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THE MESSENGER

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Williams – 6

Garrett Lumpkin – 8

Darren McMath – 9

David Craft – 11

Samantha Chappell – 16

Beth Henderson – 18

Linda Colton – 20

Eddie Mihilasky – 24

Ed Johnson – 25

Karen Martin – 25

This is it! My final ramblings as your pastor. I've felt many emotions over these last few weeks since I announced my departure but the one that most comes to mind at this time is gratitude. Simply put, I am thankful for the many ways you have cared for me and included me over these last 14 years. I would not have succeeded as I have without your support and encouragement. Many of you helped me behind the scenes in countless ways. Church work is not a solo effort and I'm so grateful for the ways you endeavored to make me and Talbot Park Baptist Church a little bit more like Jesus.

I consider it a privilege to be allowed into people's lives in their best and worst moments. I thank those of you who allowed me to share in those times. I am grateful to those who listened to my sermons and Sunday School lessons and Wednesday night studies with open hearts and open minds, even when we did not always agree. And I appreciate your patience and forgiveness when I failed and wasn't at my best.

I especially want to thank those of you who were able to see past the "pastor" title and who welcomed me and my family as friends and fellow companions on the Christian journey. Sometimes that barrier is difficult to overcome. But for those of you who allowed me to be myself, I cherish that gift. I may be leaving Talbot Park but friendships and love will remain. I will be praying for you and will always look back on my time here with great affection. Thank you!

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 2

Psalm 137:1-9

November 9

Luke 19:11-27

November 16

John 13:31-38

November 23

Joint Service at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension

November 30

TBA

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Day will be Sunday, November 9th. On this day we will dedicate our pledges in worship and renew our support for the many ministries and opportunities offered through the life of our church. Pledge cards have been mailed out. Please bring yours to dedicate in worship on November 9 or mail it back to the church office. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact the church office.



LIVING NATIVITY

Mark your calendars: This year the Living Nativity will be December 13 and 14 from 6-8pm. Please volunteer by signing the sheets in the hallway or contacting the church office. We will also be building the stable for the Living Nativity on Saturday, November 1st beginning at 9am. All are invited to come help us assemble.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For many years, Talbot Park has had a combined Thanksgiving service with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church. Ascension will be hosting on Sunday, November 23rd at 10am and Brian Harroff will be preaching. This will take the place of our regular morning worship and Sunday School.



FAREWELL LUNCHEON

There will be a farewell lunch for Aaron and his family following worship on November 16th. Lunch is being catered by Fishin Pig and will include chicken strips, fried shrimp, mac and cheese, and green beans. 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 Sunday, November 9th. Donations are welcome to help offset the cost of lunch. There will be a basket in the Social Hall during the lunch if you would like to donate.



Order Your Poinsettias

Place your order for Christmas poinsettias using this form. The cost for each flower is \$9.00. **Payment must accompany your order.** You may take yours home following the December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Name: _____

Dedication: _____

Deadline for ordering is Sunday November 30th.



OFFICE CLOSURES

The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veteran's Day and Wednesday, November 26 - Friday November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 2nd.



Preschool News

It was another successful season for our pumpkin patch! We have enjoyed welcoming and catching up with families who have come back yet again for our sweet little pumpkin patch on the church lawn. We hosted five groups from three different schools for field trips this year! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered for the pumpkin patch events and Fall Festival. Your help is greatly appreciated, and these events would not have been possible without your support. We are looking forward to reciprocating the support by contributing to the Thanksgiving Boxes. Our goal is to collect one full meal per class, totaling seven meals! We will take this time to talk to our students about the beauty found in giving to others and being thankful for all that God has blessed us with. We hope you all are filled with thanks, joy, and peace and surrounded by loved ones as we enter this holiday season.

Holly Costas



PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE

I want to start out by thanking everyone who volunteered to unload and/or sell pumpkins this year! This fundraiser truly would not be possible without your continued support! As of 10/22/25 we have raised \$4,983.32 that will go directly to our preschool! We still have a full week of sales to go! What a great way to kick off the fall and support our preschool!

ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will observe All Saints Day, during which we will remember all our church members, friends, and family who have died during the previous year.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Mission Committee is sponsoring Thanksgiving boxes to provide food for families in need. The boxes will be distributed by The Storehouse Ministry. Lists of needed items are available. They need to be returned by November 16 so they can be distributed before Thanksgiving day. Turkeys will be purchased by the Missions Committee funds.

Here is a list of needed items:

Box of mashed potatoes
Canned cranberries
Canned sweet potatoes
Cake mix
Canned green beans
Canned frosting
Canned corn
French fried onions
Stuffing
Cornbread mix
Canned gravy
Mac and Cheese
Cream of Mushroom soup



You can add extra things that you think would make their day special!

DECORATING FOR ADVENT

On Sunday, November 23, we will meet at 2:00pm to assemble the Chrismon tree and decorate the sanctuary. Come join us as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 9:00am Living Nativity Set-Up
<i>2</i> 10:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 7:00pm Sustainment Team Meeting	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> 10:00am Pledge Sunday	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Office Closed Veteran's Day 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> 11:00am Farewell Luncheon	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 2:15pm Birthday Club @ OceanAir	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> 10:00am Service with Royster & Ascension 2:00pm Christmas Decorating Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Office Closed Thanksgiving Break	<i>27</i> Office Closed Thanksgiving 	<i>28</i> Office Closed Thanksgiving Break	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>						