

The Vision

From the Pastor's Desk

Prentis McGoldrick
Senior Pastor



The Southern Baptist Convention convened in June of 2026 and voted to amend the constitution to say: any cooperating church must not "affirm, appoint, or endorse a woman serving in the office or function of a pastor, elder, or overseer, specifically preaching to the assembled congregation." This effectively said that any church that allows a woman to preach to the congregation will be dis-fellowshipped from the SBC. They must vote on this again in 2027 by a 66% majority for the amendment to pass. The 2026 vote passed by 74%.

Being dis-fellowshipped means that the SBC will not longer accept messengers from any church that allows a woman to preach or serve as an elder. Messengers are representatives from a cooperating church which are allowed to vote on SBC matters.

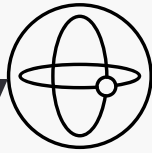
The SBC has said nothing about Lottie Moon or Annie Armstrong offerings. These were named for women who effectively took the gospel in places it was needed. These women certainly "preached." So, we do not know if the SBC will change the names of these mission offerings to reflect their own belief about women preaching or serving in major leadership roles.

SBC churches are autonomous. Each church is separate from every other Baptist church. They are linked together by the Cooperative Program (the means by which all Baptist efforts are funded) and, somewhat, through the Baptist Faith and Message. Each church decides what it gives through the Cooperative Program. Each church decides to fundamentally agree with the Baptist Faith and Message. This has not previously required complete agreement.

Our church needs to discuss what we will do in light of what the SBC will almost assuredly do when they convene in June of 2027. So, I would like to have a homemade ice cream fellowship on August 30 in the Fellowship Hall where we can discuss who we are and what our options are. Please put this on your calendar. I hope to see you there (with a bucket of homemade ice cream).

Please note: This is not a business meeting. No church action will be taken at this meeting, nor will any other topic be discussed.

NEXT GEN Ministry Momentum



Peggy Peek
Executive Pastor of Ministries

SABBATH REST

I recently started reading a book on "Why Sabbath Matters?". It sometimes feels like in the midst of hectic work schedules and demands of family life, we can allow the important discipline of Sabbath to be put on the "back burner" of scheduling time. I was reminded that "Sabbath is not meant to slow us down, it is meant to stop us for short periods to rest, recharge, and refocus." In Matthew 11:29-30, we hear Jesus say to us "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

None of us is immune from ignoring God's commands and thinking they don't apply to us. We convince ourselves our job is too important; we don't need as much rest as regular people; things are just really hectic this month, year, season; if I don't do it, it won't get done; I don't want to be quiet and still because I'm avoiding a hard truth; or some other argument we tell ourselves. All of it is disobedience to God's prescribed rhythm for our lives—a day of rest every week—a day devoted to God and His rest for our soul.

Sabbath is a gift and a command. Slaves do not have the gift of Sabbath because they are not in control of how they spend their time. When slaves were freed in Exodus 16, they were given Sabbath as a gift. Honor the gift we have been given by God to be renewed by Him every week. My prayer for you is Psalm 62:5 "Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him."

grace and peace,
Peggy



YOUTH

F.O.C.U.S.

Natalie Cox
Associate Pastor of Student Ministry

TLBC KIDS AND YOUTH

PROMOTION SUNDAY

AUGUST 23, 2026

For more information, contact the church office
at office@mytowncenterchurch.com.

Promotion Pancake Breakfast

Contact Natalie Cox at
natalie@mytowncenterchurch.com
for more information.

NO AUGUST
BIBLE STUDY

WE RETURN IN
SEPTEMBER

Summer Break

THALIA LYNN BAPTIST CHURCH

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

With Natalie Cox

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM

snacks, bible study, movies,
worship, games and more!

TLBC A/V MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed

SOUNDBOARD AND MEDIA ON SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

FOR MORE INFO:

Contact Bret Woodall or DJ Suchak
bret@mytowncenterchurch.com
dsuchak1@yahoo.com

Greeters Needed

TWO GREETERS ARE NEEDED AT EVERY LOCATION AND SHIFT

The Greeter Ministry is a vital function for any church, and it is often the First Impression visitors receive when attending in person. Visitors who come to worship but feel lost or out of place are not likely to return.

Please contact one of the following or notify the church office if you are interested or need more information.

Randy Carlson:
svenska1945@gmail.com
(757-620-0994)

Anita Chastain:
atc351@gmail.com
(703-929-1031)

Do you play an instrument? Join the TLBC EXALT BAND & ORCHESTRA

For more information about joining the church band and orchestra reach out to our Music Minister Bret Woodall at Bret@mytowncenterchurch.com

Christmas Choir KICK-OFF

Aug 28 at 6:00 pm

Join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner Friday night while we listen through the program.

Aug 29 at 9:00 am

Contact Bret Woodall for more information
Bret@mytowncenterchurch.com

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, August 30th
5:00pm TLBC TOWN HALL

FELLOWSHIP HALL & SANCTUARY

For more information: 757-499-0557 or
office@mytowncenterchurch.com

TLBC DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP WEDNESDAY

Returns on August 26th

TLBC SMALL GROUPS
WILL BE MEETING EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 6PM

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptisms will be held on August 16, 2026
Help us welcome the new members of our Church Family.

UNDERSTAND, EXPERIENCE, AND REFLECT ALL YOU CAN OF GOD'S GLORY!

COMING THIS FALL!
CONTACT TOM DONAHUE FOR MORE INFO
TOM@DONAHUE.INTERNATIONAL

Realm Updates

Keep your REALM profile current! If you move to a new address, don't forget to replace your old address with your new one in REALM. Not infrequently, the church office gets a "bounce back" from correspondence that is sent to an old address. Keeping your address in REALM current does two things: firstly, it helps to ensure better and more timely communication by mail and secondly it helps the church office save on postage costs. If you have a REALM account, you can make this address change yourself. Otherwise, let the church office know and we will gladly make that change for you.

TLBC JOY MINISTRY

SENIOR "JOY" AUGUST LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 12:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT: RANDY
ANDERSON-SAXOPHONIST

MENU: SUBS, CHIPS, MACARONI SALAD & DESSERT

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



COST: \$10

BACKPACK PROJECT

Women on Mission (WOM) is having our annual ministry project for our local schools. Get more information in the Library after worship.

This is a good time to get involved with WOM. For more information, contact Sandra Raker at (757) 289-5393 or sandra.raker@gmail.com.

This project will be complete on Sunday, August 2nd.

CHURCH 101

Everything you need to know about becoming a member of our church family.

LED BY DAVID DOYLE

Sunday, August 9, 2026
9:45 am - 10:45 am
Room 61



SOUTHEASTERN

MYELOMA NETWORKING GROUP

Saturday, Aug 15th at 10:00 am Room 63



For more information
contact Brenda Riggs

www.italialynn.com

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Baby BOUTIQUE

A Ministry of the Bridge
Network of Churches

Did you know there's a place for moms in need to get free items for their children ages newborn thru around age 2? Well, there is and Baby Boutique is that place! AND it's located right here at TLBC! We offer gently used and new clothing and other various items suitable for that age group. Our clothing goes up to size 2/24 months and our inventory relies on donations, so our available items vary day by day. We LOVE helping, so if you know of anyone in your church or community who could use our help, please have them go to thebridgenet.org and fill out a Baby Boutique application. The application can be found under Resources. Once We receive it, we'll be in touch to set up an appointment. We offer a "One Time Only" visit to get needed items.

Since we depend on donations, we are always happy to receive baby items! We accept gently used or new items. There are a few items that we do not accept such as cribs, car seats, and baby powder. Please contact me directly if you would like to donate or if you have any question about Baby Boutique.

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Prayer Meeting Summer Schedule

This Summer prayer meeting will begin at 6:30 pm after a 6:00 pm bible study lead by Prentis. Reach out to the church office for any questions.