

SEPTEMBER 2026

THE MESSENGER

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paige Thomas – 1

April Ewell – 2

Keith Martin – 12

Harleigh Henderson – 13

Donna Galewski - 21

Maddie Foster – 21

JoAnn Wall – 23

Connie Clyburn – 25

Constance Powell – 27

Nicole Farrar – 27

Judy Brooks - 28

THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

September brings a change of seasons—fall is approaching, school is back in session, and our schedules begin to fill up again. Yet while seasons change, **our mission remains the same: to know Christ, love one another, and make Him known.**

As we continue our journey through the **Book of Acts**, we are reminded that the early church was a praying, serving, and outward-focused church. They trusted God, cared for one another, and looked for opportunities to share the gospel wherever God placed them.

That is our prayer for us this fall.

Please be praying for the students, teachers, and families in our church and community as a new school year begins. Pray for wisdom, protection, strong relationships, and opportunities for students to live out their faith. And let's remember that school, work, sports, and everyday life are all places where we can be faithful witnesses for Christ.

One exciting opportunity this month will be our **Community Prayer Breakfast on September 19th**, when we will gather with Freedom Life Church and Norfolk Chinese Baptist to pray for each other and our community.

What a wonderful picture of the church coming together to pray—not competing with one another, but standing together for our community and asking God to move among us.

As we enter this new season, let's continue to be a church that **prays faithfully, welcomes others warmly, serves generously, and shares Jesus boldly.**

Fall is a new season, but our mission remains the same. Let's see what God wants to do through His church!

-Daniel



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 43 backpacks with essential supplies like paper, notebooks, pencils, scissors, crayons, rulers, and glue! These backpacks will be distributed to children in need throughout Norfolk.

The total number of items collected was:

119 boxes of crayons	28 pencil boxes
677 pencils	42 rulers
138 erasers	34 packs of paper
43 scissors	102 folders
1 pack index cards	55 bottles of glue
220 glue sticks	46 composition books
2 boxes colored pencils	6 binders
42 one subject notebooks	3 boxes of markers
7 pencil sharpeners	1 pack dividers

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Talbot Park Women's Group will meet in the Social Hall on Sunday, September 6th following Sunday School. Please bring a covered dish to share. All women are invited.



BAY VIEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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 Bay View 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 Susan Jones for more information.



Every month on the first Wednesday, Talbot Park provides coffee, bagels, and goodies to the teachers and staff of Bay View Elementary as a way of showing our appreciation for their work. Michelle Brody coordinates the delivery of the breakfast items. If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to Talbot Park and put teacher treats in the line item.

ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*

The emphasis dates for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions are September 6-13. Envelopes are in your box or in the bulletin.

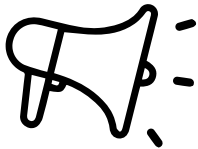


Preschool News

Now that we have a successful first week of school under our belt, things are running smoothly, and the children are settling in beautifully!

We are absolutely loving watching the children come into their own - learning, growing, and building friendships. It's a joy and a privilege to walk alongside them on this journey, and we can't wait to see all that this year has in store!

Holly Costas



SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

The church office and preschool will be closed Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 8th. Any messages via phone or email will be returned that Tuesday.



SAVE THE DATE! PUMPKIN PATCH PLANNING

We are excited to announce our dates for the fall pumpkin patch! Sales will run from September 26 - October 31st.

We have a pumpkin patch set-up event on Sunday, September 20th at 1:00pm. This will include setting up the fence, laying out pallets, arranging haybales and more. We will need at least 5-10 volunteers to help. Please contact the office for additional details or to volunteer your time.

We are also looking for pumpkin patch sponsors this year. To help lower the cost of operating the pumpkin patch and to be able to utilize the funds raised towards school projects, we are setting up opportunities for sponsors in the patch.

Individuals or businesses can sponsor to provide our dumpster, the haybales, fall lawn decor, mums, and new signs. If you or someone you know are interested please reach out to Holly Costas by email at

hcostas@talbotparkpreschool.org or by calling the office.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26th at 9am to help us unload pumpkins! We will need strong hard-working volunteers to get in the truck and hand the pumpkins to those working on the ground; we also have small pumpkins that will need to be arranged on haybales and in barrels. We have a job for everyone, and can use all of the help we can get! This year we will have the play area set up and two- three staff members volunteering to help with childcare on delivery day. We love having the whole family join in to help, but heavy pumpkins and little children do not mix!

**These dates are what we expect however, please keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins for any changes to dates or times.*



September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 10:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	7 Office Closed Labor Day	8 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	9 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 1pm Pumpkin Patch Set-Up	21	22 2:30pm Birthday Club	23 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:00pm Church Council	25	26 9am Pumpkin Unloading
27 Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	28	29	30 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			