#### **JUNE 2025**

# THE MESSENGER

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# THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS Betty Siebert – 15 Claiborne Pace – 21 Evelyn Cooper – 25

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE June 1 Revelation 21:22-22:7 June 8 Acts 2:1-21 June 15 II Kings 2:19-25, 6:1-7 June 22 II Kings 4:1-7, 38-44 June 29 II Kings 4:8-37

During the month of June, Aaron will be preaching a series of sermons from II Kings entitles "Summer of MOE (Miracles of Elisha)." I've recently been lamenting the loss of wisdom in our society. Over the years, in most cultures, it was normal for the older members of the group to be held in high esteem. Their words were valued because they offered insight and guidance to those less experienced.

But these days, many people are dismissive of any attempt to receive wisdom. It's true that the way such advice is offered matters a great deal. When older people dispense wisdom without a spirit of patience and love, it becomes a means of judgment. Attempts at offering wisdom can easily become lectures that belittle instead of an opportunity to learn. I know many a well-meaning individual who starts off "Let me tell you how it was in my day" and they come across as condescending rather than helpful.

But that doesn't mean there isn't a role for wisdom in our society. I think most of us would actually benefit from listening to the wisdom of our elders. And I'm not just talking about the younger generations. I was recently talking with someone about the frustrations of taking care of their aging father. When I asked this person if they had learned from this experience and made their own arrangements about end-of-life plans, they responded, "No. I'll probably be as difficult as my father is with me."

Here's something that the book of Proverbs teaches: Foolishness is not inevitable. You and I have a choice. Insanity has sometimes been defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. But a wise person seeks to learn from the mistakes and the experience of others. So let's practice wisdom by listening to those who love us...and grow from their example.



Graduates from our congregation will be recognized on Sunday, June 1st during our worship service.

#### ANNIVERSARY OFFERING HELP THE PEOPLE, RAISE THE STEEPLE

Every year as part of our anniversary celebration at Talbot Park, we collect a designated offering towards a special project. This year, the anniversary is being divided with two-thirds of the collection going to SouthEast Virginia Foodbank and ForKids and the remainder will be used to repair our steeple. You can still send in your gift. So far this year, we have been able to raise \$18,388.

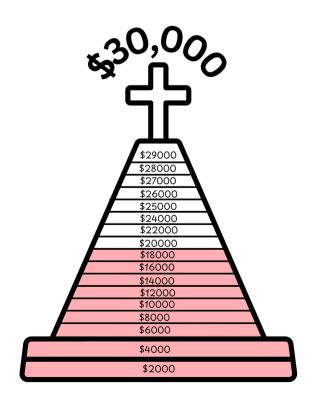




On Wednesday, June 18th, we will meet at 5:30pm in the Social Hall for a movie night. We will be watching the classic film *Casablanca,* starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Popcorn, Raisinets, and drinks will be provided, bring other goodies if you like. No RSVP necessary, just come out and have a good time!

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Talbot Park is proud to be able to fund 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 1st. Award notifications will take place in July.



#### LUNCH OUT

On Sunday, June 22, everyone is invited to join us for lunch at Mom and Pops after Sunday School (Noon). Please RSVP by signing the sheet on the table or calling the church office by June 18th.



#### **FOOD DRIVE**

During the month of June, Talbot Park Baptist Church will hold its annual men vs. women food collection competition! The church will collect non-perishable, unexpired food items to assist the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank. Bring your items and place them on the appropriate tables in the hallway between June 1 and June 29. If you have any questions, contact Susan Jones.

#### VBS

This year, in conjunction with FreedomLife Church, we will be having a one-day Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will take place on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm. If you are interested in helping in any way (teaching, leading recreation, crafts, decorating, cooking lunch, etc.), please see Aaron as soon as possible.



The 2024-2025 school year has come to an end. It has been a year full of fun, growth and success. We look forward to summer camp and meeting new friends!

The floors and walls have finally been repaired from the flooding in two of our preschool rooms. The rooms look great and the teachers and students are so happy to finally be back in their rooms! A huge thank you to Clifton Stowe for staying on top of things and getting this done for us!

Holly Costas

#### **WOMEN'S GROUP**

The Talbot Park Women's Group will meet immediately after worship on Sunday, June 1. All women are invited. Bring a covered dish.

#### PENTECOST

Pentecost falls on June 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Don't forget to wear your red.

## **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.

#### **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The church office will be closed Thursday, June 19th.



June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Communion 10:00am Graduation Recognition Sunday 12:00pm Women's Group	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost	9	10 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	11	12	13	14
<b>15</b> Happy Father's Day	16	17	18 5:30pm Movie Night	<b>19</b> Office Closed	20	21
12:00pm Lunch at Mom & Pops	23	24	25	26 7:00pm Church Council	27	28
29 Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	30					