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From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Summer 2021

When you receive this newsletter, we will be at the traditional start of summer. School will be done. COVID will be declining. Summer vacations are on the horizon. So, with that in mind, let me mention a few things to think about and pray about.

First, we plan to have Vacation Bible School June 22-24, 2021. This is a three-day event rather than the usual five-day event. We think that will be a good way to get back into the groove of having a VBS. If you are able to volunteer (in any capacity), please let Ashleigh Kemp know as soon as possible. And pray that the Lord will bless the ministry to each child who participates in this year's VBS.

Second, as we have done in previous years, there will be no Sunday school or Adult Bible Fellowships on Sunday mornings in the summer. We plan to resume Sunday school and ABF on Sunday, September 5, 2021. We take this time off so that our teachers can get a break and rest.

Third, the Session has approved resuming normal worship services on Sunday, June 6, 2021. That means that there will be regular seating in the sanctuary. We will also pass the offering plates and communion plates. We will, however, still have a section (at the kitchen overflow) for those who would prefer to be in a "masks only" section.

Fourth, the Session has also approved extending a call to Rev. Scott Simmons to serve as a part-time Assistant Pastor. Scott retired last June from his previous church and moved into our area. They have just purchased and moved into a home in our community and Scott indicated that he and his wife Valerie would like to get involved in the life of our church. We are thrilled to have them! Scott will assist with preaching and teaching. He will also be active in other areas of the church family ministry.

Fifth, the Session would like you to pray about what we consider to be our biggest need at the church. Our biggest need is to find someone to work with our youth and their families. Over the years, we have noticed many families (including during this past year of COVID) leave the church once their children reach youth group age. Pray that the Lord will provide finances and the right person to work with our youth and their families.

And finally, may the Lord richly bless your summer 2021!

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William “Bill” Orlo Neal

June 19, 1941 – May 8, 2021

The words Bill spoke in his final days are challenging and comforting to those of us who are left behind, “Where are we with our prayers?” So Bill and Sandy and Ingrid prayed together. At another time, “I’m not sure what’s going on around me, but I know where I’m going.” And, “I love Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart.”

Bill trusted Christ to be his Savior, and was known to read his Bible each day. He was active here at Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, serving as the Treasurer as well as a Deacon for many years. We will remember how wonderfully well he took of Sandy, his beloved wife for many delightful decades of marriage. (We’re still guessing who made sure their outfits were color-coordinated every day . . .)

William “Bill” Orlo Neal, 79, of Tampa, Florida passed away on May 8, 2021 after a brief illness. He was surrounded by the love of his family and strengthened by his faith in the Lord. Bill was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 19, 1941. He served in the United States Air Force where he found a lifelong passion for weather when he was assigned to the Weather Detachment in Alaska. After his service in the military, he went on to have a successful career as a sales executive in the food service industry and later returned to the Air Force in Civil Service at Altus and MacDill Air Force bases.

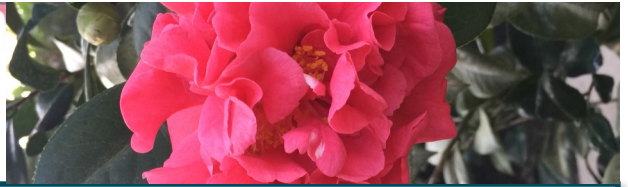
While working in Civil Service, Bill and Sandy had the great opportunity to travel the world. From 2007 to 2011, they lived overseas in Turkey and England. They traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East. After he retired in 2014, they continued to travel the world. Bill spent his retirement years perfecting his golf game at the Pebble Creek Golf Club where he made many friends and even had the distinction of making two holes in one.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Ned and Faith, his younger brother Bobby, and his son Brian. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, his brother Doug, and his children: Jennifer Randazzo (Richard), Victoria Cassara (Dan), Aaron Neal, Ingrid Deutsch (Jeff), and Eric Neal. He was blessed with seven grandchildren: Elizabeth, Jason, Max, Eric, Gregory, Hunter, and Skylar.



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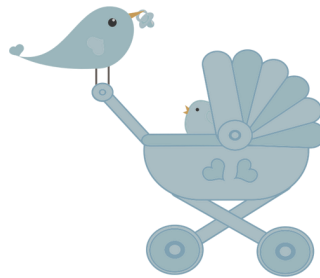


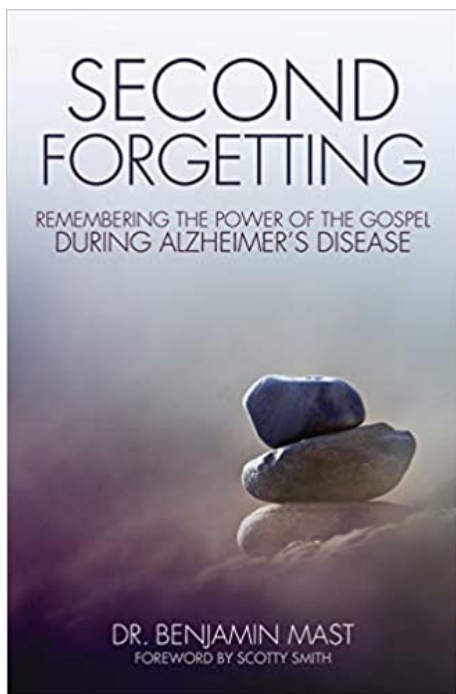
By Suzanne Swenson

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Women's Ministry Diaper Drive for the Oasis Pregnancy Centers and to the coordinator for the drive, Karen Cross.

Karen reported that a total of 1,579 diapers and 38 packages of wipes were donated by the TBPC congregation. The diapers included 213 newborn, 260 size 1, 148 size 2, 196 size 3, 356 size 4, 354 size, and 52 size 6. Karen estimated that each diaper cost \$.20 which makes a total cost of \$316 for the diapers. Using an average price of \$14 per package of 504 wipes adds up to \$532. Together the grand total is \$848 for all products contributed.

Thank you everyone for your generosity!!





Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Clydia Craig

My dear husband died of Alzheimer's in 2014 after 14 years of suffering. He loved the Lord and at times he was comforted.

The Alzheimer's/Dementia road is not an easy journey for the patient or the family and friends. Many times you feel that you are totally alone—and it is discouraging and overwhelming.

There is a book I found that is very helpful: *The Second Forgetting*, by Dr Benjamin Mast. It is available through Amazon, Zondervan, Barnes and Nobles, and Christianbook.com. There is a discussion by Dr. Mast on YouTube if you want to learn more.

Please join me in a support group on Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss this book and share our caregivers' sorrows as well as joys. The agenda is to read a chapter in the book each week and then discuss the several questions at the end of the chapter as well as have a general time of discussion and prayer .

The target date to begin is June 15, 2021. For more information, please call or email me at 813-335-6320 or Clydia.craig2019@gmail.com. If you need help with Zoom, please let me know and we can arrange someone to come and help with that.

I am looking forward to coming together to encourage and build up one another in our faith. God bless you.

Join Women's Bible Study for the Summer



Gentle & Lowly

The Heart of Jesus
for Sinners and Sufferers

In this Bible study, our distorted picture of Christ's heart for us is gradually replaced with a truer and clearer biblical picture of his gentle and lowly heart, without overlooking his glory, holiness, and power.

Features

- Meet via Zoom
- Free weekly study guides
- Small prayer groups
- Flexible schedule and stand-alone lessons

Sign up today!

Write "WBS Mon" or "WBS Tues" on a Welcome card in the Sanctuary OR call/text Debbie Jordan at (813) 368-7513 or Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457.

Acquiring your book:

- We have a few books available for \$11. See Debbie Jordan in the Narthex after Worship or call/text her at (813) 368-7513.
- Or order online from ChristianBook.com:
 - \$11.49 Hardcover (Retail \$19.99)
 - \$9.99 eBook (Retail \$19.99)

tinyurl.com/buy-gentle

Summer Schedule

Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday mornings 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jun 7 & 8	Chapter 10
Jun 14 & 15	Chapter 11
Jun 28 & 29	Chapter 12
Jul 12 & 13	Chapter 13
Jul 19 & 20	Chapter 14
Jul 26 & 27	Chapter 15
Aug 2 & 3	Chapter 16
Aug 9 & 10	Chapter 17
Aug 16 & 17	Chapter 18
Aug 23 & 24	Chapter 19
Aug 30 & 31	Chapter 20

PSA (Public Service Announcement) on home safety while traveling in an RV

Melissa Noel



May 20

As you can see from the subject line, today is a short PSA (Public Service Announcement) on home safety while traveling in an RV. After all, this is essentially our home while on the road and one thing George and I (Riley doesn't care like she should) insist on is safety.

Episode 1: Cooking the chicken

In an effort to stay away from fast food (see, another wise and prudent behavior while traveling) I decided to sauté chicken for dinner. The window over the gas cook top was open, as was the side door. Even its screen was partially open. I commenced the cooking. As soon as the stage in the process that involves a bit of smoke from the little crispy bits that collect on the bottom of the frying pan began, sheer pandemonium broke loose. Our new fire alarm, poised just above the cook top flew into an absolute rage. It began to emit piercing, pulsing screams that could only be appropriate to the presence of a three-alarm fire.

If I was to avoid a nasty ear-bleed from a punctured ear drum and the embarrassment of multiple fire trucks showing up, I had to take immediate action. My first impulse was to shove the frying pan, chicken and all, through the screen over the cook top and crawl out after it. Upon further consideration, I decided that would be the waste of a perfectly good (and almost perfectly cooked) chicken thigh. Not to mention the damage to the screen. Next best solution was to step to the door and hold the pan, with chicken (almost cooked to a turn), out of the portion of open screen. This is what I did, and yet the alarm persisted. It was continuing to respond to the smoke particles were still wafting around inside the RV. Further steps were required. So, while continuing to hold the pan outside, I leaned back toward the obnoxious noise and began to blow on it like it was the cake for my hundredth birthday. Thankfully, before I passed out from hyper-ventilating, the hardy little sentinel standing guard over our well-being finally stopped blaring.

I was caught totally off-guard by this event. I know we had a fire alarm last year and I also cooked quite a bit. We never had this kind of mayhem. However, upon further contemplation I realized that last year's little sentinel was stashed in the bottom drawer along with the silverware because it didn't have the correct dew-dad required to mount it to the wall. I didn't see a problem with that. If Gulliver caught fire in the night, surely the fire would be sufficient to heat up the alarm before burning us alive and all would be well. This year George upgraded to a new alarm that could be mounted to the wall. And now recalling that smoke does indeed rise, I realize that he put it just where smoke would seek it out.

Now, here is the PSA: These little devices are NOT “fire” alarms, as I have mistakenly called them in the past. They are “smoke” alarms. Also, there is not nearly the same margin of error in a class B RV as there is in a house. Less room for the smoke to dissipate means a MUCH lower tolerance and threshold to cause the alarm to become alarmed. Lastly, from now on, if I am going to sauté anything, I will do it with the little electric clamp-to-the-counter fan on and blowing any errant smoke out the window and away from the little over-reactive sentinel who stands guard over my head.

With any luck at all, there will not be an episode 2. However, you know that if there is, you will read about it.

Gulliver's Travelers





Dear TBPC family

The 2020/21 academic year at NTCA concluded in May. What a year! We are so thankful and give praise to God for his protection over the school, the students, their families and the staff. Thank you for all your prayers, your words of encouragement, and your monetary contributions. I have definitely felt “carried in prayer” throughout this difficult year.

Our enrollment for the next academic year, 2021/22, is looking very strong. We will have 4 classes (46 students), and 3 of our classes are already full. We only have space for 5 more Pre-K 2 students. We do have vacancies on our staff. We are looking for 2 teachers and 2 assistants. Please pray that God will lead the right people to join our ministry team. We also want to congratulate Ms. Suly who has been promoted to Assistant Director and who will take on more responsibilities to lighten my load.



We are looking forward to a more “normal” 2021/22. It will also be the first time since 2016 that the same director has directed consecutive years. Hopefully that will also make this next year a bit easier! :)

Yours sincerely,
Ashleigh Kemp
Director

*“Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I may walk
in your truth; unite my
heart to fear your name.”*

Psalms 86:11





Olympion

VBS 2021

June 22—24, 2021

9AM—12PM

(Drop-off from 8:45 a.m.)

At Olympion you will meet Joshua, the great Bible Champion, and be challenged to put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who died on a cross to pay for our sins and qualify us to be permanent members of God's Team.

Join God's Team and train to run the life-long Christian Marathon, which has a heavenly prize waiting for you that is more awesome than all the Olympic "gold" in the world!

VBS is for children ages 4 years old (by June) through 5th Grade (completed).

Registration: <https://tampabaypresbyterian.org/vbs>

Adults, Youth – if you would like to volunteer and be part of this exciting ministry week, then please contact Ashleigh Kemp at kempash@gmail.com.



ESL

English as a Second Language (ESL) Update

Karen Cross, Coordinator

We finished our 2020-2021 ESL Year on May 28. We ended the year with 36 students and 11 Beginner students on a waiting list for next year.

Our classes are only 90 minutes long, one day per week. All of the lessons that the students use are in the books; the teachers and students follow the same books together. We have a few volunteers that create some conversation interaction exercises; such as, opening questions, skits, flash cards, idioms, conversation starters, etc. All of this material is available to be shared among the teachers. There will always be enough existing material so that new teachers who join ESL will not have to generate any lesson plans on their own.

Each class uses the same Bible Study each week. The Bible Study consists of Scripture, vocabulary, a devotion, a hymn or praise song, and prayer. All of the material for the Bible Study is provided to the teachers and students each week. We follow the same patterns in our Bible Study that we follow in learning English: Reading, Reading Comprehension, Audio Listening, Audio Comprehension, and Vocabulary.

Next year we are planning to have some Saturday potluck luncheons for the ESL students from all classes to meet together and share a meal and get to know students and teachers from other classes. The students that take the evening classes on Zoom will be able to see each other and their teachers while meeting in person for these luncheons.

We are currently working on recruiting new volunteers to help us with our classes for the 2021-2022 Year. We will be having both in person classes at the Church while continuing to have some evening online classes on Zoom for those students and volunteers that work during the day.

Please continue to pray about joining our team! With God working through us, our ESL mission was able to grow tremendously this last year and we were able to share our faith and love for Jesus with our students on a weekly basis! We can only continue to grow if we have enough volunteers to keep our classes small and well staffed.

Please call or email Karen Cross if you have any questions about how you can join us next year! Karen's phone number is 813-714-9921, and her email address is: karencross38@hotmail.com

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.

– **For Inquiries and Additional Information: contact Leeann Destefano (813)991-8385 or desleea@tampabaypresbyterian.org**

June Birthdays

Sandy Neal	June 11
Kim Sesia	June 13
Joanne Carter	June 14
Ed Jordan	June 19
Ted Jeffries	June 20
Rod Proctor	June 20
Carey Springer	June 27
Fred Cunningham	June 29
Martine Extermann	June 29
Clydia Craig	June 30

June Anniversaries

McNulty, John & Melissa	June 02, 2012	9 Years
Cunningham, Fred & Diane	June 03, 1978	43 Years
Adawonu, Nathaniel & Cherita	June 13, 1999	22 Years
Barber, Bert & Cheryl	June 14, 1980	41 Years
Beck, Norman & Julie	June 14, 2014	7 Years
Morrison, Bob & Nancy	June 14, 1980	41 Years
Cross, David & Karen	June 15, 1985	36 Years
Barber, James & Jena	June 16, 2007	14 Years
Highfill, Ryan & Laura	June 16, 2012	9 Years
Otero, Andrew & Jill	June 23, 2007	14 Years
Weir, Judy	June 23, 1979	42 Years
Jordan, Ed & Debbie	June 24, 1984	37 Years



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Please forward articles, pictures, ministry reports, and calendar items for the next edition of the *Trumpet* to andreaproctor@tcforce.com by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

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