

The Vision

From the Pastor's Desk

Prentis McGoldrick
Senior Pastor



Just about every preacher is looking for a magic bullet. They seek the one thing that will make their churches explode with growth. Many of them have gone the marketing route. They spend time on image, multiple locations, and truly getting their people excited about the growth of their churches. And I say, "God bless every one of these preachers." However, that doesn't make me one of them.

I have read scores of books on church growth. I have gone to seminars, watched videos and listened to those preachers who have seen phenomenal growth. For a long while, I believed this was the direction I should go too, but I never got it off the ground. I asked God why many of the things that others did didn't work for the churches I served. The real reason is that I am not any of those preachers. I don't have the charisma, physical presence nor the intelligence to personally cause church growth. I am not a fantastic preacher, author nor promoter.

So, I have come to the conclusion that I must depend upon God to act if our church is to grow. This is why I will spend much of my time this year discipling people to pray with an expectation that God will answer. I will preach a sermon series, lead discipleship groups and encourage each person in our church to become those who pray. Some may become prayer warriors but most of them will simply be people who pray and expect God to answer.

And if we do this out of obedience to our Lord and our church grows, no one will say that the preacher was the reason. Everyone will know that the Holy Spirit has inhabited our church. It was God and God alone.

And I'm okay with that.



The XP Corner: Bringing Family to Jesus

David Doyle
Executive Pastor of Administration

Last month during Advent I preached the sermon on joy. At the very end of the invitation, a child came forward to ask if I would pray for her dad. Specifically, she asked me to pray that her dad would want to come to church with her. So, we prayed a very simple and specific prayer together. After that, the child seemed at peace and went back to her seat. Later that evening at the Christmas Cantata, the same child saw me and literally dragged a gentleman over to meet me. All smiles, she said, "This is my dad". This occasion was too sweet for words. Two things stand out: (1) this child loves her dad and wants him to know something she already knows about being in church, and (2) she had a front-row seat in seeing God answer an earnest prayer.

I was reminded of the disciple who, upon meeting Jesus, ran and got his brother and brought him to Jesus. It was Andrew, who immediately found his brother Simon Peter telling him, "We have found the Messiah!" and brought him to Jesus, according to John 1:40-42. We too should be bringing family to Jesus, and it should be a matter of serious prayer.



TLBC DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP WEDNESDAY

TLBC SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK!

LED BY DAVID DOYLE

Sunday, January 11, 2026
9:45 am - 10:45 am
Room 61



KNIGHTS OF THE 21st CENTURY

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 21st Century Workshop

Every Tuesday
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Registration is \$25 and includes weekly meals, workbook, and ceremonial dog tag.

QR code



Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sunday, January 18
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 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 questions about Baby Boutique.

BONNIE CUTHRIELL, DIRECTOR | 757-681-7056

Schedule of Events

In View of A Call



Prospective Associate
Pastor of Student Ministry

Date	Time	Location	Group
Monday January 12	6pm	David & Pam Doyle's Home	Elders & Pastoral Staff
Wednesday January 14	5:30pm	TLBC Room #63	Deacons
Wednesday January 14	6pm	TLBC Room #63	Youth Parents
Wednesday January 14	7pm	TLBC Choir Room	Choir/Orchestra Music Ministry
Friday January 16	6:30pm	TLBC Chapel	Kids Parents
Saturday January 17	10:30am	TLBC Chapel	Meet & Greet All Church Members
Sunday January 18	8:30am	TLBC Sanctuary	Testimony Early Worship
Sunday January 18	9:45am	TLBC Room #50	Young Adults
Sunday January 18	10:15am	TLBC Youth Hall	Youth
Sunday January 18	11am	TLBC Sanctuary	Testimony Late Worship
Sunday January 18	12:15pm	TLBC Media Center	Meet & Greet All Church Members
Sunday January 18	4:30pm	TLBC Sanctuary	Called Business Meeting

Women IN THE Word



Join other women for a weekly study on Ephesians beginning on Wednesday, Jan 7, 2026 at 1:30pm. Our study is facilitated by Cheryl Foster. Workbooks cost \$10 and may be paid for here on the Registration as an additional item or you may pay with cash/check at the first Bible Study.

This study by John Stott provides a vision of the new society God has planned in his church. John Stott was one of the world's leading and most-loved Bible teachers and preachers. In this Bible study guide you can explore Scripture under his guidance, enhancing your own in-depth study with insights gained from his years of immersion in God's Word.

You are invited to bring a lunch and join us for fellowship at 12:45 p.m. The Bible study will begin at 1:30 p.m.

JOY
NOTES



JANUARY 2026

Rehearsals - Tuesdays at 9:30

January 6, 13, and 20

Outreach

Jan. 15 - Commonwealth

Jan. 27 - Bay Lake

Open to anyone whose schedule permits! Come join the fun!

THALIA LYNN BAPTIST CHURCH

Music & Me

Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11, 18, 25

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.



4392 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD

TLBC Weekday Learning
Preschool

REGISTRATION
is now open

**2025 - 2026
SCHOOL YEAR**
email WLP Director, Jacque,
for more information at
jacque@mytowncenterchurch.com



'SOUPER' BOWL CHALLENGE

Bring in your favorite soup and place in the carts in the vestibule outside the fellowship hall.

Please help the Food Pantry collect soup to restock our pantry and support our community.

Each can is a point. Winner will be announced in the March newsletter. Make your team proud!



Re Fueled BY JOY

CONFERENCE 9-12PM
DOORS OPEN 8AM

AFTERCLOW 12:30PM

*AFTERCLOW IS A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FOR WOMEN, HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LADIES.

COST: \$20



THE BRIDGE
Network of Churches

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

THALIA LYNN BAPTIST CHURCH
4392 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD.
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23462



TLBC
BENEVOLENCE
MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER WITH THE FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry serves on average 200 households (700 people) per week. The volunteers prepare over 350 plastic grocery bags of canned goods, plus 200 paper grocery bags of bread goods and 200 boxes of meat goods every week.

Volunteers double the plastic grocery bags to handle these heavy items. Please help us with your support of donated plastic Grocery bags and Grocery paper bags. It is always a blessing to our team to have the Plastic bags doubled rather than shaped into various designs.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Jim Mastin
pwc114@hotmail.com

Darleen Mastin
dsanderson19@yahoo.com



Elder ORDINATION

Sunday, January 4th
Worship Growth Service
4:30 pm in the Sanctuary



TLBC K21 MINISTRY

CHILI COOKOFF

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fantastic chili!

Whether you're a master chef or just love to eat, this event is for you. Taste a variety of homemade chili from various local churches. Categories include categories, including Spiciest! (Prestis is one of the judges so it better be hot to win this one!). Best Traditional, Most Unique, and People's Choice!

Sunday February 1st

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Want to Compete? Bring a large pot of your best chili for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights!



TLBC YOUTH MINISTRY

Busch Gardens WILLIAMSBURG, VA DAY TRIP

January 2, 2026



Begin the New Year on a positive note by taking a trip to Busch Gardens Christmas Town with your youth group. Bring money for food and bring snacks for the trip down. We plan to leave the church at 2pm and be back at 9pm

Contact Peggy Peek at peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com for more information.



MEET OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER

Natalie Cox
February 15 ~ 12:00 p.m.
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Welcome Reception



Youth Super Bowl LX Party

When?
Sunday, February 8, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Where?
Well's home
1072 Saw Pen Point Trail
Virginia Beach, VA, 23455

Who can come?
Youth & Parents invited

What will happen?
Games, prizes, and watching the game

What do I need to bring?
Your favorite football food

Questions?
Contact Cody or Peggy

SUPER BOWL

TLBC YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER FUGE

CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



\$100 deposit due January 11, 2026

Contact Peggy Peek at
peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com
for more information.



COST \$20

PLANET 56

WINTER RETREAT

Saturday, January 24

Scan the QR Code to Register and
to view the full schedule of events
as this will be a full day activity.



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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 Centrikids 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



New Church Constitution & Bylaws Available

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE AT
OFFICE@MYTOWNCENTERCHURCH.COM



BIRTHDAY BASH

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

January 10th

2-4 pm

TLBC Fellowship Hall

Accepting donations to create
birthday bags for the food pantry
Cake mix Frosting
balloons Candles

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)



KIDS ON MISSION

January 15, 2026 at 6:30PM
meet us in the Fellowship Hall

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

Contact Peggy Peek for any questions at
peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com



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Save the Date for the next JOY SENIOR LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to join us at the TLBC JOY Ministry Senior Luncheon in February on Thursday, the 12th at 12:00 PM. The menu will feature sausage, peppers, onions, and potatoes, salad & Valentine dessert. You can RSVP on Realm or drop off a green JOY envelope at the church office by Sunday, the 8th of February. The cost to participate is only \$10. We are excited to have you join us for this special event!