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THE MESSENGER

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Myra McCarthy – 2
Bill Brooks – 8
Ed Woodard Jr. – 9
Patricia Montague – 16
Dana Chappell – 18
Frank Huffman – 21
Ariana Bowe – 23
Brett Baril – 26
Michael Bowe – 26
Clifton Stowe – 30

“Do you need this?”

That was the question I heard someone asking just moments before half time of a basketball game.

I was the student chairperson of the Houston Baptist College Homecoming Committee. Weeks earlier the committee and I had met multiple times to plan for the election and crowning of the Home Coming Queen for that year. And we had planned long and hard.

On the evening of the Home Coming game, I enjoyed the first half of competition seated in the bleachers. The first half ended. The three young women who had been voted on by the student body were taking their positions soon to walk onto the court. I had no doubt that the ceremony would unfold without a hitch.

It was then that I heard someone asking, “Do you need this?” Looking in the direction of the voice, I recognized its source. It was the previous year’s Home Coming queen. She was holding the queen’s crown in her hands. Not once had we who planned the ceremony thought of the crown. But she did!!

There are people who possess an uncommon eye for spotting what needs to be done. And when they spot it, they respond. They do not respond to be noticed or to be thanked. They respond because they know it is the right thing to do. They respond because they believe God lives in such ways, and invites each of us to do the same.

So trust the uncommon eye that you possess because of Christ. Others will be grateful to God and to you that you did.

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is with gratitude, and steadfast faith that the Pastoral Search Committee provides this progress report regarding the committee's efforts to locate and call the next shepherd for our church family.

From the very beginning of our journey, we have approached this responsibility with reverence and prayerful dependence upon God. We recognize that this is not merely a hiring decision—it is a spiritual calling. We are seeking the individual whom God has already appointed to lead, nurture, and guide this congregation into its next season of growth and ministry.

Since being commissioned, the committee has:

- Met regularly in prayer, seeking unity of heart and clarity of purpose.
- Developed a congregational profile that reflects our church's mission, values, strengths, and hopes for the future.
- Reviewed and refined a pastoral profile outlining the spiritual, pastoral, and leadership qualities we believe are essential.
- Received and carefully evaluated a number of applications and resumes.
- Held preliminary interviews with selected candidates whose calling and experience align with our church's vision.

Every application has been handled with confidentiality, discernment, and deep spiritual consideration. Each conversation has been preceded by prayer and followed by thoughtful discussion. We are committed not to moving ahead of God's timing, but to walking in step with His Spirit.

This process has not been rushed, nor taken lightly. At times, it has required patience. At times, it has required waiting. But in every moment, it has required faith.

As we continue our work we are reminded of Proverbs 3:5–6:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

We firmly believe that God is already preparing the heart of our future pastor, just as He is preparing our hearts as a congregation. This season is not simply about finding a leader—it is about strengthening our trust in God's guidance, deepening our unity, and reaffirming our mission.

We ask you to continue praying:

- For wisdom and discernment for the committee.
- For clarity and peace in each decision.
- For the pastor whom God is preparing.
- For our congregation to remain united, hopeful, and expectant.

Please know that the committee is working diligently, faithfully, and prayerfully. We are encouraged by the quality of candidates we have encountered and remain confident that in God's perfect timing, He will reveal the right shepherd for our flock.

This is not a season of uncertainty—it is a season of anticipation. The same God who has guided this church through every chapter of its history is guiding us now. Our future is secure in His hands.

We thank you for your trust, your prayers, and your patience. Together, we will move forward - in faith.

May we continue to walk forward in unity, hope, and expectation of the great things God has in store.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pastoral Search Committee



SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8th.



EGG HUNT

We are excited to host our community for a morning of fellowship and fun! The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28, from 10am-12pm with the egg hunt beginning at 10:45. We are currently accepting candy or trinkets to fill eggs, 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.



Preschool News

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year has officially closed! We are beyond grateful to share that every classroom is full and each class has a waitlist. What a gift to serve these amazing children and families and to have a front-row seat to their learning and growth. As always, we appreciate your prayers and support of our school and student families.

Holly Costas

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 2026 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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Monday, March 9th.

SANCTUARY UPDATE

You might have seen there has been a small update in our Sanctuary. We have updated the handicap seating in the center of the Sanctuary to be more accommodating to families of those in wheelchairs. The new shortened pew allows for a wheelchair to be at the end of the pew and family to be able to be seated next to them.



Order Your Easter Lily

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please fill out this form and return to the church office (or place in the offering plate). Please include \$10 for each flower ordered. Flowers may be purchased "In Honor" or "In Memory" of loved ones and will adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Name: _____

Dedication: _____

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 15th.



CAROLINE HENDRIX

MEMORIAL FUND

We are so grateful to everyone who has helped support the preschool and the new Caroline Hendrix Memorial Fund. Caroline was such a bright light and loved nothing more than giving of herself to serve others and share the abundance of love in her heart. It is our honor to have this opportunity to continue her legacy in this way. Whether you donated items, made baked goods, made a monetary donation, attended the festival, volunteered your time or even just shared the word with others, we appreciate you so much. If you would like to donate to the fund, you may place a check in the offering plate addressed to Talbot Park Baptist Preschool and write Caroline Hendrix Memorial Fund in the memo, or you may place cash in an envelope and write on the envelope "Caroline Hendrix Memorial Fund". We are working on online giving and will share that information as it is ready. We look forward to hosting this event each year to come and seeing all of the children and families this fund will help.

We would also like to take this time to recognize Caroline Hendrix's parents Colleen and Larry Boyette and Stephen and Jan Hendrix as the founding donors to the Caroline Hendrix Memorial Fund. When speaking with Caroline's father, Stephen, he shared with me that they have learned so many wonderful things about their daughter that they didn't know while she was still with us. She touched so many people and they are just thrilled that we are continuing her work. Her mother, Colleen, wrote "though our hearts may never heal from our loss of Caroline, we appreciate all that you have done to honor her memory".

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their kind phone calls, cards, and other expressions of sympathy on the passing of Kevin's father, Paul.

~Meade Family



March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Spring Forward Time Change	9 Office Closed	10 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 12:00pm Women's Group Easter Egg Stuffing	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 2:30pm Birthday Club	25	26 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	27	28 10:00-12:00 Easter Egg Hunt 
29  Palm Sunday 4:30pm Comfort Meals at Ronald McDonald House	30	31	April 1	April 2 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Gathering	April 3 Good Friday Office Closed 	