

# The Vision

## From the Pastor's Desk

Prentis McGoldrick  
*Senior Pastor*



I have just cleared all of the preliminary tests so that I can have back surgery again. That's right, again. These tests are ordered by my surgeon but are truly scrutinized by my anesthesiologist. That's the doctor who keeps me sedated and alive during the surgery. All fingers will point to the anesthesiologist if something goes wrong because I wasn't healthy enough to undergo surgery. That preparation keeps the patients alive.

Easter is on the horizon, and we need to be prepared for it. There are a couple of ways that happens. First, we have Holy Week services each night from Monday through Friday (at 6:00 PM) from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. That is so that you can get prepared for Easter. The last week of Jesus' earthly life was chronicled with more detail than any other part of His life. This week of services prepares us for the resurrection.

Second, we need to prepare for those who will come to church on Easter who either only come once a year or who have never come before. We need to show our gratefulness for the resurrection so that they know that it matters. This is not just a religious holiday that we observe. It is at the core of our faith. It means that Jesus has conquered death and that we who believe in Him will conquer death too. There should be a lot of joy that day.

Third, we need to prepare by inviting those friends and neighbors to come to church and sit with us. Hopefully, we have all been building relationships with people who do not go to church so that we have the freedom of inviting them to church and having them sit with us. An invitation to sit with them will give greater results than one in which they will have no one to sit with.

If the church was a patient, our preparation would make sure that the church remains alive. The joy, the friendliness and the genuine desire to have others come to Christ will continue to give a church life. Churches die every year because they aren't prepared. Let's not let that be our church.

# The XP Corner: In It for the Long Haul

David Doyle

Executive Pastor of Administration

At TLBC we work with only a handful of vendors or contractors, regardless of the size of the job or the dollar value involved. Only very rarely would we step away from an established company relationship. That only happens if we find ourselves in a real emergency and if the company cannot meet the timeline requirement. We've been tempted to break that mold on occasions, but we almost always pull back to our established contractors. Why? Because there are advantages to long-term relationships with companies. Here are some:

- We won't need to reeducate our partner each time. There are so many values that make our church unique. Long-term partners eventually begin to understand our mission and values as much as we do.
- We save a lot of time during each project's research and interview process. We know what they can do, and they generally already know our needs better than we do.
- We have developed trust in each other. We don't have to worry about their honesty, and they don't have to worry about ours.
- The quality of the craftsmanship and service is improved. Why. Because they expect and want your future business. It isn't about just this project or that purchase; it is about the next one. It's about keeping the church a happy client for years to come.
- The blame game is minimized. They've been involved with us for so long that there are generally no surprises and no one else to blame.
- Ultimately and most importantly, we have the opportunity for life-changing ministry. Many times, it takes years to invest in a relationship with a company before we can talk with them on a spiritual level.

If this long-haul approach works with companies, why wouldn't it also work with people. It can. It will. Provided that our relationships are intentionally long and built with eternity in mind. Make a good friend for "Life".

**Calling All Men!**  
Men's Prayer Group  
Every Tuesday  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Room 54  
Registration is not required for entry but encouraged.

**Knights of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workshop**  
Every Tuesday  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Registration is \$25 and includes weekly meals, workbook, and ceremonial dog tag.



Thalia Lynn Baptist Church  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
Sunday, March 15  
3:30pm Church Council Meeting

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

**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](http://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.

**BONNIE CUTHRIELL, DIRECTOR | 757-681-7056**

# NEXT GEN Ministry Momentum

Written by Executive Pastor of  
Ministries: Peggy Peek

## SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER

This past Tuesday, our staff met for its weekly staff meeting and did some calendar planning for the next 6 months. Some of it is routine—some of it requires us to prioritize events based on our mission—to make disciples—all of it requires us to trust in a God who holds the future. For those of us who are planners, we often get ahead of God. In Proverbs 16:9, we hear God's wisdom "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

Planning apart from seeking God first is a mistake. But we can trust that when we ask God for wisdom and clarity, He will answer—if we ask in faith. May we here at Thalia Lynn continue to be people who walk by faith. Here are some of the upcoming Spring and Summer Events. Be on the watch for a full slate of Summer Youth Activities. Registration (when required) is available for all of them on Realm.

- March 12 - JOY Senior Luncheon Pizza and Bingo-
- March 18-25 - Winter Shelter @ TLBC
- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- March 30-April 3 - Holy Week Services @ 6pm
- April 5 - Easter
- April 10 - JOY Senior Spirit of Norfolk Spring Cruise
- April 12 - Youth Laser Tag
- May 1&2 - Kids Missions Campout—Triple R Ranch
- May 3 - Youth Trampoline Park
- May 17 - VBS Volunteer Training 12pm Fellowship Hall
- May 29 - Kids Missions Pinewood Derby @ 6:30pm
- May 31 - Variety Show @ 5pm
- June 7 - Leadership Appreciation Picnic
- June 22-26 - VBS
- July 3-7 - Youth Fuge Summer Camp Ridgecrest
- July 13-17 - CentriKids Skycroft
- July 27-31 - Kids Music Camp
- Sunday, August 23 - Promotion Sunday—Kids & Youth

Start today asking God to bring people to your thoughts that you need to begin to pray for and ask them to come with you to one or more of these events. Studies tell us most people will come to a new event if they are asked by a friend. Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup>Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2.

grace and peace,  
Peggy



## MARCH 2026

Rehearsals - Tuesdays at 9:30  
March 3, 10, 17, 31

### Outreach

March 19 - 11:00 - Commonwealth  
March 24 - 10:30 - Bay Lake  
Open to anyone whose schedule permits!  
Come join the fun!

THALIA LYNN BAPTIST CHURCH

## Music & Me

Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
March 4, 11, 18 & April 1, 15, 22, 29

Age-appropriate music and movement  
for Children, Birth through pre-K,  
accompanied by a parent or caregiver.  
Contact the office at 757.499.0557 if you would like more information.



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# Women IN THE Word



# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

BEGINS ON MARCH 8TH

Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.



COST  
\$10

TLBC JOY MINISTRY

## SENIOR PIZZA & BINGO LUNCHEON

March 12th at 12:00 pm



Register on Realm or fill out JOY green envelope and turn in to church office by March 8th.

centrikid  
camps  
SUMMER CAMP

Skycroft Conference Center  
Middletown, Maryland  
July 13-17

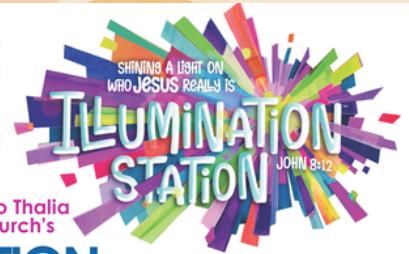
Centrikid offers overnight camps for 2nd-6th graders to experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ!

The Early Bird Registration Cost (before May 3) is \$225 and a deposit of \$75 is due at the time of Registration.

There is a Second Child Discount of \$50 for the second child registered from the same family. (Discount Code "SECOND CHILD")

After May 3, the cost of Centrikid's Camp goes up to \$275. A payment of \$100 for each camper is due on June 1 and the balance for each camper is due on June 15.

Scholarships Available



You're invited to Thalia Lynn Baptist Church's

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-JUN 26 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

VBS MEET & GREET | JUNE 21 | 4:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE A FREE VBS T-SHIRT.

Next to Princess Anne High  
4392 Virginia Beach Blvd VA  
Beach, VA 23462

Children, age 4 PreK through completed 6th grade, may attend our annual VBS June 22-26 from 9:30am-12:30pm (Monday-Friday). Preschool children who have attended TLBC's Weekday Learning Preschool (WLP) in 2025-2026 are also eligible to attend. Younger Preschool children of our VBS Volunteers are also eligible to attend.

SPiRiT  
OF NORFOLK



Cost \$55.00

TLBC JOY MINISTRY

## SENIOR SPIRIT OF NORFOLK SPRING CRUISE

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

12:00-2:00 (BOARDING IS AT 11:30)

We have limited space.

Contact Julie if you are interested to make sure space is available.  
Julie@mytowncenterchurch.com



## KIDS ON MISSION

MARCH 20, 2026 AT 6:30PM

Third Friday of Each Month  
Fellowship Hall & Preschool Hallway

Mission Friends for Preschool  
"Royal Ambassadors" and "Girls in Action"  
for Grades 1-6

Kids learn to make missions an important part of their daily lives by participating in Bible study, games, and missions projects.

Contact Peggy Peek for any questions at [peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com](mailto:peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com)

TLBC MISSIONS

## Winter Shelter Week

March 18-25

JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

Sign up to be a volunteer at the bulletin board near the library.

Contact Stephanie Mayfield at [stephmayfield81@gmail.com](mailto:stephmayfield81@gmail.com) for more information.

## KIDS Missions CAMPOUT

May 1st 5:00 pm - May 2nd 4:00 pm



# YOUTH F.O.C.U.S.

Written by Associate Pastor of  
Student Ministry: Natalie Cox

On Sunday, February 15th, Thalia Lynn Baptist Church welcomed me to their church as their Youth Pastor for the first time. Since that day, the welcome has continued on as I have gotten to meet a number of new faces! I wanted to take a moment today to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has devoted their time and prayer to helping assist in my hiring process, and to those who hosted my lovely welcome reception. You have been a blessing to me as I have become a member of a new church family!

Most importantly, I want to say thank you to Cody and his family for stepping up and into this role in the interim. He is a tremendous spiritual asset to the youth, and a credit to the congregation of Thalia Lynn. They are blessed to have him as a leader in their lives, and I know he will continue to be a faithful servant to the Lord both in his family and in the life of the church.

As we begin this new chapter in our Youth Ministry program, I wanted to share a verse I have been reminded of often in this short time we have been together: "This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:16-19 NIV).

Let us each praise the Lord for His faithfulness! Please come alongside me in prayer for the spiritual growth of your students, and for wisdom in this new chapter.



## invite you to a **BIRTHDAY BASH**

Join us for fun and games while  
meeting other women that share  
your birthday month.

March 14, 2026  
TLBC Fellowship Hall  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Accepting donations to create  
birthday bags for the food pantry

Cake mix      Frosting  
balloons      Candles

# BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptisms will be held on March 15, 2026  
Help us welcome the new members of our Church Family.

## Easter FLOWERS

Thalia Lynn will decorate our sanctuary  
with beautiful Spring Flowers for Easter.

If you would like to buy an Easter Plant,  
please choose the quantity you want and  
complete the payment online or drop off  
a flower envelope with your check or  
cash in the Church Office.

Don't forget to mention the names of the  
people you wish to honor or remember  
with the plants.

**COST PER FLOWER:**  
**EACH EASTER PLANT IS PRICED AT \$12.**  
**FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 15.**



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TLBC YOUTH MINISTRY

## SUMMER FUGE CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



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## The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 1-8

"Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

### ***Ephesians 3:20-21 CSB***

Please give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions anytime during the months of March and April. You will find envelopes for your offering and Week of Prayer Guides in the Portico, outside the library, and in the Narthex.