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THE MESSENGER

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

John Chappell III – 1
Lexi Henderson – 2
Madison Brody – 5
Martha Crocker – 5
Bill Partin – 6
Jack Blake – 7
Bailey Simmons – 7
Addison Lumpkin – 8
Robert Kirkman – 12
Louise Steinbruck – 28
Brandy McNabb – 29
Annica Brooks – 29
Les Conner – 30

“What is the most important resource Talbot Park Baptist Church has? If you did an informal survey using only that question, you would be surprised at the responses you would get.

The leading candidates are these: location, facilities, meeting budgets. No doubt each of those qualifies as being vital and important.

Location matters because it involves access. It involves safety. It contributes to the impression a property and facility make on its membership and on those who visit it for occasional use.

Facilities matter, too. Is there space and shelter for what we want and need to do – worship, study, mourning & celebrating? Is that space comfortable to be in and utilize? Is that space comfortable to navigate once inside? Can I find where I want to go easily enough?

Budgeting matters, as well. Budgeting enough and meeting that goal enables a facility to be staffed, to be heated and cooled, to provide a space that meets a range of needs and supports a variety of activities.

Talbot Park Baptist Church could not exist without the above. Yet none of the above is the most important resource Talbot Park Baptist Church has, or for that matter any church has.

The most important resource a church has is its **people**. Together, you and I keep this place afloat. Our facility is still standing because you are willing to give to the cause of Christ what is rightly yours. But it is by no means just the money you contribute that sustains this church. It is, also, the family you are willing to build and become because of your faith in Jesus Christ.

Neither location, nor facilities, nor budgets can do this. Only people can do this, people who open their hearts and minds to the presence and directing of Christ, and to one another.

You, who participate in this place called Talbot Park Baptist Church, do a remarkably good job of building such a family as that.

Keep building. I will do the same.



NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BRUNCH

On Sunday, January 4th, during our regular Sunday School hour (11am), instead of meeting in our individual classes, we will meet for a fellowship brunch in the Social Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a fruit, pastry, or covered dish and the church will provide drinks. The 2026 sheets for the Deacon-Led Teams will be available for sign-up. Come join us as we ring in the New Year together!

SOUP LUNCHESES



During the month of January, we will have a simple luncheon right after worship at 11am on January 11th and 18th. This will be in place of normal Sunday School time. The lunch will consist of soups, chilis, bread, and dessert. If you wish to provide a pot of soup or a dessert, please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway. We need at least four pots each Sunday to make sure we have enough. There is no cost, although there will be a basket out for donations to help off-set the expenses of paper products. No reservation is required. We hope to have a good crowd join us each week for this time of fellowship during the cold winter!

DEACON TEAMS SIGN UP

The 2026 sign-up sheets for the deacon-led teams are available as of January 4 on the table in the hallway. Anyone, member or non-member, may serve on a team. We need people passionate about helping take care of our congregation in various ways.

CARING PROJECT

We are collecting hygiene items for Lake Taylor residents until January 25th. Items can be placed on the table in the hallway.

They are in need of the following items:

- Dove unscented body wash
- Head and shoulders or selsun blue shampoo
- Jergens unscented body lotion
- Roll-on deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Word search puzzles
- Snacks: Individual Nabs crackers, M&Ms, Individual chips, wrapped baked goods

WINTER MISSION OFFERING

As of December 18, we were able to collect \$262 to give to the CBF Global Missions.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2026 are now available for you to pick up. They are arranged alphabetically on the table in the sanctuary vestibule next to the bulletins. Please make sure you pick yours up. To save the expense of postage, we will not be mailing them out.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Lunch at 12 noon ~ Meeting at 12:45pm

Lunch will be cooked in-house and the menu will be announced later in January. The price will be \$10 per person. Please make your lunch reservations no later than Sunday, January 18th by calling the church office or signing up on the sheet in the hallway.

UNDECORATING

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 4th at 2pm to take down the Chrismon tree and other Christmas decorations. Please let Sheri Foster know if you will be able to join us.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Our church books will remain open through Sunday, January 4th, 2026. Checks must be dated no later than December 31st, 2025 in order to receive financial credit for 2025.



Preschool News

We hope you enjoyed the children singing at the Nativity as much as they enjoyed performing. We love coming together for these memorable events.

I'd also love to share some happy mail with you. Recently, a parent stopped in to let me know that two of our 2025 graduates both received Student of the Month for the first two months of kindergarten. She attributed their success to what was poured into them here at Talbot Park.

We love receiving messages like these and are so happy to share them with you. We are looking forward to the New Year and hope it brings each of you health and happiness. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Holly Costas

2026 YEARBOOK

We are working on putting together the 2026 yearbook. If you would like to change any of your information such as address, phone number, or email address, please contact the church office by Friday, January 23rd.

LIVING NATIVITY

Bring your drill and come help us disassemble the living nativity set. We do not yet have a date, watch the January bulletins for the date. Please see Clifton Stowe for more information on how you can help.



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> Office Closed New Year's Day <i>Happy New Year</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 11am Sunday School Breakfast 2pm Undecorating Sanctuary	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 11am Soup Lunch	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 5pm Preschool Board Meeting 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 11am Soup Lunch	<i>19</i> Office Closed <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 7pm Church Council	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 12:00pm Business Meeting & Lunch	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 2:30 Birthday Club at OceanAir Elementary	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>