

The Vision

From the Pastor's Desk

Prentis McGoldrick
Senior Pastor



There are two very important things I need to inform you about. These things need your prayer for those who are making these decisions will affect the church for years to come.

The first issue has to do with the Elders. The committee working on vetting the first Elders understands that we can't have nine Elders who all complete their service after five years. There must be a system by which new Elder(s) are appointed by the church each year. This must be done with the total number of Elders never going above nine. Right now, we have ten qualified candidates but cannot exceed the number (9) we have already established. That means one or more candidates will not be appointed so that new candidates can be nominated each year. Since each of the present candidates is qualified, there should be no problem in saying that some will need to wait to serve. Humility is a great part of the qualifications for an Elder. We see that in each of the people already nominated. We just need to establish a system that allows for new Elders to be appointed in the future.

The second opportunity before us is the 70 x 7 groups being formed this summer. I believe everyone should go through this course because I think that everyone has been done wrong by someone at some time in their lives. Many of us have chosen not to recall those hurts but they remain if we do not forgive those specific offenses. Often, the person we need to forgive is ourselves. Our forgiveness to ourselves may be because we made a mistake that hurt us or our families. These things never let us off the hook of thinking we should somehow be punished. Most people punish themselves. This squeezes the joy out of Christians. So, I am asking you to be in a group. I can't promise that you will get through everything you need to forgive on the first try. I can promise that you will be set free when you do. I believe we need to offer this again and again until everyone has forgiven everyone of everything before God. That includes forgiving ourselves. So, get in a group if you can this summer. If not, get in a group that we will have later.



XP Corner: Discipleship Is Relational

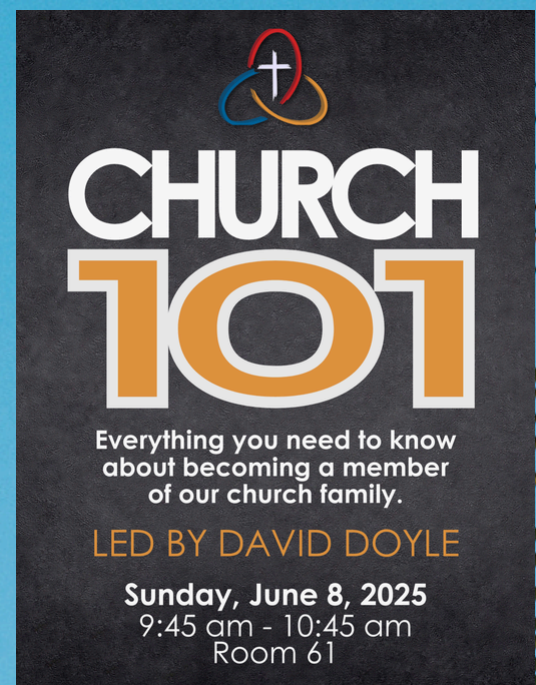
David Doyle

Executive Pastor of Administration

When I was an undergraduate at Ouachita Baptist University, I met a student who had been studying continuously there as an undergraduate for the better part of 8 years. He was intelligent, and his stated goal was to accumulate as much knowledge as he could. There is nothing wrong with pursuing knowledge, but at some point, knowledge needs to be put into practice. And much to his chagrin, the University finally forced him to graduate.

Similarly, we must move from seeing discipleship as primarily a classroom learning activity to understanding it as communal. This realization does not fly in the face of the importance of structured biblical education. Rather, it gives it purpose. Discipleship is not intended to be confined to a church classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am or on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Discipleship is not taking one course after another – ad infinitum – from the plethora of “discipleship” courses that we offer here at TLBC. It should not shock you that knowledge alone will not produce disciples. Such a view is self-serving and conjures up the image of a self-licking ice cream cone.

Discipleship is meant to be lived out in community. This fact calls us all to a type of discipleship that can be best understood as “long obedience in the same direction”, to quote Eugene Peterson. For us, this means that discipleship must become a daily relational process and not just a Sunday morning practice. In other words, the true measure of discipleship must change from gaining knowledge to living it out -- becoming intentional disciples who live out his/her faith every day. Real discipleship must ultimately take place in homes, workplaces, shops, and neighborhoods, just as much (or maybe more!) as in a church or other religious institution. And it is meant to be done in community.



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.

BONNIE CUTHRIELL, DIRECTOR | 757-681-7056

CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP

← BACK TO THE CROSS

A KIDS MUSICAL ADVENTURE THROUGH TIME

JULY 28 - AUG 1
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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



Cost is \$45 (\$30 for each additional children in household)

For more information, contact our Music Minister, Bret Woodall.
 bret@mytowncenterchurch.com



BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptisms will be held on June 15, 2025
 Help us welcome the new members of our Church Family.



You're invited to Thalia Lynn Baptist Church's

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 23-JUN 27 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

VBS MEET & GREET | JUNE 22 | 4:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Children, age 4 PreK through completed 6th grade, may attend our annual VBS June 23-27 from 9:30am-12:30pm (Monday-Friday). Preschool children who have attended TLBC's Weekday Learning Preschool (WLP) in 2024-2025 are also eligible to attend. Younger Preschool children of our VBS Volunteers are also eligible to attend.

EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE A FREE VBS T-SHIRT.

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

CENTRIKID HIGHER

living our calling

SUMMER CAMP

Skycroft Conference Center
 Middletown, Maryland
 July 14-18

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 1) 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 1, 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.



High School & College GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025

If you, or a member you know, are graduating please fill out a form located in the church office so we can say congratulations!

TLBC YOUTH MINISTRY

WATERMARKS SUMMER CAMP

July 17 - 20, 2025



Summer Camp for students in completed grades 7-12

Contact YOUTH Minister Shane Faircloth for more information.

NEXT GEN Ministry Momentum

Written by Executive Pastor of
Ministries: Peggy Peek

PERCEPTION

One of my favorite books of the Old Testament is Isaiah. I was reminded of a verse a few nights ago during our Young Adult Bible Study after one of our young adults shared how God was doing a new work in their life that was both exciting and a little intimidating: "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 43:18-19

Our church has been praying for revival for many months now and I am not sure the new things springing up are a full-on revival but, in my opinion, they offer a measure of evidence that God is doing a new thing here at Thalia Lynn. Here are a few things I see springing up around us:

- We took over 40 kids, parents and sponsors on a Missions Campout in May.
- We have over 100 people registered for our 70X7 series on Forgiveness already and it looks like we will have at least a dozen groups this summer and a few in the fall.
- A month before VBS begins, we have over 60 volunteers planning for a week of outreach in our community.
- Our Missions Committee has been meeting regularly to pray and discern how we can be "on mission" here in Virginia Beach and around the world.
- Our Elder Selection Process is in full swing as candidates are being vetted.

These can be exciting and intimidating times as new things happen. Allow God to show you a new work you can be a part of. May we continue to faithfully abide in Christ as He continues to show us our path forward.

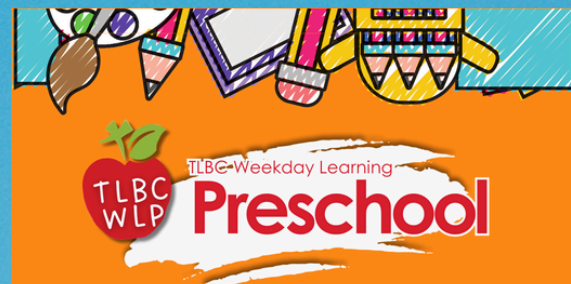
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JOY SINGERS
JUNE 2025
Rehearsals-Tuesdays at 9:30
June 3, 10, 17,
June Outreach
June 19 at 11:00 - Commonwealth
June 24 at 1:30 - Bay Lake

Music & Me

Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
June 4

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.



REGISTRATION
is now open

**2025 - 2026
SCHOOL YEAR**

email WLP Director, Jacque,
for more information at
jacque@mytowncenterchurch.com



**HAPPY
Father's
Day**



TLBC IN TOWN CENTER

VARIETY Show

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 @ 5:00 P.M.

4392 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD. | PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS

Join us for our annual Variety Show on June 1st! The event will be held outdoors. You can bring a dessert to share and your lawn chair! Please sign up for the meal by scanning the QR code.

GOT TALENT? SIGN UP NEAR THE LIBRARY BY MAY 25

757.499.0557

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

www.thalialynn.com

SOUTHEASTERN MYELOMA NETWORKING GROUP

Saturday, June 21st at 10:00 am Room 63



For more information
contact Brenda Riggs

www.thalialynn.com

VIRGINIA PRIMARIES FOR BOTH PARTIES

Fellowship Hall

REMEMBER TO VOTE
ON JUNE 17, 2025



OBEDIENCE

a three-part teaching series.

Part I: Why We Obey - May 21st

Part II: Why We Train - May 28th

Part III: Why We Mentor - June 4th

LED BY TOM DONAHUE IN THE CHAPEL
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.

TLBC JOY MINISTRY

RED, WHITE & BBQ LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH @12:00

MENU: BBQ, BAKED BEANS,
COLESLAW & DESSERT

TLBC's JOY Singers will be singing Patriotic melodies

REGISTRATION
BEGINS JUNE 19TH

COST: \$10



TLBC-Weekday Learning

Preschool

NOW HIRING

for Teachers and Subs

2025 - 2026
SCHOOL YEAR

email WLP Director, Jacque,
for more information at
jacque@mytowncenterchurch.com

Call the WLP at 757-
233-1965 to get more
information on the job!

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70x7: Adult Summer Discipleship Series

This summer, we are excited to invite everyone at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church to join our Summer Small Groups where we will be studying 70X7: Finding Peace by Forgiving Others...and Yourself by Bruce Wilkinson. We would love for you to be a part of this enriching 8 session experience.

For more information, email the Church Office at office@mytowncenterchurch.com