



YEAR IN REVIEW

On January 19, 2025, the church voted 73-3 to amend the Church by-laws to include an Elder-led model of leadership.

A new women's ministry, K.I.S.S: Keep it Simple Sisters, started in 2025, hosting monthly events including a Mother's Day Tea and a Holiday Cocoa Party.

The food pantry continued to serve the community by handing out food every Tuesday, rain or shine. The food pantry averages over 200 families per week, equating to over 700 people each week.





On March 1, 2025, Sharon Walpole officially retired following decades of faithful service and dedication. The extent of her talents and ministry was felt in her absence, as multiple volunteers stepped in to various roles to fill her shoes. On October 5, 2025, the church voted unanimously to hire Julie Phelps as part-time Senior Adults Coordinator.

On May 31, 2025, the church hosted its Annual Variety Show, where acts featuring all ages showcasing a wide range of talents performed. This community event continues to provide members an approach to invite family and friends for a night of entertainment and fellowship.

Weekly programs, including K2 1 ministry, Children's music and missions programs, and Wednesday discipleship groups took a summer break.

During the summer, small groups formed to participate in the 70x7 study led by Bruce Wilkinson. The church saw lives be transformed by the power of forgiveness. More than 100 total participants, including children and volunteers participated in Vacation Bible School. The theme this year was Magnified: Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things.





Seventeen children and adults attended a week long Centrikid camp in Skycroft, MD from July 14th-18th. The theme was Higher, which focused on discovering God's calling and living out one's purpose.

The youth group travelled to Scottsville, VA July 17th-20th for Watermarks camp. Camp this year was Superhero themed, with a focus on students using their special gifts and talents to accomplish the ultimate mission of spreading the word of God.



Shane Faircloth, Student Minister, resigned August 31st after 12 years of service at Thalia Lynn. On October 5, 2025, the church voted unanimously to hire Cody Mayfield as Interim Student Ministry Director.

Starting July 28th, children who had completed 1st grade through 6th grade, participated in a week long music camp. The program, *Back to the Cross*, was presented on August 1st.





Women on Missions (WOM) organized several church-wide mission projects, namely the Operation Backpacks supply collection and Operation Christmas Child. The church helped sponsor more than 100 children, providing a bookbag of school

supplies in August and a Christmas bag of toys and wish list items in December.

Starting in September, after taking a summer break from weekly programming, discipleship groups for all ages resumed on Wednesdays.



Children's music programs, including Preschool Choir, Kids Praise and Music and Me also resumed their weekly schedule. RAs, GAs and Mission Friends resumed on Fridays once a month. The Weekday Learning Program also started a new school year.

On November 16, 2025, the church voted 45-0 in affirmation of the first group of elders: Angela Butler, Carl Gallup, Cindy Hurd, Darleen Mastin, Scott Snook and Rick Stephens.



December's church calendar was full of Christmas performances, where the church was encouraged to invite friends and family, Christmas parties for every age, and worship services marking each week of advent.

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church saw many blessings in the year 2025—much more than can be listed in a single document. We saw 11 people make professions of faith followed by baptisms. We saw many more make decisions to answer God's call in their lives—to serve in new areas, to teach a new class or to join our church. May the Lord's faithfulness encourage our obedience as we enter 2026, with an eagerness to do His will.