Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	24	25	26	27 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	28	29
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pray for boldness to speak about Jesus in everyday conversations (Acts 4:29)
2 Pray for physical and spiritual healing in our church and community (Acts 3:6-8)	3 Ask God to help us clearly point people to Jesus, not ourselves (Acts 3:12-16)	4 Pray for courage in the face of opposition or discomfort (Acts 4:18-20)	5 Norfolk Chinese Baptist Church (NCBC) Lord, strengthen Pastor Charlie and the NCBC family. Fill them with your spirit to continue your work.	6 Pray for unity in the church around the mission (Acts 4:32)	7 Thank God for the power of Jesus' name that still transforms lives today	8 Pray for sincere hearts before God —no pretending (Acts 5:3-4)
9 Virginia Children's Chorus (VCC): Lord, bless VCC and their families. Bless them as they look for new leadership.	10 Pray for a culture of generosity in our church (Acts 4:34-35)	11 Ask God to help us walk in integrity when no one is watching	12 Pray for a healthy fear of the Lord in our lives (Acts 5:11)	13 Ask God to use our church as a place of healing and hope (Acts 5:15-16)	14 Thank God for His grace that corrects and restores	15 Pray for strength to obey God over human pressure (Acts 5:29)
16 Ask God for endurance when following Jesus is difficult	17 Pray for wisdom when facing criticism or opposition	18 Ask God to help us rejoice even in hardship (Acts 5:41)	19 Pray for consistency in sharing the gospel daily (Acts 5:42)	20 Ask God to remove fear that keeps us silent	21 Freedom Life Church (FLC) Lord, bless Freedom Life Church. Especially Pastor Cheryl, as she seeks a time of rest and vacation.	22 Pray for servant-hearted leaders in the church (Acts 6:3)
23 Preschool- Ask God to bless our preschool teachers and all the teachers and students in our community as they head back to school.	24 Pray for opportunities to serve others with wisdom and compassion	25 Ask God to make us people "full of faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5)	26 Pray for boldness to stand firm in truth like Stephen (Acts 7:55-56)	27 Ask God to help us forgive those who hurt us (Acts 7:60)	28 Thank God for faithful witnesses who have gone before us	29 Pray that God would use difficult circumstances to advance the gospel (Acts 8:4)
30 Ask God to open doors for gospel conversations this week	31 Pray for sensitivity to the Spirit's leading (Acts 8:29)					