

The Vision

From the Pastor's Desk

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Senior Pastor



I know of no one who has been on this earth for very long who hasn't been hurt by someone. Many of those hurts stay with us for a very long time. Our attitudes toward those who hurt us often result in unforgiveness. We know we shouldn't hold those grudges nor rehearse those hurts, but we cling to them because we don't want to let those who hurt us get away with it. We build walls around ourselves and react to others in ways that don't reflect our character because of those hurts. We know we must forgive but we try and say we have forgiven only to forgive again and again. Some of us declare we have forgiven even though we haven't.

Is forgiveness optional for the Christian? Jesus said in Matthew 6: 14-15:

Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV) *14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

Do you really think Jesus meant it when He said that your Father will not forgive you if you do not forgive others? This is a very misleading statement if He didn't mean exactly what it says He says.

How long will you be held hostage by those who hurt you? Why do you continue to give them a victory for the hurts they imposed on you? Maybe it is because you don't know how to forgive them. Isn't it time that you were set free?

I have been training several people who will be leading groups this summer. They will lead you to forgive what you probably thought you could never forgive. You can speak to any one of them to see if you could be in their group. Their names are:

- Minnie Nery
- Rick and Christi Stephens
- Peggy Hayes
- Charlie and Cindy Hurd
- Michael and Abby Orwig
- Carl and Kathy Gallup
- Mike and Cheryl Crossman
- Jaryd Lloyd and Rayssa Lauzid
- Tom and Tonya Donahue
- Mike and Michelle Hall
- Jim and Jacque Pratscher
- Angela Butler
- Jim and Darleen Mastin

XP Corner

David Doyle

Executive Pastor of Administration

Go outside our church and look at our facilities through the eyes of a person who is deciding whether to check us out. What do you see? Do you see paint peeling, mildew on the walls, messy landscaping, a front sign in disrepair and fading, potholes in the parking lot, fingerprints on the doors and windows.

Now walk inside and look through the eyes of that same person. Do you see walls that need washing or painting? Do the restrooms look and smell clean? What about the carpets and floors? Check out several spaces. Do these draw you in or do they repel you?

It's a fact—we only get one chance to make a first impression. For us, a church that wants to reach more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, the first impression we project is critical. Not just for attracting people but also for holding them.

We're talking about first impressions of our facilities. While I know that people should come to church for the right reasons, never forget that unbelievers are going to act like unbelievers. Many are not coming for the right reasons. But they have eyes. Some will have a critical eye for quality; others will have eyes for aesthetic excellence. Their first impression will likely determine if they ever make it past the front doors and get a chance to hear the gospel or if they decide to ever come back.

Now that you've checked us over closely, take another step. We are in constant need of volunteers to clean, paint, and handle small renovations on a regular and consistent basis. We have way more work to do here than is possible for our one-person facilities staff to do. Make great first impressions part of your own ministry. Better yet, put a team together and create a group ministry along these lines. Give one day of your time each month (or each quarter) just to make our church's first impression better? Why not?

A good first impression doesn't need to cost a lot of time and money. Even if it does, remember that the cost of not making a good first impression is generally much greater.

MESMERIZED!

A Study of Glory in the Scriptures

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 PM
TLBC CHAPEL

March 26 - April 30 2025

CHURCH 101

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

LED BY DAVID DOYLE

Sunday, April 13, 2025
9:45 am - 10:45 am
Room 61

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 bridgenet.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 CUTHRIEL, DIRECTOR | 757-681-7056

Easter Petunia Plant

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

If you would like to buy a Petunia 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 PETUNIA PLANT IS PRICED AT \$12.
FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE BY APRIL 6.**



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SOUTHEASTERN MYELOMA NETWORKING GROUP

Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am Room 63

For more information contact Brenda Riggs

www.thalialynn.com

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptisms will be held on December 29, 2024
Help us welcome the new members of our Church Family.



You're invited to Thalia Lynn Baptist Church's

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 22-JUN 27 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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.



TLBC KIDS MINISTRY PLANET 56 2025 Service Project

FOOD PANTRY DONATION EMPHASIS
Every Sunday in April

We Stock the Pantry on April 27th
Food Collection at 12p - 1:45p
Apex Bowling at 2p - 4p

(Pick up at APEX)

RSVP for Bowling by Friday, April 25th

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

WORK, LABOR, AND ENDURANCE (FAITH, LOVE, AND HOPE)

This Spring, the Women in the Word group is looking at I & II Thessalonians on Wednesday afternoons. This past week, we read and studied together a verse from the first chapter that has a richness to it that I want to unpack a little. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Thess 1:3) By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have finished our Winter Shelter Outreach effort—it is definitely a work produced by faith.

We are getting ready for Holy Week, and it is a labor prompted by love. We will have services every evening, Monday through Friday at 6pm in addition to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Morning Services. (April 13-April 20). Our Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra and Musicians will lead us in a special time of worship on Sunday morning, April 27. And then we will need to have our endurance inspired by our hope in Jesus ready for all the fun activities and camps in late Spring and Summer that will lead us into a more mature and sincere faith.

Take a deep breath. All of these events are designed with one thing in mind, to make our faith in God something that is known everywhere through the power of the Holy Spirit and to experience the joy that comes from begin faithful to God's call on our lives (I Thess 1:8). Begin asking God where He wants your attention and energy this Summer. All these activities are available for registration through our church app called Realm. It is a tool to help us serve the living and true God this Summer.



KISS Ministry Tea Party

Join us for an elegant affair filled with delightful conversations, exquisite teas, delicious treats and guest speaker Kim Cook, MSW, MA, LCSW

Saturday, May 3rd 2025
2:00-4:00 PM

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

We need Table Hostesses who will decorate their table with their special china and linen.

This event is only \$5 and is open to all women of any age.



TLBC PRESENTS
Special Needs
MINISTRY DANCE
Free Entry
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 26

JOY Council Meeting
Monday, April 28 at
2:30 pm in Room 56

TLBC Weekday Learning
Preschool
REGISTRATION now open
GET \$50 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION FEE IF YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL BEFORE APRIL 1ST
2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR
email WLP Director, Jacque, for more information at jacque@mytowncenterchurch.com

JOIN US FOR THE
TLBC MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

KNIGHTS of the 21ST CENTURY

Graduation Ceremony
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
JUNE 8TH, 2025

JOY SINGERS
APRIL 2025
Rehearsals-Tuesdays at 9:30
April 1, 8, 15, 29
April Outreach
April 17 at 11:00 - Commonwealth
April 22 at 10:30 - Bay Lake

KIDS Missions CAMPOUT
May 9 5:00 pm - May 10 4:00 pm

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Start Your Engines For
PINEWOOD DERBY & FELLOWSHIP
Friday, May 16th @ 6:00 pm

GAs and RAs should arrive by 5:45pm
Please make plans to stay after the race and enjoy hot dogs, chips, and dessert along with our young racers

Music & Me
Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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.



WORSHIP Ministry Moment

Written by Associate Pastor of
Music: Bret Woodall

John 3:8

The wind blows wherever it pleases.
You hear its sound, but you cannot tell
where it comes from or where it is going.
So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

Just to remind us of the context here, Jesus says these words while talking with Nicodemus. This is just after the verse where Jesus says, "You must be born again," and just few verses before, "For God so loved the world that..."

As I prepared this article, I thought of these verses. They came to mind because a lot of things happen each week behind the scenes—unseen, like the wind—to make each worship service, special program and concert possible. Each week TLBC members give their time and talents to the Lord and to His church. Here are just a few of many examples of what regularly whooshes through your church:

1. many climb ladders and pull necessary digital cables around the sanctuary...
2. many organize flower orders and delivery, arrange them on the platform, carefully choose and display banners throughout the campus and decorate the Sanctuary for seasonal worship—most especially for Advent and Holy Week...
3. several push the church's 1060 lbs. personal lift into the sanctuary, set it up and move it all around to replace the burnt-out bulbs, often 30+ feet in the air...
4. a few crawls under the platform to trace and repair audio cables...
5. many clear the entire platform, including the 750 lbs. grand piano, to make room for a program or concert—then reset it all before the next worship service occurs...
6. several spend hundreds of hours (truly not an exaggeration) reading manuals and watching training videos to learn how to operate the sundry software programs and equipment essential to so much of what happens on a normal Sunday morning...

This list is not comprehensive. So why do they do it? I believe they serve quietly, invisibly—like the wind Jesus spoke about—with the hope that a more impactful display of wind will come, a wind like that of Acts 2:1-2:

...the day of Pentecost came...suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house...and tongues of fire separated and came to rest on each of them.



Holy Week SCHEDULE

NIGHTLY SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

April 14-April 18 | 6pm

MONDAY

"Cleansing the Temple"
MARK 11:15-18

TUESDAY

"The First Commandment"
MATTHEW 22:34-40; MARK 11

WEDNESDAY

"Justifiably Evil"
MATTHEW 26:6-13

THURSDAY

"Where Lies the Victory"
MAUNDY THURSDAY | LUKE 22:31

FRIDAY

"Making It Look Good,
An Analysis of the Trial"

CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP IS COMING:

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)

**MAKE PLANS NOW,
MORE NEWS SOON!**

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

TLBC IN TOWN CENTER

VARIETY & Show

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 @ 6:00 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, with food
provided. Bring your lawn chair! Please sign up for
the meal beginning May 1.

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SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

70X7

FINDING PEACE BY FORGIVING
OTHERS...AND YOURSELF

Small Groups begin this summer!

Member Facilitated
REGISTER TODAY!

SCAN to register for small groups and sign up to facilitate your own group
Contact Peggy Peek for questions at peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com

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