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From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Jesus Saves

Recently, Albert Mohler concluded The Briefing with what he called the two most powerful words in the English language: “Jesus saves.” Those words are not found in the Bible but they do summarize what the angel of the Lord told Joseph in a dream, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, *for he will save his people from their sins*” (Matthew 1:20-21, emphasis mine). Mohler had been talking about Biblical principles for Christians to consider about the struggle with sin.

As we approach Easter again this year, it is good to remind ourselves that *Jesus saves*. The late J. I. Packer, who went to glory this past July 2020, once said, “There is really only *one* point to be made in the field of soteriology: the point that *God saves sinners*.” He went to explain succinctly how each Person of the Godhead saved sinners: the Father by electing, the Son by redeeming, and the Spirit by applying the work of election to the redeemed. In defining the word *saves*, Packer said that God does everything to bring a person from death in sin to life in glory. And the reason why God does everything is because we are all *sinners*, which Packer defined as “men as God finds them, guilty, vile, helpless, powerless, blind, unable to lift a finger to do God’s will or better their spiritual lot.”

Every Lord’s Day we are reminded that *God saves sinners*. However, on Easter Sunday, or, better yet, Resurrection Sunday, we are particularly reminded that *Jesus saves*. Jesus lived a perfect life. He endured suffering on the cross. He bore the wrath of God. He died to save sinners from the miseries of sin and hell.

So, let us look to Jesus as the one who has paid the penalty for all our sin. Let us look to Jesus as the one who provides us with hope and strength when we face temptation to sin. Let us always remember that *Jesus saves*.

Freddy

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Resolution Honoring Lilly Porter

December 12, 2020

WHEREAS, Lilly Porter has been a faithful member of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Lilly Porter has served diligently in many different ministries in the life of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Lilly Porter loved and encouraged many people in their walk with the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Lilly Porter, along with her husband, Tom, was a special encouragement and help to Pastor James Saxon during the early years in the life of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church thanks God for the faithful and dedicated service of Lilly Porter, knowing that in the Lord her labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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Robert B. ... *Ken ...*



Resolution Honoring Marianne Cali

December 12, 2020

WHEREAS, Marianne Cali has been a faithful member of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church for almost four decades; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Cali has served diligently in many different ministries in the life of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Cali started and organized the Women's Christmas Brunch the first Saturday in December more than three decades ago; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Cali ran the children's nursery with great love and dedication for more than three decades, believing that Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:15); and

WHEREAS, Marianne Cali, though not a charter member of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, missing the cut off by just a few weeks, has nevertheless left an imprint on this church in a way that almost no other charter member has; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church thanks God for the faithful and dedicated service of Marianne Cali, knowing that in the Lord her labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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10:45

AM



PLEASE JOIN US!

EASTER BRUNCH & EGG HUNT

APRIL 4 • SUNDAY • 9:30 AM

Please RSVP to Vicki Moore
(vlmkc@icloud.com or 913-553-1172)
by Sunday, March 28

ESL

English as a Second Language (ESL) Update Karen Cross, Coordinator

“Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38).

The ESL Program has really grown this year! Due to the pandemic, all of our classes this year are held on Zoom. This has allowed our students to take classes from home. We offer six classes (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) each week.

Beginner class: Meets on Thursday mornings and evenings. An advanced beginner class meets on Friday afternoons. Both beginner classes have reached their optimal capacity and are not accepting any new students. All new inquirers are being placed on a waiting list. We currently have 7 students on the waiting list.

Intermediate class: Meets on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. The Friday morning class only has a few spots available for new students.

Advanced class: Meets on Monday afternoons.

Following each English class, we have a Bible Study. We read Scripture, give a devotion, play a hymn/praise song, and conclude with prayer. All students stay for the Bible study and learn about the Gospel with us.

The ESL Program can continue to grow if we are able to add new volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining the ESL program mission. Our greatest need is to start another beginner class. We have students waiting to start class right now! Two volunteers are needed to start a new class.

Our Books are easy to follow and teach from, and all of the information for the Bible Study is provided to the teachers in each class. The students receive their Bible Study documents by mail.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can join the team, please consider observing a class on Zoom! Contact Karen Cross by phone or email: karencross38@hotmail.com or 813-714-9921.



Birthday Blessings, Millie!

“It’s a gift!” Millie says. She knows it’s God-given gift of music...

Imagine our Millie, just now celebrating her 88th birthday, at just seven years old. Young Millie was fascinated as she listened to the piano at her Plymouth Brethren church and asked her mother for piano lessons. Her first teacher recognized the gift and referred her on to a better teacher. Her second teacher recognized the gift and referred her on to the highly acclaimed Peabody Preparatory in Baltimore for musically gifted children. Once there, her first teacher also recognized the gift but wanted to see just how exceptional this gift might be. She struck a note and asked Millie what note that was. Again, and again, the teacher was impressed. Millie could hear the note and quickly say whether the note was a B \flat or a C \sharp . This young lady had perfect pitch!

Though her teacher explained that this was a rare gift, Millie didn’t really understand what the fuss was about! Perfect or “absolute pitch” at a minimum is the rare ability to hear a note or key and immediately identify it by name and/or re-create it. Though there is no way to know exactly, it is widely accepted that about 1 in 10,000 people have this ability, and perhaps only 4 in 100 among music students. In Millie’s case, she can hear and identify all the notes being sung by the choir members she is directing. If someone is off key, she is able to name the wrong key being sung and help the vocalist to correct it with the right one. Amazing!

Even before Millie really knew Jesus as her Savior and Friend, she loved to play music and sing about him. Millie’s father was a street preacher, and Millie was his pianist at eight or nine years old. People would gather around her, fascinated as they watched her play the pump organ. People were even more intrigued with this precocious musician playing with white furry-topped gloves on Baltimore’s wintry street corner.

To no one’s surprise, Millie later graduated from the Peabody Conservatory with a bachelor’s degree in music. Also, to no one’s surprise, Millie taught music to school children and was moved from school to school in the Baltimore area wherever her talents were most needed. In the process, her beauty and gifts caught the attention of another teacher. Earl Myers managed to make a musical duet permanent at the altar.

Millie’s gifts in voice, piano, and teaching have been sweetly echoed in her life and in her passion to share Jesus with others. Her school principal came to embrace the grace of God because Millie shared Jesus with him. A musically talented girl came to embrace the grace of God because Millie shared Jesus with her. A musically talented boy came to embrace the grace of God because Millie shared Jesus with him. He is now a pastor sharing Jesus with others.

Millie and George Trout, a gifted tenor, went on tour leading their audiences in worship with touching favorite hymns like *Face to Face*, *His Eye is on the Sparrow*, and *He Touched Me*. There are two CDs of her music. One features Millie’s offertories, and the other features Millie and George.

God’s Musical Gift to Millie plays like this... Jesus’ love fills Millie’s heart, tip-toes to her ear drums, dances on her brain cells, strums her vocal strings, bounces on her finger tips, tickles the ivories on the keyboard, harmonizes with her vibrato, then stimulates our hearts to worship Jesus!

Thank You, God!

Thank you, Millie!

We love you!





*Our Family Ministry events take place once a month.
Take note of the schedule below and save the dates in your family's calendar.
We'd love to see you there!*

17 April 9AM—11:30AM **FAMILY FIELD DAY @**
LAKE PARK, LUTZ
15 May 9AM—11AM **BEACH DAY @**
PASS-A-GRILLE BEACH

Family Field Day
 Saturday, 17 April 2021
 LAKE PARK, LUTZ
 9:00AM - 11:30AM

Bring your own picnic!
 (There are also canoes to hire, lakes for fishing)



Dear TBPC family

At the end of March we held our annual Easter Centers for our NTCA students. This year we created a much smaller version of this event and decorated the Youth room. Thank you to Eileen and Deborah for all their help to get the room setup.

Please pray that the interactive storytelling will have planted seeds in their little hearts. Pray also for their parents who will be receiving a copy of the book, "A Case for Easter," by Lee Strobel. May God open their hearts to the truths of the gospel.

We just want to thank everyone for their financial contributions at the end of 2020, which raised \$15,000 for the school, as well as the giving during February toward our scholarship fund, which raised \$1,825. We are truly blessed by your generosity, and very thankful that this important ministry will continue into the new school year, and God willing, into the future too.

Yours sincerely
Ashleigh Kemp,
Director



TBPC KIDS

COVID-19 update

As a Children's Ministry, we are continuing to review and enhance the precautions we take against COVID-19. We have implemented a new check-in system. All children participating in Children's Church will be checked in at the welcome desk on arrival and their temperatures will be taken. Face masks are still encouraged. We have moved the venue of Children's Church to the overflow room (double classroom), so that we can put more space between the children. Similar measures will also be taken for Sunday School. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Ashleigh Kemp, at kempash@gmail.com.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School classes for children aged 3 - 5th grade run alongside the Adult Bible Fellowship classes

from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Our curriculum is:



<https://www.gcp.org/Distinctives.aspx>

Children's Church

Every Sunday during the Worship Service.

Serving children aged 3 - 5th Grade.

Children start in the service and exit after our Old Testament reading (at the start of the next song). Our curriculum is:



www.mustard-seeds.net

About Being a Boy or a Girl

Discussing Gender and Marriage
with Little Ones in Light of God's Word



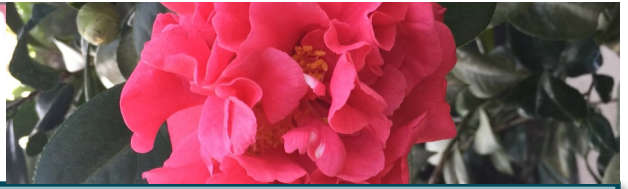
by Lisa Updike / Illustrated by T.C. Lookabill

Book Corner

In her inviting and understandable way, master storyteller Lisa Updike discusses God's good plan for making boys and girls different for God's glory. Using scripture passages throughout, she explains to young children that when people think they know better than God and want to do only what feels good to them, it is sin, and sin is sad. In the final pages, she presents the hope of the gospel and the help God offers through Christ to live for his glory.

Available at: www.pcabookstore.com

TBPRES WOMEN



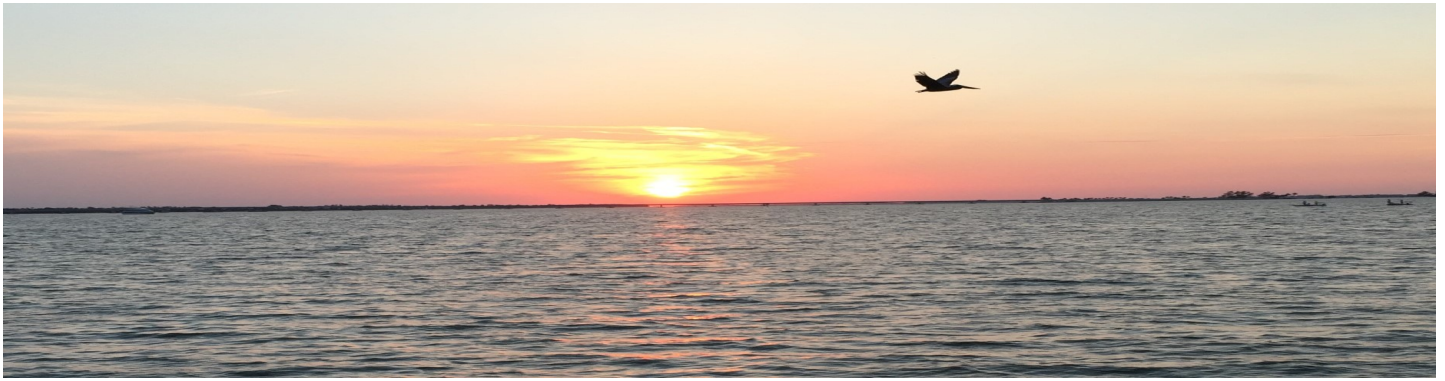
By Suzanne Swenson

Women's Ministry is busy planning the events for the remainder of the year. This includes baby or wedding showers, diaper drive collection, sister-to-sister gatherings, and our women's brunch which is scheduled for the first part of December. This ministry is open to the women of the church. If you would like to become involved, please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Swenson (suzswenson@verizon.net). There are some committee chairman vacancies. We will schedule a zoom WM meeting in the next couple of weeks. Please join us.

In previous Trumpet articles, I mentioned the vast number of resources available through the PCA, but I never selected a subject or a particular book to focus on. The topic for today is aging. I just started reading [*Aging with Grace, Flourishing in An Anti-Aging Culture*](#) written by Sharon W. Betters and Susan Hunt—who are both spiritual mothers in the PCA Women's Ministry. This book caught my eye and I want to share a couple of thoughts and to recommend it to all who are trying to answer the question, “When do you start to finish? Today is the day!”

Susan Hunt tells us that secular psychiatrist Carl Jung first coined the phrase “the afternoon of life” and defined it as fifty-six to eighty-three years of age. Wholly unprepared, we embark upon the second half of life. Or are there perhaps colleges for forty-year-old individuals that prepare us for our coming life and its demands as the ordinary colleges introduce our young people to the knowledge of the world?

On a personal note, I faced these questions when I retired from my career. What was next? Now what? Was it time to pull out the faithful bucket list? Before my mother went to be with the Lord she would often ask me, “What am I supposed to do?” I wish I had had this book to share with her. The authors asked the Lord to teach them how to glorify him as ladies became older. The authors write that the Bible gives us not only the promise of bearing fruit in old age, but it also gives us a road map to grow and flourish in this grace. They also question what if aging through challenges is not a season of purpose but rather an opportunity to discover our true identity in a way that we could not in the first half of our lives. For those of us already in the afternoon of life—perhaps ill-prepared, feeling worthless, and rudderless—we want them to know it is not too late to experience God's grace and, through his work, make an eternal impact in this season of life.



EMPTY NESTERS

Hello from the Empty Nester's group!

We started back a little slow but now we are back in full force!

For those who don't know who we are, we are a group from the Church that does not have children living at home. So we all periodically go out to lunch together after church. It is usually on the third Sunday of the month to different restaurants in the area. We enjoy the company and fellowship with each other.

Also, we are still trying to think of a new name for the group? Email or text me with any ideas before the April lunch.

Hope to see all there and we welcome new comers!

Blessings,
Alisa Carrier
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Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church needs your help!

Membership Vow #4:

“Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?”

In practice, this means:

“I promise to be a faithful member of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, supporting it through prayer, Bible study, regular attendance upon worship, **unselfish Christian service**, and stewardship of my life and possessions”

God has provided us all with a spiritual gift, let us help you find yours.

Some ministries that need help now:

Work from Home!

– AV team needs someone familiar with PowerPoint to learn how to create our weekly slides. We use a program called Proclaim which is similar to PowerPoint. Since we have been using Proclaim for a few years, songs and other slides will already exist, so it is just a matter of pulling them in.

No experience is necessary, but you do need a Window 10 computer or Mac with latest OS.

This position would require approx. 20 minutes per week. Training will be provided.

– Assistant Webmaster needed for new TBPC website going live in January. We have simplified our website, making it easier to update and manage. The website is complete, but we are looking for someone to help maintain it. This would involve weekly/monthly document uploads and new or updated pages as needed. No experience necessary.

The position would require approx. 20 minutes per week. Training will be provided.

Help Needed on Sundays!

– **AV TEAM** needs soundboard operators and someone to run the Worship Service slides one Sunday per Month. No experience needed we will train you. If you can run PowerPoint slides, you can run the Sunday Service slides!

– **Nursery attendants** needed one Sunday per month. Childcare training will be provided if not already completed.

– **Hospitality Coordinator** needed. This is a leadership position. The coordinator has general oversight of all hospitality events and oversees kitchen management: supplies, organization, equipment, laundry, frozen food storage, and writing kitchen procedures as needed. The coordinator also recruits and schedules the refreshment team for after-church fellowship.

– **Hospitality Refreshment Team Members** needed one Sunday per month. Several areas of need are involved in this position: 1. Responsibility for preparing coffee at 10:00 a.m. for after church fellowship. 2. Serving coffee during the after church fellowship and clean up afterwards. Both positions would involve only one Sunday per month.

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April Birthdays

Sharon Cunningham	April 01
Mia Jeffries	April 01
Meghan Newman	April 03
Florence MacLeod	April 04
Waldo Kemp	April 10
Ashley Powe	April 11
Janice Thompson	April 11
Christine Probes	April 16
Robert Almonte	April 17
Jack McNulty	April 17
Richard Thompson	April 18
Marsha Otto	April 27
Tom Yu	April 27

April Anniversaries

Bayley, Todd & Melissa	April 14, 1990	31 Years
Knecht, Jason & Coleen	April 18, 1998	23 Years
Turpen, James & Cathy	April 22, 2004	17 Years



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