

SEPTEMBER 2021

THE MESSENGER

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paige Thomas - 1
April Ewell - 2
Stefani Rustchak - 4
Donna Hoover - 7
Carol Blake - 10
Ida Schools - 12
Keith Martin - 12
Harleigh Henderson - 13
Mary Stanley - 18
Maddie Foster - 21
Mildred Weeks - 22
JoAnn Weeks - 23
Connie Clyburn - 25
Pat Powell - 25
Constance Powell - 27
Nicole Farrar - 27
Judy Brooks - 28

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 5

Ephesians 1:1-14

September 12

Ephesians 2:1-22

September 19

Ephesians 4:1-16

September 26

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

During September, Aaron will be preaching a series of sermons from the book of Ephesians on how Christ works in our lives.

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

One of the on-going projects of my ministry is helping us to engage the Bible more completely. By completely, I mean not only learning more about it, but allowing it to transform us. I remain convinced that the Bible is uniquely powerful and relevant for our lives today. Unfortunately, the Bible is also long, strange, and boring. And those barriers often prove to be hard to overcome for those who wish to engage the Bible more deeply.

So beginning this month and continuing throughout the fall on Wednesday nights, I will be leading a session I'm entitling Bible Boot Camp. This session is for anyone, from the person who knows next to nothing about the Bible to the one who thinks they're an expert. In fact, I think some of us who have grown up in the church often struggle with learning from the Bible because we assume we already know what it says. No matter our level of knowledge, my hope is that Bible Boot Camp will help us think and grow faithfully in new ways. The intention is to peel away some of the obstacles which prevent us from understanding and yes, even enjoying, the Bible. During Bible Boot Camp, we will carefully go through the different sections of the text, discussing genre, themes, and historical context. We will learn more about how and why the Bible was edited into its current format and how that changes the way we read it. We will look at some of the most familiar passages as well as some that are more obscure, but the focus will not be on individual stories as much as the big picture: Why do we call this book holy? Why do we continue to study it and preach from it? Are there better ways to read it? If you've ever wanted to learn more about the Bible or if you're simply interested in gaining a new perspective, Bible Boot Camp is for you. Come enlist with us.

BIBLE BOOT CAMP

Beginning on Wednesday, September 15 and continuing for eight weeks, we will undertake "Bible Boot Camp." This will be a basic overview of the whole Bible, how to read it, and what to do with it. We will begin each week at 5:30pm. Bring your own dinner and your favorite translation of the Bible. We will eat first then begin our study afterwards. Let's see if you have what it takes to undergo Bible Boot Camp!



Preschool News

We have wrapped up 9 awesome weeks of camp! We had 84 different campers with us this summer, and that is not including our daycare side! We are thankful for each camper, and hope they made some amazing memories this year. One of our favorite weeks was Shark Week! September 7th, we kick off our 2021-2022 school year. With that comes much excitement, but also reservations as we are continuing during this pandemic. We would appreciate your prayers for this school year for our staff, students, and student families as we try to take on, like Aaron would say, these "unprecedented opportunities."

Ana Selvy

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES

Because of the rising case numbers in our area from COVID, including positive tests from those within our congregation, Talbot Park Baptist Church will immediately implement the following protocols:

Masks will be required at all times in the building for worship and other activities, both for the vaccinated and unvaccinated. People may still enter from the Granby St. entrances but we will ask people to social distance while in the sanctuary. Masks will be available at the sanctuary doors as people enter. We will discontinue passing the offering plates and the pastor will not shake hands as people leave the service.

We will not have Sunday School during the month of September.

If you are vulnerable or feel unsafe, you are encouraged to join us for virtual worship. We will continue to assess the situation as we move forward but these precautions will stay in place as long as we feel they are needed. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

ALMA HUNT OFFERING

The emphasis dates for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions are September 12-19. Envelopes are in your box of offering envelopes to make your contribution.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a called business meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, September 19 in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on two bylaw proposals that have been previously presented. Copies of the proposals are available in the church office beforehand for those who are interested.

OCEANAIR BIRTHDAY CLUB

With the return of in-person school comes the return of our Oceanair birthday club. Every month, typically on the fourth Tuesday, at 2:30pm, Talbot Park hosts a party for all the students who had a birthday that month at Oceanair Elementary. We bring cupcakes and birthday cards for each student. We are always looking for folks to help us serve. It only takes about 30 minutes a month to participate. If you are interested, please see Judy Brooks or Aaron Brittain for more information.

PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



October 2-31

Mon-Fri 10:00am-7:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am-7:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm-7:00pm

October 2 (Unloading) - 9:00am

We have some exciting news to share! After a year off due to COVID, our Pumpkin Patch is back! The Pumpkin Patch has always been a huge success in our community, and it would not be possible without your help! The funds raised go towards improvements to our classrooms, playgrounds, and academic resources. In 2019 we raised \$3,479.68. This year we would love to top that! Your participation will ensure the success of the event and will make an incredible impact on the continued education at Talbot Park Baptist Preschool.

We need volunteers to unload the truck at 9:00am on Saturday, October 2nd. If strength isn't your forte, we have other jobs such as sorting mini pumpkins, haybales, setting up the tent, and decorating the service table. We also need volunteers to sell pumpkins October 2nd-31st (hours posted above). The sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board across from the Social Hall. Contact the Preschool Office at 423-8677 with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the Weekday Preschool Ministry.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who brought meals last month during our unexpected kitchen rehab. Everything was so yummy- and so appreciated during our time without kitchen access. You all definitely helped us get through a very challenging week!

With love,

Nicole, Drew, Addison, and Garrett Lumpkin

SCHOOL SUPPLIES TOTAL REPORT

Thanks so much to the members of Talbot Park for another successful School Supply Drive! Because of your support we were able to fill 23 backpacks with essential supplies like paper, notebooks, pencils, scissors, crayons, rulers, and glue! These backpacks will be distributed to children in need throughout Norfolk. In addition, teacher supplies were collected for the classrooms.

The total number of items collected was:

21 boxes of crayons	196 colored pencils
298 pencils	20 pens
116 erasers	4 pencil sharpeners
33 scissors	3 packs of cardstock
16 spiral notebooks	200 sheet protectors
127 glue sticks	1 pack of paper clips
1 binder	6 bottles of sanitizer
31 pencil boxes	12 packs of tissues
11 rulers	1 pack of wipes
20 markers	5 highlighters
26 packs of paper	1 roll of tape
25 folders	100 index cards
21 bottles of glue	10 sharpies
27 composition books	40 sticky notes
5 gift cards for \$20	

AFGHAN REFUGEE KITS

In cooperation with Virginia Baptists, Talbot Park is collecting items to send to Afghan refugees. The needed items, in small or travel sizes, are:

- Soap • Shampoo • Deodorant • Washcloth • Comb/brush • Facial tissue • Shaving cream/razor
- Toothbrush/toothpaste

Assemble these items in a 1-gallon Ziploc bag. Make sure the bag will close easily. Then bring your Ziploc bags to the church to drop-off in the blue bins over the next few weeks. This is a great way for us to make an immediate impact in a very difficult situation.

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Communion Sunday	<i>6</i> Office Closed for Labor Day	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7:00pm Softball Game Brew Crew	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<i>15</i> 5:30pm Bible Boot Camp	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 7:00pm Softball Game TW Staffing Tsunami	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 12:00pm Called Business Meeting	<i>20</i> 7:00pm Finance Meeting	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 5:30pm Bible Boot Camp	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 2:30pm Oceanair Birthday Club August Birthdays 2:45pm Oceanair Birthday Club September Birthdays	<i>29</i> 5:30pm Bible Boot Camp	<i>30</i>		