

The Vision

From the Pastor's Desk

Prentis McGoldrick
Senior Pastor



I appreciate the older people in our congregation. They kept this church alive when it started. They gave, served and sacrificed to see this church thrive. Thalia Lynn would not be here if not for many of the older people. I am hoping they continue to see the fruit of their labors. And they will as long as we reach younger people. For if we don't, this church will die with this generation.

One of the churches in the area had an older person say that he didn't care what the church did after he was gone but until that time, he wanted the church to do things like they always did. I get the rationale. The way things used to be done brought people in. If we went back to doing things that way we would bring them in again. Unfortunately, that philosophy is killing businesses and churches. Sears kept doing what they had always done. Kmart kept doing what they had always done. One of the churches in downtown Nashville was sold and became a strip club. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't turn back the clock to when they were highly successful. Things changed because people changed.

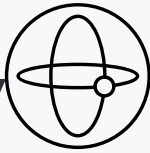
We should see this with hair styles, clothing styles, car designs and even the vocabulary with which we talk to each other. Don't get me wrong. We must keep the Bible just as it is. However, the methods of delivery must always change.

A case in point: I was very turned off by "The Chosen" series on television. I believed it distorted the essentials that were in the Bible and that people would believe that what they saw on TV was what really happened. Then, I looked at the research. One of the Bible program apps noted that there was an uptick in the verses read that dealt with what happened recently on "The Chosen." The program was having a positive effect in getting people to read the Bible. I dropped my objection.

Sure, we can keep doing what we have been doing and only lose the people who are physically unable to come or who have died. If we do that, the church will die a slow death. We must reach younger people if we are to thrive once again.

I am one of those older people now. It would be much easier to keep things like they have been for a long time. However, I know that this will not only make me the longest pastor this church has ever had. It will make me the last one too.

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

TLBC YOUNG
ADULT MINISTRY

Busch
Gardens

DAY TRIP
JULY 18, 2026

MEET AT THE CHURCH PARKING
LOT AT 9AM TO CARPOOL



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!

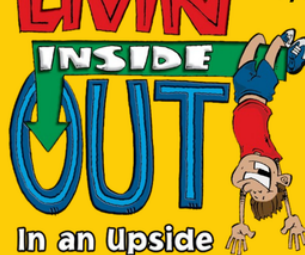
Scholarships Available



CHURCH
OFFICE
CLOSED FOR
4th of July
OBSERVED ON
MONDAY JULY 6TH

KIDS MUSIC CAMP

LIVING INSIDE OUT 7/27 - 7/31 9:00a - 3:00p



SCAN
THE
CODE
TO
REGISTER



In an Upside
Down World!

Program presentation
on Friday, July 31 at 7:00
p.m. For children
completed grades 1-6

YOUTH

F.O.C.U.S.

Natalie Cox
Associate Pastor of Student Ministry

Below is a list of additional upcoming youth group summer events to invite the 7th-12th graders in your life to.

- July 1st: Escape Room & Bible Study
- July 3rd-7th: FUGE Camp at Ridgecrest
- July 15th: Mini Golf & Bible Study
- July 22nd: Summer Meltdown & Bible Study
- July 29th: Slip N Slide Kickball & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS TLBC YOUTH 5:30 P.M.
EVERYDAY DURING VBS

JOIN US FOR BIBLE
STUDY AND ACTIVITIES!

Summer Events

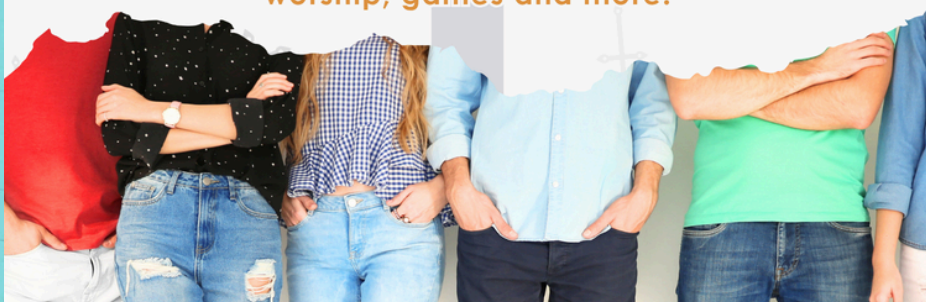
THALIA LYNN BAPTIST CHURCH

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

With Natalie Cox

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM

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



TLBC YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER FUGE

JULY 3RD-7TH

CAMP REGISTRATION
IS NOW CLOSED

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

July 1st, 2026

Bible Study &

ESCAPE ROOM



5:30-9:15 p.m.

**Meet at the
Church!**



MINI GOLF

AT PIRATES PARADISE

Pickup and dropoff at the church.

\$10 / Student | 5:30-8:15 P.M.

BGAV Continues Support for Women in Ministry Leadership

(by BGAV Faith & Field Staff)

In response to recent news on SBC messengers' approval to advance a proposed ban on churches who allow women to serve as pastors or to preach in any capacity, BGAV stands behind our previous statements in past years affirming women in all levels of ministry and church leadership. BGAV upholds the historically Baptist distinctives of soul freedom and of the autonomy of the local church, trusting the Holy Spirit's call upon individuals to serve God in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowering each congregation to ordain those individuals regardless of gender.

"BGAV has a long-standing affirmation for women in leadership," said Wayne Faison, BGAV's executive director. "We have not only affirmed this in voice, but also in action. This affirmation continues to be a core value for BGAV to live out of—as well as to live into—in the years to come. Throughout BGAV, and our many aspects of mission and ministry, no space of leadership is ever considered off limits to women."

To reiterate that level of support, BGAV's executive board released official statements in 2023 and 2024 in reaffirmation and formed a task force which brought its report with recommendations to foster further support and advocacy. But far beyond the more recent public statements—and more significantly—BGAV's history has explicitly prioritized women in positions of leadership, exhibiting a long arc of trust in the voices of women.

Since the early 1980s, as the Southern Baptist Convention has become more restrictive regarding the ordination of women, BGAV has not wavered from including congregations who choose to allow women to serve in preaching and pastoral roles. "One of our strategies to demonstrate support was to make sure women (including ordained) were in BGAV leadership roles, either as officers, leadership on staff and boards, or preaching at annual meetings," explained John Upton, former executive director. "We hoped by modeling women in leadership, others would be comfortable moving in that direction." For decades, BGAV has consistently elected women as members and chairs of its Executive Board and standing committees.

Eight women, for example, have served in BGAV's highest elected role of president: Rebecca J. McKinney, 2024; Nancy Stanton McDaniel, 2016; Ann Fitzgerald Brown, 2015; Elizabeth Cumbie Fogg, 2003; Mary B. Wilson, 1997; Margaret B. Wayland, 1995; Jean Woodward, 1989; and the first female president, Christine Gregory, 1983.

"Women in leadership roles—both lay and ordained—are part of our DNA as Virginia Baptists," reflected Becky McKinney, former BGAV president. "We're not just talking the talk; we're trying to walk the walk. We know we still have a ways to go, but we're committed to getting there."

BGAV's support for women in leadership extends decades into the past. In 1984, Virginia Baptists approved a resolution affirming that God calls both men and women to ministry and declaring that ordination should be regarded as a matter of local church practice rather than denominational policy. The resolution came just months after Southern Baptist Convention messengers adopted a resolution opposing women in ministry and reflected BGAV's commitment to both women's leadership and local church autonomy.

Just over a decade earlier, in 1972, Marjorie Bailey became the first woman ordained to the gospel ministry in Virginia. Later that same year, Emma Stratton became the first woman elected as an officer of the General Association when she was chosen as first vice president.

In 1969, the first major BGAV strategic planning committee in modern history, the Committee of 24, was approved; it was composed of women and men and equally divided between clergy and laity.

In 1931, women were elected to serve on the Board of Missions and Education after board leaders publicly called for women to be represented in its governance.

And in 1920, BGAV officially welcomed women as messengers at annual meetings to conduct business.

Together, these milestones reflect more than a century of Virginia Baptists affirming the gifts, calling, and leadership of women in the life of the church.

The Faith & Field editorial staff thanks Marilee White, Fred Anderson, and Nathan Taylor for their research contributions to this article.

International Missions Stats

Because churches like yours prayed, gave, sent, and stayed engaged, the gospel reached people this year who may otherwise never have heard the name of Jesus.

Together, Southern Baptists helped sustain more than 3,500 missionaries and their 2,700 children across 150+ countries. And through that faithful presence, we saw amazing fruit:

- 2,066,251 people heard the gospel
- 196,497 became new believers
- 29,937 were baptized
- 7,697 new churches were planted
- 29,018 leaders were trained in church planting
- 225,578 people were disciplined

Your partnership also helped meet real physical needs in Jesus' name. Through IMB's Send Relief, 2,277,589 lives were impacted across 80 countries through 472 projects — creating opportunities for compassion, trust, and gospel witness.

Churches like yours were also part of this story through going and sending: 13,679 volunteers served on 2,136 volunteer trips in 120 countries, representing 2,039 Southern Baptist churches. Your church's prayers, giving, and sending are helping put the gospel in front of people who may otherwise never hear it.

That's true on a mountain ridge where a village had its first chance to hear about Jesus. It's true in global cities where missionaries are engaging people in unexpected places. And it's true in communities where compassionate care opens the door to spiritual conversations.

Thank you for continuing to lead your people toward the nations. Thank you for helping your church see the Great Commission is not abstract. It is happening — and you are part of it.

With gratitude,
Edward Herrelko, PhD
Vice President, U.S. Engagement

TLBC JOY MINISTRY

SENIOR "JOY" AUGUST LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 12:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT: RANDY
ANDERSON-SAXOPHONIST

MENU: SUBS, CHIPS, MACARONI SALAD & DESSERT

REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 19TH

COST: \$10

CHURCH 101

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

LED BY DAVID DOYLE

Sunday, July 12, 2026

9:45 am - 10:45 am

Room 61

JULY 19TH
4:30 | Sanctuary

Scheduled Church Business Meeting

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, July 19

3:30pm Church Council Meeting

FELLOWSHIP HALL

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:
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(757-620-0994)

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

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.