



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Recreation

In mid-March 2020, everything in the USA shut down for the COVID-19 pandemic. We had hoped that if we all stayed home for a few weeks, things would soon return to normal. Well, we know that did not happen!

Now, almost sixteen months later, we are seeing fewer new cases of COVID-19 and we hope that things are settling into a new normal.

Last summer, I had to go to Atlanta to serve on a committee for the General Assembly of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America. Our committee met for two five-hour Zoom sessions over two days. At the end of each day, I had a headache and felt wiped out. I knew that I was already Zoom-fatigued and exhausted from navigating ministry in the middle of a COVID pandemic.

After my two days in Atlanta, Eileen and I drove on to Pennsylvania to visit her family. Pennsylvania was still in a rather strict lockdown and all I could do was sit and watch the corn grow in the field across the street from my niece's house. We did get to visit with family but a lot of our time in Pennsylvania was spent resting and relaxing.

It turns out that time away was wonderfully restorative. I came back to Tampa very much refreshed and I have not felt the same fatigue and exhaustion as I did before our trip to Atlanta. About a month ago, I was in Atlanta again for the same committee meeting. This time we had four days of Zoom meetings and these Zoom meetings were scheduled to be nine hours long each day! I was very apprehensive about how well I would handle it this year but, thankfully, I did fine.

So, what made the difference? I think that rest and recreation made the difference. The *Concise Oxford English Dictionary* defines recreation as “enjoyable leisure activity.” The *Lexham Cultural Ontology Glossary* takes it further and defines recreation as “typically enjoyable activities that people participate in after necessary tasks of daily life are completed.” God created people to live with a rhythm of work and rest/recreation. We work for six days and rest on the seventh. After an extended time of work, it is wise to have an extended time of rest and recreation.

Especially after this past year of COVID-19, let me encourage you to take time this summer for recreation. You will be glad you did!

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Men's Ministry

Men's 8th Annual Summer Golf Tournament

On June 19, 2021, the Men's Ministry held its eighth annual Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church Golf Tournament at Plantation Palms Golf Course in Land O' Lakes. Those present were Todd Bayley, Pastor Freddy Fritz, Pastor Scott Simmons, David Cross, Brian Carrier, and Todd Carrier (son of Brian Carrier).

It was a very warm day, as we had played later in the season than we normally do, with the temperature near 90 degrees. We managed to have two teams; it was a 3-man scramble. Team # 1 included Todd Bayley, David Cross, and Pastor Scott Simmons. Team # 2 included Pastor Freddy Fritz, Brian Carrier, and Todd Carrier.

The teams fought for first place prize but Team # 1 came up victorious shooting a very respectable 74, only two shots above par. Team # 2 had a score of 81 and had some difficulty on the first nine holes but shot only two over on the second nine holes. It was a day of great fellowship for the men. They have asked for another golf outing in the fall; we may have open golfing throughout the year each month. We will be providing information in the Sunday bulletin so please keep looking for details.

We also had individual winners for longest drive and closest to the pin. The first hole on the front nine was # 4 closest to the pin and it was won by Brian Carrier. The second hole was # 11 longest drive hole and it was won by Brian Carrier, but since the rule is that you can only win one prize per tournament, the prize will go to the second-place person. Todd Carrier had the second longest drive so he received the prize for this hole.

The Men's Ministry would like to thank all the golfers who participated to make this a very successful event. The Men's Ministry continues to offer these events to bring Christian men together for a time of fun and fellowship.

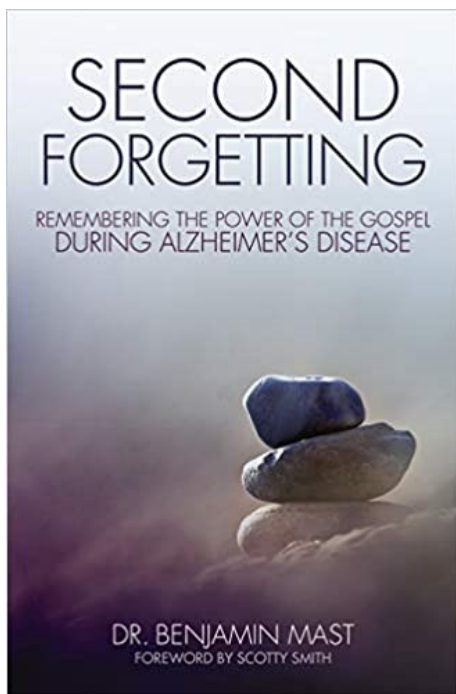
The Men's Ministry would also like to invite any men to the Men's Bible Study, which is the core of the Men's Ministry. We hope that more men can make it to the study—we meet at the church every Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m. It is led by our own Dr. Jeff Beams. We are studying the book of Proverbs using a study guide written by Dr. Jack B. Scott.

Thank you again for the support of the Men's Ministry and Men's Bible Study.

Grace and Peace,

Brian S. Carrier
Men's Ministry Leader





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
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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.

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- 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



Dear TBPC Family,

For the first time in a very long time, our school Board approved a series of summer camp weeks held by our preschool during the month of June. These camps were limited to one class of 18 students and followed a typical preschool day; although they did incorporate some extra summer activities. The group that attended last week also took part in the church's VBS event. These summer camps have been a great success. It has provided these children with constructive activities during the very long summer break and allowed us extra time to share God's Word with them and point them to Christ.

The camps conclude on Friday, July 2. We wish all our staff a restful break over July. They will restart on Wednesday, August 4, for the new school year.

Our enrollment for 2021/22 is almost complete. I am just finalizing the last vacancies with parents and hope to have all classes finalized by the middle of July. We are also in the midst of finalizing contracts with new staff members who are joining our team. I will provide an update on our new teachers in a future Trumpet edition. We praise God for his continued guidance and provision for our preschool.

Yours sincerely
Ashleigh Kemp,
Director



Introducing Ms. Suly

I am thrilled that Ms. Suly has been promoted to Assistant Director of NTCA and will be taking on responsibilities in the school office to enable me to spend more time on TBPC's Children and Family Ministries. Ms. Suly will also continue to teach one of the classrooms.

Ms. Suly has a Bachelor of Science in Childhood Education and spent four years teaching Kindergarten, and two years as a Grade 1 learning specialist. Ms. Suly has been with NTCA for two years and has made a valuable contribution to our ministry.

Please join me in congratulating her on this appointment, and also pray for her as she takes on these additional responsibilities.



Thank you to everyone that assisted and participated in our VBS last week. I am deeply grateful for everyone's contribution that made this event possible. I hope you all had lots of fun. I think the kids sure did! Please pray that many seeds have been planted in their hearts, and that each child that participated will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.





ESL

English as a Second Language (ESL) Update

Karen Cross, Coordinator

The ESL Program is on summer vacation until August 25.

We have some wonderful news to share! We had three students pass their Citizenship Exam and Interview, and they will be sworn in as United States Citizens! Two of the students are in the Advanced Class, Eduardo and Thereza Carvallo. One student is in a Beginner Class, Martha Lopez. We prayed for and with them while they were preparing for their exams. We offer praise to God for their tremendous accomplishment! We also thank all the volunteers that helped them prepare.

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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July Birthdays

Andrew Otero	July 03
Carla Stevens	July 03
Earl Myers	July 14
Barbara Hess	July 16
Debbie Jordan	July 17
Eileen Fritz	July 21
Kristine Wyss	July 21
Gertrude Hunter	July 22
Pat Smith	July 23
Joan Kosanovich	July 29

July Anniversaries

Wu, Peter & Ling	July 02, 1977	44 Years
Otto, John & Marsha	July 05, 1969	52 Years
Lear, Phil & Chris	July 12, 1969	52 Years
Mojica, Rosa	July 14, 1990	31 Years
Palacio, Rene & Lilli	July 18, 1975	46 Years
Myers, Earl & Millie	July 21, 1962	59 Years
Sauls, Toney & Anna	July 21, 2001	20 Years
Hunter, Roy & Gertrude	July 23, 1966	55 Years
Vincent, Nathaniel & Abigail	July 24, 2020	1 Years
Carrier, Brian & Alisa	July 25, 1987	34 Years
McNulty, Jack & Joyce	July 29, 1969	52 Years



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