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THE MESSENGER

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

by Pastor Aaron Brittain

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mollie Murray - 10

Betty Siebert - 15

Zane Hoy - 16

Melody Dillon - 18

Drew Lumpkin - 19

Claiborne Pace - 21

Evelyn Cooper - 25

Justin Conner - 27

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 6

II Samuel 1:1-27

June 13

II Samuel 5:1-10

June 20

II Samuel 11:1-15

June 27

II Samuel 18:5-33

During the month of June, Aaron will be preaching a series of sermons from the life of David entitled "The David Diaries."

Apart from God and Jesus, David is the single most mentioned individual in the pages of Scripture. Many of us have some basic knowledge of this famous figure. We know he was a shepherd. We know he wrote many psalms. We know he was a king. We know the general details of his battle with Goliath and his seduction of Bathsheba.

But during the month of June, we will delve more deeply into the life of the David in a series of sermons I'm entitling "The David Diaries." How and why did this one person take on such an outsized role, not only in the story of Israel, but also in our Christian tradition? The idea is to go behind the caricature and look at some of the lesser-known episodes from David's fascinating and flawed life.

Even after many years of reading and study, I always enjoy gaining insight into the characters of the Bible. But as much as I hope we learn some new things about David, I also hope that we will see the ways his story intersects with our lives. Reading Scripture faithfully is never just about gaining knowledge; it's about transformation. I believe that these ancient stories of David have much to teach us about how we are called to live as God's people today. As we return to some semblance of pre-COVID conditions in the life of our church, I'm looking forward to exploring that topic together with you.

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES

Per the new guidelines from the CDC and the Governor, Talbot Park will no longer require 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. 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.

We will continue to social distance in our sanctuary for the month of June.

RETURN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning on Sunday, June 6, Sunday School will resume for the two adult classes at 9:30am on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. People may enter and exit through any set of exterior doors.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



2021 high school and college graduates from our congregation will be recognized on Sunday, June 13th during morning worship. If someone in your family has reached this important milestone, please let the church office know by June 6th so he or she can be included in the celebration.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING UPDATE

Every year, we designate our anniversary offering to a specific goal. This year, the offering will go towards funding a new internship position to help us with technology and media. In addition, 10% of what we collect will be sent to the Foodbank to support their on-going work in our community. Envelopes for the 78th anniversary offering may be found in your boxes and can be given throughout the month of May. Our goal is to raise as much as possible to fund these ministry initiatives. We have received \$9,593 so far.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Talbot Park is proud to be able to support our college students through the Matt and Ida Nelson Scholarship Fund. Applications are now being accepted for students in an undergraduate status. The gift of a scholarship is made once a year to our students and can be used for tuition and/or books and supplies. The applications are in the church office and will need to be filled out and returned to the office by Sunday, June 27th. Award notifications will take place in July.

A NOTE OF THANKS



Sharon and I would like to thank all that remembered us after my recent hospital stay. We always knew we belonged to a very caring church family but recently we found out how caring you truly are.

Cod Bless each one,
Robert & Sharon Williams

YOUTH NEWS FROM JORDANN

The youth will be meeting from 5:30-8pm every Wednesday in the Rec Room for a devotional and games!

Upcoming events:

June 20th- Beach Trip, meet in parking lot at 3pm.

July 16th-17th - Retreat

If you'd like to receive day-of notifications for youth activities, text @talbotpark to the number 81010. You can also go to rmd.at/talbotpark on a web browser and fill in a phone number or email address.

Grace and Peace,
Jordann McMahan
jmcmahan@talbotparkbaptistchurch.org



WEDNESDAY MOVIE NIGHT

On Wednesday, June 16, we will have a movie night in the Social Hall beginning at 5:30pm. We will be watching the 2005 version of *Pride & Prejudice*. Masks will not be required but social distancing will continue. We will have individualized drinks, popcorn bags, and candy provided. Come out and join us.

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP



The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the global denominational body with whom our church affiliates, is sponsoring a monthly book group in which churches across the nation will be participating. The first book will be *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Dr. Robert P. Jones, CEO of Public Religion Research Institute. Dr. Jones grew up a good Southern Baptist in Mississippi and attended Mississippi College. From there, he went to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth before eventually becoming a scholar on faith and culture. In *White Too Long*, his personal story is intertwined with the history of white Baptists in the South. He takes a critical look at a belief system that has too often blinded good white Christians to the reality of systemic racism and their role in perpetuating it. The CBF-wide discussion of the book will occur via Zoom on Thursday, June 24 at 7pm. There is no cost but registration is required. Contact Aaron if you are interested in purchasing a book or registering for the book group conversation.

FATHER'S DAY GIFT

This year, in honor of all our fathers here at Talbot Park Baptist Church, a donation will be made to the Union Mission.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

We are so close to the end of our 2020-2021 school year! To celebrate our last day of school on June 17th, we will be having the ice cream truck come by for a special treat! We are so thankful for all of our staff, students and student families on their hard work this year! Then we will quickly transition to summer camp which kicks off on June 28th. We have nine awesome themed weeks of camp this year. If you are interested, you can check out the themes and information on our website under the summer programs tab. We wish everyone a safe and healthy kick off to summer!

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

We are so excited to celebrate our 22 preschool graduates at our June 11th graduation ceremony! Even in this crazy school year our staff, students, and student families have persevered to make it a special 2020-2021 school year. Congratulations 2021 preschool graduates!

These sweet faces to the right were the first babies to bless our infant room in the Fall of 2016. Over the past five years we have nurtured them, loved them, and watched them grow into the wonderful, unique children that they are. Please join us in congratulating the first graduates to start out in our program as babies. We know they will do great things!

"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."

Minor Myers Jr.

SUITCASE MINISTRY UPDATE

We collected and filled 4 suitcases with the pictured items (plus a \$25 Walmart gift card and \$200 check for each), had an empty 5th suitcase to donate, and only drew \$100 out of the missions budget in support of this ministry for trafficked women. God's people doing His work at Talbot Park are amazing! All together 26 churches in the Bridge Network provided 100 suitcases and \$20,220 for the victims. Within 48 hours of picking up the suitcases the first one was distributed to a rescued child/teen!



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30-8PM Youth Group in Rec Room	3	4	5
6 Celebration of the Lord's Supper	7	8 7PM Deacon's Meeting	9 5:30-8PM Youth Group in Rec Room	10	11 6:30PM Preschool Graduation	12
13 Graduate Recognition Sunday	14	15	16 Movie Night 5:30PM Social Hall	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 3PM Youth Beach Trip	21 7PM Finance Meeting	22	23 5:30-8PM Youth Group in Rec Room	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 5:30-8PM Youth Group in Rec Room			