

MARCH 2023

THE MESSENGER

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jack Huffman – 5
Bill Brooks – 8
Ed Woodard Jr. – 9
Patricia Montague – 16
Dana Chappell – 18
Frank Huffman – 21
Ariana Stowe – 23
Brett Baril – 26
Amos Brittain – 26
Michael Bowe – 26
Clifton Stowe – 30

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 5

Romans 5:12-19

March 12

Nicole Farrar Preaching

March 19

Romans 6:5-23

March 26

I Corinthians 1:17-31

During the season of Lent, Aaron will be preaching a series of sermons entitled the Cruciform Church, as we think about how the cross shapes our life together as the body of Christ.

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

“At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away.” Like many of you, I grew up singing that hymn and others about the power of the cross. And the cross has become ubiquitous in our culture. We see them beside the road, on giant billboards or tacked onto trees. Businesses use them to advertise. Just in our sanctuary alone, we have three or four crosses.

But despite all their proximity, we still don't really talk about the cross all that much in church. Why is the cross the central symbol of our faith (and not for example, the bread and the cup)? That is what I want us to explore together during this season of Lent. Sometimes, it's easy to get caught up in everything else and miss the most central thing. And I worry we've lost sight of the cross. You and I treat the crucifixion as a historical event, i.e. “Jesus died for our sins.” That's true enough. But how does the cross continue to shape our lives in the here and now? Does it? If so, what would that begin to look like?

So much of our theology in the church is geared towards orthodoxy—right thinking. That's important. But orthopraxy is also essential—right action. So during this next 40 days, I want us to think about not just what the cross means (as if we could ever fully understand that), but also how the cross impacts our behavior. I believe that what Jesus does on the cross changed something about us and the world forever. And I hope that during this Lenten season, we can begin to experience that transformation within our congregation. I'm excited for this journey ahead!

SPRING MISSION OFFERING

Again this year our Spring Mission Offering goes to support the work of global missions through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). Our goal for 2023 is \$1,000. We are accepting donations through April. Please note on your check "CBF" if you'd like to designate your contribution to this special offering. Envelopes are available in the pew racks and on the table outside the sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This year, Azalea Baptist will join us for a joint Maundy Thursday service. The service will be at Talbot Park on Thursday, April 6. We will have a dinner at 5:30, menu to be announced. Cost is \$5 per person, or \$15 per family. The service will begin at 6:30pm in the sanctuary and will feature a combined choir, Scripture readings, and communion. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway or contact the church office to make dinner reservations.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

Beginning Wednesday, March 1, our Wednesday night dinners and Bible study time will resume. We meet at 5:30. Bring your own dinner from home or fast food. After eating, we have a time of study and discussion. During Lent, we will be studying "In the Beginning," the first three chapters of Genesis and how they impact our faith in many different ways.



BAPTISM

We will be celebrating the baptism of Amos Brittain during worship on Sunday, March 26.



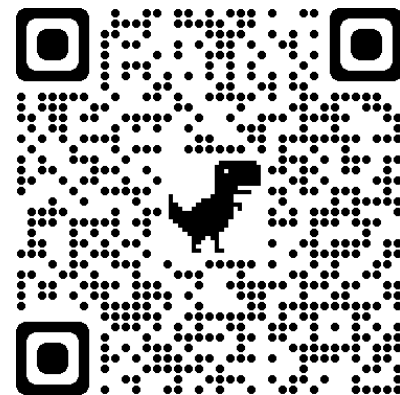
SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th.

ONLINE GIVING

Don't forget! You can use your debit or credit card to make a financial contribution to the church. Simply go to our giving page on the website

(www.talbotparkbaptistchurch.org/ways-to-give.html) or scan this QR code with your smartphone. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.





Preschool News

We are happy to announce that upon opening registration for the 2023-2024 school year, we have less than 10 spots available for new students. Our classes have been full and thriving! It is such a wonderful feeling knowing that we are meeting the needs of so many families in our community. We look forward to another year of teaching, learning and growing! We are also beginning our summer camp registration and prep for each week. We have many fun themes our kids are excited about such as Disney, Dinosaurs, Splish Splash (Water), and Spies. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers over our school.

Holly Costas


**Summer
Camp**

EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is back! We are excited to host our community for a morning of fellowship and fun! The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 1st, from 10am-12pm. We are currently accepting donations for plastic fillable eggs, candy or trinkets to fill them, easter egg dye kits and volunteers! Supplies can be dropped off at the office. Please reach out to hcostas@talbotpreschool.org if you would like to volunteer to hide eggs or assist in activities.



OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Monday, March 13th.



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:00am Book Group 5:30pm Dinner and Bible Study	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 11:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 10:00am Book Group 5:30pm Dinner and Bible Study	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> Spring Forward Time Change	<i>13</i> Office Closed	<i>14</i> 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<i>15</i> 10:00am Book Group 5:30pm Dinner and Bible Study	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 7:00pm Finance Meeting	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 10:00am Book Group 5:30pm Dinner and Bible Study	<i>23</i> 7:00pm Church Council	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 11:00am Amos Brittain Baptism 4:30pm Comfort Meals at Ronald McDonald House	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 2:30pm Birthday Club	<i>29</i> 10:00am Book Group 5:30pm Dinner and Bible Study	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	