

The Vision

From the Pastor's Desk

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Senior Pastor



Life does not always give you what you expect. We make plans and have them destroyed almost every day. Yet, we remain a people who depend on predictions. We listen daily to the weather report even though it is often wrong. We read economic predictions from economists who hardly ever get it right. We learn that both of these professions depend upon making multiple predictions so that one of those predictions is right.

It is better to have safeguards than rely on predictions. It is better to have insurance than to depend on nothing happening. It is better to have more gas in the tank than is absolutely necessary to arrive at the destination. It is better to have a contingency fund for the unexpected expenses that can't be predicted. The lack of these safeguards will eventually cause crises in our lives.

Jesus told a parable of a man who had a great harvest. He decided to build bigger barns and take it easy for the rest of his life. Jesus said that the man would die right away and wouldn't get anything out of that harvest. The man did not prepare for his ultimate future. He could only see what was immediately in front of him.

People generally don't prepare to meet Jesus face-to-face. They prepare for retirement. They prepare for their finances. They prepare for good health when they may not have one day of it left.

Many people think that trusting in Christ is all they need to do to go to heaven. They are right. But will Jesus find them faithful when they go to meet Him face-to-face? What will happen when they stand before the judgement seat of Christ?

I cannot predict what will happen in anyone's life. I can tell people to always be prepared. Be known as someone who is always reaching others for Christ. Then, when the time comes, you'll have something to show your faithfulness.

That being said, think of whom you will invite to church during the Christmas season. People are more likely to take you up on the invitation during this time of year. You may be the catalyst that causes someone to come to Christ.



XP Corner

David Doyle

Executive Pastor of Administration

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 “ 13. Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever. 18. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

In a year when we have seen several of our long-time, faithful pillars of faith in our church “sleep in death”, it is worth noting that the Bible tells us that we need to be encouraged by the hope (certainty) that we share in Jesus Christ. In that same vein we need to be about the business of encouraging each other in the same hope. Unbelievers grieve without true hope because they don't know Christ or His promises. We who are in Christ grieve differently than those who are not. Some might say that we grieve partly because we must wait longer to experience the fullness of that hope that we have in Christ.

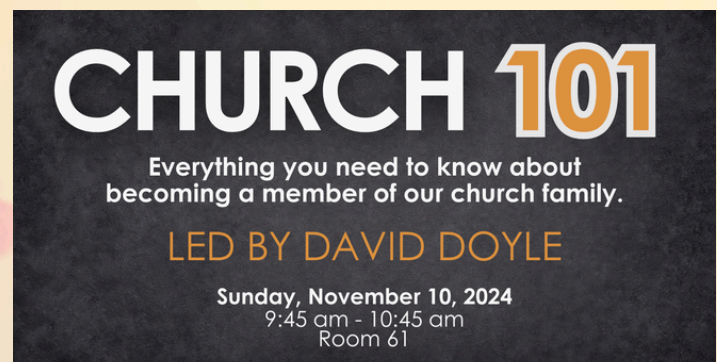
These instructions from Paul serve the larger message of living faithfully now, while still waiting eagerly for the end times. When Jesus returns, He will restore all things. We are encouraged to live knowing that the restoration promised is near and we are warned not to be found unprepared for His return.



JOIN US ON
NOVEMBER 24TH FOR

Thanksgiving Community Service

SANCTUARY AT 6P



CHURCH 101

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

LED BY DAVID DOYLE

Sunday, November 10, 2024
9:45 am - 10:45 am
Room 61



JOIN OUR Christmas Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Choir Room

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

THE KING IS HERE



TLBC NEWS

THANKSGIVING

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

We will be back to our regular schedule on
Sunday, December 1, 2024.

ADVENT BEGINS ON DEC. 1

NOVEMBER 17
4:30 | Sanctuary

Scheduled Church Business Meeting

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

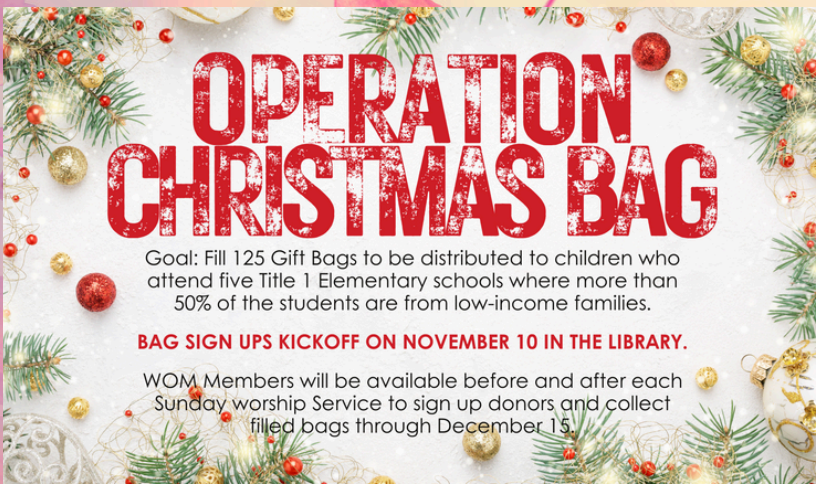


TLBC Weekday Learning
Preschool
NOW HIRING
Apply Now

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



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RESPONSIBLY**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS BAG

Goal: Fill 125 Gift Bags to be distributed to children who attend five Title 1 Elementary schools where more than 50% of the students are from low-income families.

BAG SIGN UPS KICKOFF ON NOVEMBER 10 IN THE LIBRARY.

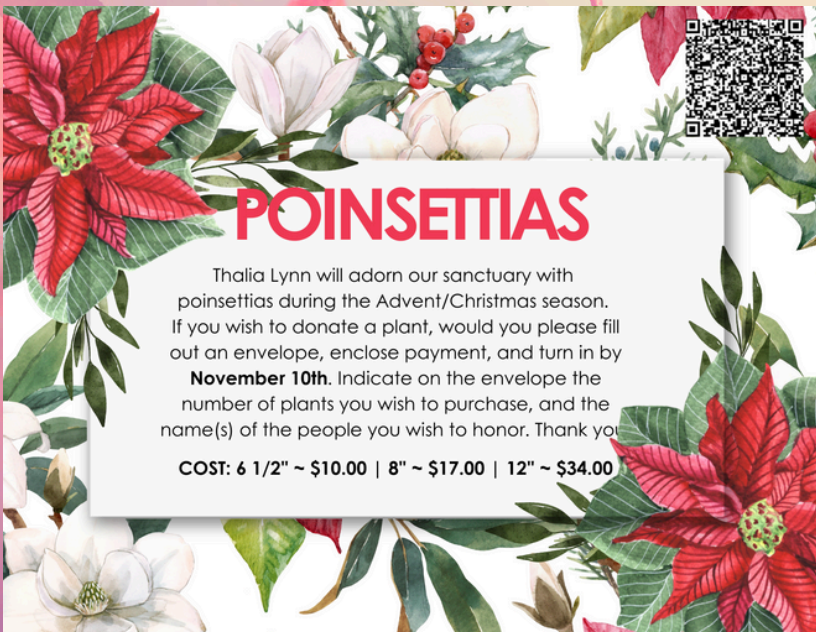
WOM Members will be available before and after each Sunday worship Service to sign up donors and collect filled bags through December 15.



Thalia Lynn Baptist Church
**CHURCH
COUNCIL
MEETING**

Sunday, November 17
3:30 pm Church Council Meeting


FELLOWSHIP HALL
For more information: 757-499-0557 or
office@mytowncenterchurch.com



POINSETTIAS

Thalia Lynn will adorn our sanctuary with poinsettias during the Advent/Christmas season. If you wish to donate a plant, would you please fill out an envelope, enclose payment, and turn in by **November 10th**. Indicate on the envelope the number of plants you wish to purchase, and the name(s) of the people you wish to honor. Thank you!

COST: 6 1/2" ~ \$10.00 | 8" ~ \$17.00 | 12" ~ \$34.00



TLBC PRESENTS
Special Needs
**MINISTRY
DANCE**

Free Entry

**DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

NEXT GEN Ministry Momentum

Written by Executive Pastor of
Ministries: Peggy Peek

THANKSGIVING IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE


Paul writes his second letter to the church at Corinth and gives them encouragement: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Cor 1:3-4 In this season of Thanksgiving, it may be hard for some of us to be thankful for our current circumstances. Sometimes life is hard.

Paul explains further in the chapter that, "this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God." Where are you having to rely on God in a new way this month? Consider God may be using the struggle to grow your faith. But you do not go through the struggle alone. Your brothers and sisters in Christ are here to walk alongside you and help you in the hard times. We are meant to be in community. That is one of the great things about the church—our joint effort at loving each other well with the help of the Holy Spirit—"On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

grace and peace,
Peggy




Childcare for
2 & under for
parents
attending
Bible Study




KIDS PRAISE

SINGING, GAMES, AND INSTRUMENTS
for Ages 3 Years through 6th Grade
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Contact Peggy Peek for any questions at peggy@mytowncenterchurch.com



KIDS ON MISSION

NOVEMBER 8, 2024 at 6:30PM
Fellowship Hall & Preschool Hallway
Mission Friends for Preschool
"Royal Ambassadors" and "Girls in Action"
for Grades 1-6

Kids learn to make missions an important part of their daily lives
by participating in Bible study, games, and missions projects.

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TLBC-Weekday Learning

Preschool

REGISTRATION

Enroll Now

2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
email WLP Director, Jacque, for more
information
at jacque@mytowncenterchurch.com





SERVICE OF HOPE

Now may the god of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy spirit.

Speaker: Donald C. Solomon, Ph.D.
Christian Counselor in Franklin, VA
November 3 at 3:00 p.m.
Chapel - Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

Music & Me

Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
November 6, 13, 20

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.



the TLBC JOY MINISTRY invites you to

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 7, 2024 at 11:30 A.M.

Join us for a delightful Christmas celebration with the Virginia Beach Chorale Ensemble, featuring Thalia Lynn's JR Thornton.



EACH PARTICIPANT WILL COVER THE COST OF THEIR MEAL AT THE DOOR. \$10 PER PERSON | RESERVATION BY DEC. 01

Lunch will begin at 11:30 am and the concert will follow at 12:30 pm



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

REHEARSALS - Tuesdays at 9:30
November 5, 12, and 19

OUTREACH
Nov. 21 at 11:00 - Commonwealth
Nov. 26 at 10:30 - Bay Lake

JOY MINISTRY LUNCHEON

THANKFUL THURSDAY

November 14, 2024 at 11:30 A.M.

Come and join our Joy Senior Adult Ministry for a November Thankfulness Feast at Golden Corral



Women IN THE Word

The Wednesday afternoon ladies' Disciple Group will begin our study of Revelation entitled "The Fifty Final Events in World History" September 4th. Cheryl Foster will lead our study.

Bring your lunch at 12:45 for fellowship; the study begins at 1:30. Hope to see you there!

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