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THE MESSENGER

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Buzz Foster – 2
Kathleen Boyd – 5
Tasha Meade – 6
Alyssa Janssen – 9
Ellen Turner – 14
Marty Poole – 27
Lee Ann Conner – 27
JJ Chappell – 28
Cathy Craft - 29

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

As I enter my second month as your interim pastor, I am increasingly grateful for the warm welcome you have shown me. We find ourselves in a season of "the in-between"—a time of transition that mirrors the journey of the prophet Habakkuk. Like the prophet, we may have questions about the future, but we are reminded that faith is not found in having all the answers, but in trusting the One who does.

Habakkuk teaches us that "the righteous shall live by faith," even when the vision seems slow to come together. This month of May, as we see the natural world unfolding in bloom, let it serve as a living parable of God's timing. Growth often happens beneath the surface before it is visible to the eye. Our task during this interim period is to remain on the "watchtower," staying prayerfully alert to how the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst.

Let us commit to walking this path with patient expectation. Even in seasons of change, God's sovereignty remains our steady foundation. I look forward to seeking His will alongside you this month, confident that the same God who sustained Habakkuk is faithfully guiding this congregation into its next chapter.

-Daniel

ORGAN UPDATE

The work in the organ chamber which delayed our organ repair has been completed and properly cleaned. The organ is scheduled for completed installation by Sunday, May 17th, the Sunday before our Church Anniversary.

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 7th. Award notifications will take place in July.

SPRING MISSION OFFERING

We were able to collect \$670 towards our goal of \$1,000 this year. This offering will go to support the work of global missions through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

PRAYER IN MAY

This May, we invite you to join us in a month of intentional prayer as we seek God's wisdom and direction for our church's future. As we navigate important decisions regarding leadership, finances, and long-term sustainability, this prayer calendar is designed to unite us in daily dependence on God. Each day includes a Scripture and a simple prayer to guide us, while also lifting up the ministry partners who share our building. Our hope is that, together, we would grow in trust, unity, and confidence that God is faithfully leading us forward.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, May 17th, we will celebrate the church's 83rd anniversary.

As part of our celebration, we will have lunch at 11am following the worship service. The menu will include BBQ and various sides and the restaurant will be announced in the bulletins later once confirmed. We ask that everyone bring a dessert to share. Lunch is no cost however; in order to get an accurate count, we ask that everyone sign up on the sheet in the hall or by calling the office by Monday, May 11th. There will be no Sunday School on May 17.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

For our anniversary offering this year, we are raising money for three worthwhile projects. Part of what we collect will be split between two organizations with whom we partner: the SouthEast Virginia Foodbank and ForKids. These funds will have a huge impact in our community. The remainder of the offering will go towards repairing the awning around the building. We have set the goal of \$15,000 for this year's offering. Envelopes are in your boxes or on the table next to the bulletins. Please give generously!

COMBINED SERVICE

There will be no combined service on Sunday, May 24 with Ascension and Royster.

WOMENS GROUP

The Talbot Park women will meet on May 3rd after Sunday School in the Social Hall. Come and get to know each other. Please bring a dish to share. See you there!



Preschool News

We are so excited to shower our teachers and staff with appreciation for Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th through 8th. On May 7th the church is providing breakfast for the staff. If you would like to bring pastries, a covered dish or any other breakfast item to share that morning, please have it here by May 6th! You can contact Michelle Brody for more details!

We invite you to join us on May 22nd at 6:00pm for our preschool graduation. We have eight graduates this year and we can't wait to celebrate with them as they prepare to go out into the big wide world of kindergarten!! Cupcakes to follow in the social hall.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Talbot Park Baptist Preschool!

Holly Costas

TALBOT PARK ANGELS



The Talbot Park Baptist Church Angels have started their spring softball season! Come on out to cheer them on. Games are at Northside Park on Fridays at 6:45 or 8:45pm.

The schedule is:

May 1 at 6:45: versus New Calvary Baptist
May 8 at 8:45: versus Little Creek Church
May 15 at 6:45: versus FOF
May 29 at 8:45: versus EGA
June 5 at 6:45: versus Brew Crew

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

This year, in honor of all our mothers here at Talbot Park Baptist Church, a donation will be made to the Help and Emergency Response (HER) Shelter, which provides emergency shelter for women and children who are dealing with domestic violence in the Hampton Roads area.

GRADUATION SUNDAY



Graduates from our congregation will be recognized on Sunday, June 1st during our worship service. Parents, please call the church office no later than May 23rd if your son or daughter is graduating this spring from high school or college.

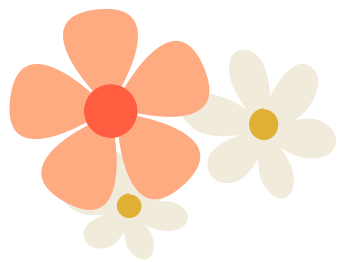
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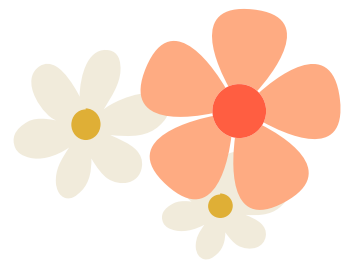
Pentecost falls on May 24th this year. Don't forget to wear your red.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

The OceanAir Birthday parties have been a great success this year. On Tuesday, May 19th, we will hold the final birthday party for the current school year. We will be celebrating all students with May and June birthdays. A big thank you to all who help by making cards, assisting with the parties, or both! You are much appreciated.



May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	4 7:00pm Search Committee Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 Talbot Park Baptist Church 83rd Anniversary 11:00am Anniversary Lunch	18 7:00pm Search Committee Meeting	19 2:30pm Birthday Club	20	21	22 6:00pm Preschool Graduation	23
24 4:30pm Comfort Meals	25 Memorial Day Office Closed 	26	27	28 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	29	30
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May Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." - Proverbs 3:5-6 Lord, help us trust You fully, even when we cannot see what lies ahead. Prayer: Lord, we trust You to guide our church step by step.</p>	<p>2 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1 Unite our hearts, God. Keep us together in love and purpose. Prayer: Lord, make us one in heart, mind, and mission.</p>
<p>3 "Seek first His kingdom..." - Matthew 6:33 Help us focus on what matters most—Your Kingdom and Your will. Prayer: Lord, keep our focus on You above all else & may we have a heart to expand your kingdom.</p>	<p>4 Talbot Park Baptist Preschool "Let the little children come to me..." - Matthew 19:14 Prayer: Lord, bless our preschool, its teachers, and families with joy, safety, and growth.</p>	<p>5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..." - James 1:5 Grant wisdom to those leading and guiding our church. Prayer: Lord, give our leaders clear wisdom and discernment.</p>	<p>6 "The plans of the diligent lead to profit..." - Proverbs 21:5 Give us clarity and honesty as we consider our financial realities. Prayer: Lord, help us see clearly and act wisely with our resources.</p>	<p>7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear..." - 2 Timothy 1:7 Remove our fear and replace it with Your peace and confidence. Prayer: Lord, replace our fear with Your peace and strength.</p>	<p>8 "Plans fail for lack of counsel..." - Proverbs 15:22 Surround us with wise voices and godly counsel. Prayer: Lord, provide wise counsel to guide our decisions.</p>	<p>9 "Be strong and courageous..." - Joshua 1:9 Give us courage to make hard decisions faithfully. Prayer: Lord, give us courage to follow where You lead.</p>
<p>10 "There is a time for everything..." - Ecclesiastes 3:1 Show us what to hold onto and what to release. Prayer: Lord, guide us in what to keep and what to let go.</p>	<p>11 Virginia Children's Chorus (VCC) "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." - Psalm 150:6 Bless the children, families, and leaders of the Chorus with joy and excellence. Prayer: Lord, bless the Chorus with joy, growth, and excellence.</p>	<p>12 "The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing." - Psalm 23:1 Remind us that You are enough for all our needs. Prayer: Lord, remind us that You are our true provider.</p>	<p>13 "See, I am doing a new thing..." - Isaiah 43:19 Give us creativity and openness to new possibilities. Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to new ways You are working.</p>	<p>14 "Each of you should give..." - 2 Corinthians 9:7 Grow generous hearts within our congregation. Prayer: Lord, grow generosity and joyful giving among us.</p>	<p>15 "Two are better than one..." - Ecclesiastes 4:9 Bless our partnerships and shared ministry opportunities. Prayer: Lord, bless and strengthen our ministry partnerships.</p>	<p>16 "Peace I leave with you..." - John 14:27 Give us peace, even if difficult changes must come. Prayer: Lord, fill us with Your peace in every decision.</p>
<p>17 83rd Anniversary "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." - Ephesians 3:20 Open our eyes to Your unexpected provision. Prayer: Lord, help us trust You for more than we can see. Thank you for the many years of faithful gospel ministry. May you continue to make Talbot Park a beacon of light to our community.</p>	<p>18 Freedom Life Church (FLC) "Go and make disciples..." - Matthew 28:19 Bless Freedom Life Church with growth, strong leadership, and impact. Prayer: Lord, bless Pastor Cherly and the members of FLC with growth and impact and your presence.</p>	<p>19 "I will instruct you..." - Psalm 32:8 Guide us clearly in decisions about leadership. Prayer: Lord, guide us clearly as we seek future leadership.</p>	<p>20 "I will give you shepherds..." - Jeremiah 3:15 Prepare the right pastor for our church, in Your time. Prayer: Lord, prepare and lead us to the right pastor.</p>	<p>21 "Commit to the Lord..." - Proverbs 16:3 Help us commit every step of this process to You. Prayer: Lord, we commit every decision into Your hands.</p>	<p>22 "Make every effort to keep unity..." - Ephesians 4:3 Keep us unified as we discern what kind of leader we need. Prayer: Lord, keep us united in this season of discernment.</p>	<p>23 "Let us not become weary..." - Galatians 6:9 Strengthen and encourage those carrying leadership now. Prayer: Lord, renew and strengthen our current leaders.</p>
<p>24 "The harvest is plentiful..." - Matthew 9:37-38 Raise up leaders from within our own congregation. Prayer: Lord, raise up new leaders from among us.</p>	<p>25 "Humble yourselves..." - James 4:10 Give us humble hearts that seek Your will above our own. Prayer: Lord, give us humble hearts that follow Your will.</p>	<p>26 "Look at the birds of the air..." - Matthew 6:26 Strengthen our faith in Your daily care. Prayer: Lord, strengthen our faith in Your daily provision.</p>	<p>27 "Wait for the Lord; be strong..." - Psalm 27:14 Teach us patience as we wait for Your direction. Prayer: Lord, help us wait on You with patience and trust.</p>	<p>28 Norfolk Chinese Baptist Church (NCBC) "All nations will come and worship..." - Revelation 15:4 Strengthen NCBC in unity, outreach, and faithfulness. Prayer: Lord, strengthen NCBC in unity and faithful ministry. Bless Pastor Charlie, and thank you for our partnership.</p>	<p>29 "How good and pleasant it is..." - Psalm 133:1 Deepen relationships with all who share our building. Prayer: Lord, strengthen unity among all who share this space.</p>	<p>30 "You are the light of the world..." - Matthew 5:14 Use this shared space as a place of hope, light, and community. Prayer: Lord, make this place a light to our community.</p>
<p>31 "For I know the plans I have for you..." - Jeremiah 29:11 Renew our hope and vision for the future You are preparing. Prayer: Lord, renew our hope and confidence in Your future.</p>						