

# The Vision

## From the Pastor's Desk

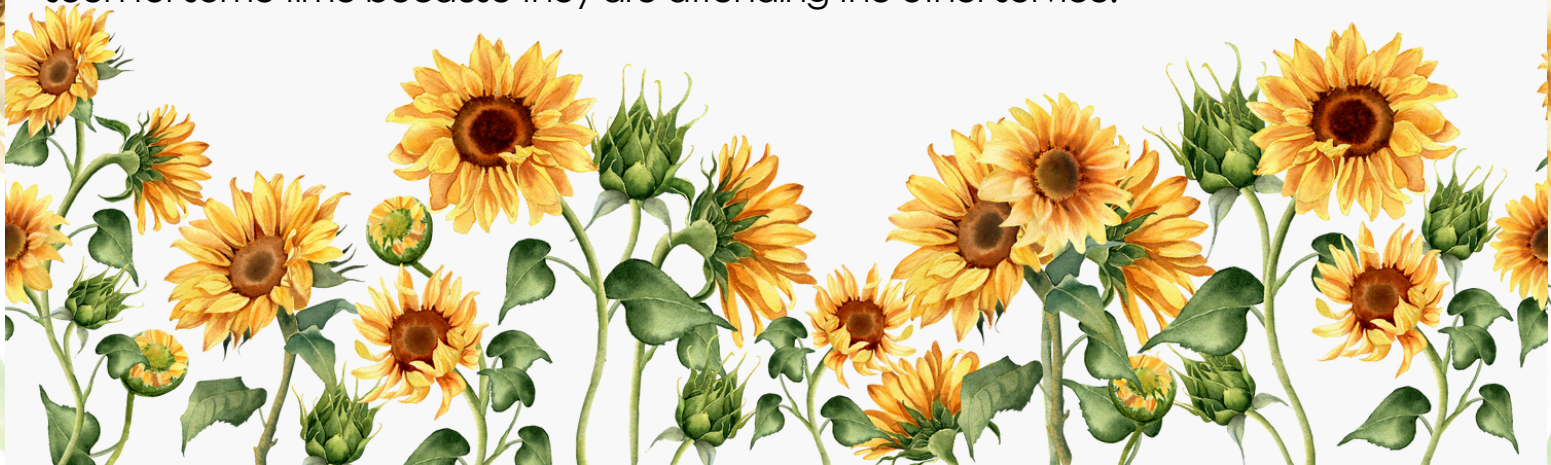
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Senior Pastor



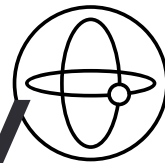
Please note that I plan on teaching a master class in the Fellowship Hall on September 29 and October 6 on the biblical basis for Elders in Baptist Churches. During that time, I plan to:

- Explain the difference between the Presbyterian model of being Elder-ruled and the Congregational model of being Elder-led.
- Explain why many Baptist Churches are returning to an Elder-led model.
- Point out the essential nature of Elder-led churches in the New Testament.
- Review the difference between Elders and Deacons.
- Examine the qualifications of Elders.
- Show the New Testament duties of Elders.
- Explain what our church must do to install and operate with Elders.
- Give a proposed timeline for establishing Elders.
- Explain how this will help our church in the future.

Please make every effort to be there for these two classes. They will be held at the normal Discipleship Group times. There will be time for classes to take care of prayer requests and other necessary actions, as well. Who knows, you might even see someone you haven't seen for some time because they are attending the other service.



# NEXT GEN Ministry Momentum



Written by Executive Pastor of  
Ministries: Peggy Peek

## LOVE, JOY, AND GRACE



In my office, on the left, front corner wall as I sit at my desk, is the sign in the picture. I have had it hanging in my office for about five years now. It has three parts to it that encourage (challenge) me with my spiritual walk every day I'm in my office.

"Love is spoken here" makes me think of 1 Thessalonians 5 beginning with verse 11: Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. It is my hope that we are encouraging each other with our words every day! Sometimes, in the busyness of life and ministry, I can be abrupt and less than encouraging but I strive to be a person who can say "love is spoken here."

"Joy is chosen here" reminds me of verse 16: Rejoice always. Joy is a choice we make as we face our daily challenges—and some of those challenges are very difficult, which is why Paul follows the command to rejoice with his instruction to pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. When I look at the sign on my wall, it helps me to rejoice, pray and give thanks—essentials when choosing joy.

Finally, the sign reminds me that "Grace is given here." Verse 15 says: Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. These are great instructions but sometimes hard to do without Jesus' grace. Paul blesses us with that grace in verse 28: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. A nice sign is great office décor but without God's grace, it is empty of true meaning. This August, may you find your home, your church and your community to be ones where love is spoken, joy is chosen and grace is given. Amen!

grace and peace,  
Peggy

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8:30 - WORSHIP SERVICE WITH RECOGNITION AND PRAYERS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.  
9:45 - PROMOTION SUNDAY FOR DISCIPLE GROUPS OF ALL AGES - MEET YOUR NEW TEACHERS!  
11:00 - WORSHIP SERVICE WITH RECOGNITION AND PRAYERS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. BIBLES WILL BE PRESENTED TO KINDERGARTENERS AND 7TH GRADERS  
12:15 - LUNCH: SANDWICHES, CHIPS, WATERMELON, AND DESSERT FOLLOWED BY FUN & GAMES IN THE PORTICO AND ON THE LAWN.

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# The XP Corner

David Doyle  
Executive Pastor of Administration

Financial stewardship is very biblical. A church budget is an important tool. Not just because it helps the church to know where money is being allocated, but also because churches are called to be good stewards of what God has given them. And while the Bible does not specifically address how churches and their leaders are to build a church budget, it does have much to say about money and how to live as wise and Godly stewards.

**Counting the Cost.** In Luke 14:28-30 (ESV), Jesus says, "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'" This verse shows the importance of a budget as a tool that helps churches to know whether they can complete the work they have before them. Budgets help churches to know not just where God's money is going, but also how much money they have on hand for its different ministries. Counting the cost keeps churches from overextending themselves financially before the foundation is laid.

**Prioritizing the work of the Ministry.** The book of Proverbs is full of much wisdom concerning money and its uses, but one proverb that is helpful for church leaders crafting a budget is Proverbs 22:7 (ESV) which says, "The rich rules over the poor, but the borrower is the slave of the lender." This proverb is a good reminder to budget in consonance with the church ministry calling. A church that budgets poorly will generally find itself in dire need of financial resources and thus be placed at the whim of members who feel what they contribute financially gives them a larger say in how the church should conduct its business. Or a church may over-extend itself by focusing on less important things at the expense of what is most important to the ministry and life of the church. A church that "majors on the minors" is not being obedient to its either its ministry or to God's calling. This proverb is both encouragement and warning to budget prayerfully so that the church may be freed up to do the work God has called it to.

August marks the start of our annual church budget planning cycle. Pray that we will do this prayerfully as we consider our ministry goals and needs for 2025 and also continue being good stewards of God's money in 2024.



TLBC K21 MINISTRY  
**SUMMER FIRE AND ICE**  
with Beach Fellowship Church K21 Chapter  
We invite you to join us for a time of  
food, fellowship, and fun.  
**Tuesday August 27th**  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Location: TBA

Fire and Ice Guide: The host provides the grill (Fire) and the cooler (Ice). You bring whatever you want to grill and whatever you want to drink plus one side dish big enough to feed yourself and one other person. Bring a friend.



*Christmas Choir*  
**KICK-OFF**  
**Aug 23 at 6:30 pm**  
Join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner Friday night while we listen through the program.  
**Aug 24 at 9:00 am**  
Contact Bret Woodall for more information  
[Bref@mytowncenterchurch.com](mailto:Bref@mytowncenterchurch.com)

# AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY TEAM

We are always looking for volunteers to help with service on Sunday mornings. Reach out to Ted or the church office for questions.

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## VOLUNTEER WITH THE FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is in need again this spring. Donate any boxes, paper bags, or plastic bags to the Pantry.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP:

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pwc114@hotmail.com

Darleen Mastin  
dsanderson19@yahoo.com

## RECYCLING CHANGES

The church has been advised that our recycling company will be switching to "fiber only" recycling, effective 1 August 2024. What this means for you and me is that only objects made of fiber - i.e. paper products - will be authorized to be placed into our recycling bins. Effective 1 August, all other previously recyclable materials - plastics, synthetics, metals, etc. - MUST be disposed of in our general trash dumpster.



## BACKPACK PROJECT

Women on Mission (WOM) will be having a ministry project for our local schools. Look for more information in mid-July.

This is a good time to get involved with WOM. For more information, contact Sandra Raker at (757) 289-5393 or sandra.raker@gmail.com.

This project will be complete on Sunday, August 11th.



## CHURCH 101

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

LED BY DAVID DOYLE

Sunday, August 11, 2024  
9:45 am - 10:45 am  
Room 61

by Sharon Walpole

It all seems like a dream now. . . For several weeks I had been cleaning and organizing our home in preparation for James' family from Texas to fly in for a visit to celebrate my 70th birthday. (Yes—I admit it—the BIG 7-0!) On approaching this momentous birthday, I reminisced and counted the blessings of my life: salvation through Christ my Savior, a loving mother and father, a wonderful husband, 3 terrific children, 11 amazing grandchildren . . . I was rejoicing in the fact that I would be spending time with all of our grandchildren within a couple of months. Of course, Carrie and her family live in Virginia Beach, the "Texpoles" would arrive the next day, and we had visited John and his family in France in May. I had no expectation that they would travel from France. It would be presumptuous to think they would travel such a distance with 4 children, two of them under five years of age. (I doubt that I would be that brave!)

On July 4th, I had finished most of the housework I had planned to do by about 4:00 and decided I should go to the grocery store to stock up. I took quite a long while, filling the cart to the brim with foods I thought the grandchildren would enjoy—lots of food! Arch called as I left the store, concerned that I was taking a long time, which seemed uncharacteristic of him. When I arrived at home, I expected we would unload the car and start putting food away, but he led me toward the living room because he wanted to "show me a birthday present." I could only think of the groceries that needed refrigeration, and replied, "I don't need any presents—we had our trip in the spring." He countered, "Come on in. Carrie is here," but I hadn't seen her car where she normally parks and she hadn't mentioned stopping by. Oddly, there were shoes at the front door that I didn't recognize. The sizes didn't match the Texas grandchildren's sizes, and Carrie's children always put theirs at the backdoor. "What is going on?" I thought. As I entered the hallway, I heard rustling on the stairway to my left, then shouts of "Surprise—Happy Birthday!" from the "Frenchpoles" who had arrived after a 24-hour journey from their home in Vesoul, France. Tears of joy flowed! The "Texpoles" arrived the next day with great celebration as cousins met for the first time. Carrie hosted a party at her home Saturday, we worshipped together on Sunday, we went to the beach at sunset for family photos on Monday, we witnessed the sunrise on Tuesday . . . Well, you get the idea. We had an action-packed week full of fun times, reminiscing, and making memories. What a blessed reunion we enjoyed! What an amazing birthday surprise!

In my 70th-birthday reminiscing, I couldn't help but recount the churches that have blessed my family through the years, starting with the little white country church in Butleville, AR where I learned "Jesus Loves Me" and quoted "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. James 1:17" at the Christmas program as a Kindergartener. And continuing for decades and halfway around the world to the present at Thalia Lynn which has been, by far, the church we have worshipped and served at for the longest period of time. We have been enriched by being a part of each. One of my favorite Psalms—Psalm 16—comes to mind:

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.*

*I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*

*I have no good apart from you."*

*The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.*

*The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

*I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*

*in the night also my heart instructs me.*

*I have set the LORD always before me;*

*because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure. (Selected)*

*Gratitude fills my heart for each year! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!*

# BAPTISM SUNDAY

Every third Sunday during both services as needed.  
Help us welcome the new members of our Church Family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



## COOKIE CAPER

COOKIES FOR TEACHERS  
& FIRST RESPONDERS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 10:00

2024  
DAILY  
DEVOTIONAL

Written by Prentis McGoldrick



JOY MINISTRY DINNER  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

RETRO  
NIGHT

VOCAL GROUP: FOND MEMORIES  
SONGS FROM THE 50'S, 60'S, & 70'S

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