



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Starting the 2021-2022 Ministry Year

Our 2021-2022 ministry begins on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

This past spring, when I looked forward to the start of the ministry year, I expected that the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic would be well behind us. We know that is not the case, as Covid cases are very much still with us. Nevertheless, we are still hopeful that Covid will not be with us for much longer.

We plan to start Sunday school classes, including Adult Bible Fellowships, for all ages on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. Our in-person morning worship services will continue on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. The Session has decided to wait until later in the Fall, or possibly at the start of 2022, to begin our evening worship services on the second Sunday of each month.

New Tampa Christian Academy (NTCA) has already started classes for the new academic year. NTCA is offering classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old students. Ashleigh Kemp is the NTCA Director, and she has done a fabulous job in preparing for the new school year, given all the Covid-19 concerns.

The Men's Bible Study will resume meeting on Saturday, September 11 at 7:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Led by Jeff Beams, the men are starting a new study in the book of Acts. After spending time in God's word, all the men are invited to continue fellowship over breakfast at a local restaurant.

I plan to begin a Men's Discipleship Group that will meet at the same time as the Men's Bible Study on Saturday mornings. We will meet in my study at the church. We will be using the book *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by Kent Hughes. The Men's Discipleship Group will begin meeting on September 25 at 7:45 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study will begin meeting on September 13 and 14. There will once again be an evening and morning Women's Bible Study. The Monday evening Women's Bible Study will meet via Zoom, and the Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will meet in-person in the Youth Room. The women will study Philippians. Debbie Jordan and Eileen Fritz are leaders for the Women's Bible Study.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes started on August 25. There are five different classes scattered throughout the week. This ministry really took off during the Covid pandemic, and it could be even larger if we have enough teachers and helpers.

As we begin this very different ministry year, let me encourage you to get involved in a ministry at the church. The Bible teaches that every Christian is part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). There are many opportunities to serve—even during Covid-19—in our church family. All ministries are looking for team members. Contact a ministry team member to volunteer your time and talent!

Covid-19 will become a virus of the past. (I pray that it will be soon!) Pray that the Lord will glorify himself in our service to him this coming year. Pray that the church of Jesus Christ will be strengthened and grow in health. And pray that those outside the church family may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, so that we may all grow to maturity in Christ.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Freddy".

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Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Unity and Diversity in One Body

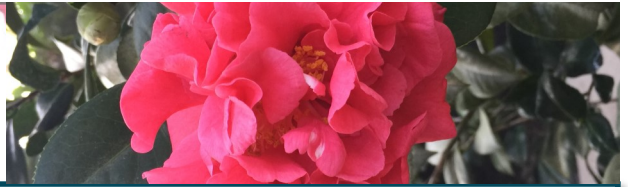
¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

²⁰ But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:1-31).

TBPRES WOMEN



By Suzanne Swenson

Zoom meeting notice

There will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to discuss the upcoming Sister-to-Sister event to be held on September 25, 2021 and to begin planning our Christmas brunch which will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021. All ladies are invited to join in. See you then.

Sister-to-Sister

Andrea L. Proctor and Clydia Crabtree Craig

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(1 Corinthians 12:7 NKJV).

“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the Church . . .”
(1 Corinthians 12:27-28 NKJV).

All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the next Sister-to-Sister get-together. We will take a look at 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 (see page 4 in the Trumpet). This chapter teaches us about the various gifts that are given to believers through the Spirit for the building of the Church. Please bring your Bibles.

Also, please write down a prayer request and/or a praise report on a small piece of paper (it may be anonymous if you wish). We will be placing these in a bowl at the foot of the cross. One by one, those who wish to will pick up one or more of the prayers and begin to pray aloud.

Our prayer is that Sister-to-Sister will become one of the places where women can gather together and truly build each other up in a significant way to the glory of God.

When: Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: TBPC sanctuary.

A light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by September 17 to Andrea Proctor at andreaproctor@tcforce.com or by phone at 727-453-1510.

Worshipping with Calvin – Preface

By Ed Jordan

“Church is no longer a serious place,” writes Terry L. Johnson in the Preface to his 2013 book *Worshipping with Calvin*. Johnson is a PCA minister who pastors at Independent Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC.

What is the church missing (in general, in the U.S.) that has caused it to lose its seriousness, according to Johnson? It is missing many of the practices that John Calvin and other Reformed Protestants revived four hundred and fifty years ago, including “*lectio continua* reading of Scripture” (reading Bible books in sequence over a period of time, in worship); “the singing of psalms”; “scriptural language in the prayers of the church”; and “the covenantal understanding of the sacraments.”

Johnson terms this serious type of worship “the historic ministry and worship of Reformed Protestantism.” Calvin’s form of worship belonged not just to the Reformed but had a “decisive influence on the broader Reformed tradition, including the Congregationalist, Baptist, Episcopal, and free church traditions.” Even “low-church Protestantism (including all the Methodist churches!) maintained its commitment to the outlines of Genevan worship until swamped by revivalism in the late nineteenth century and the contemporary worship movement in the late twentieth.”

We commonly think of Calvinism as a set of theological reforms; Johnson wants us to understand that it is also a set of liturgical reforms. “Calvin would not have approved of the separation of theology from worship,” he writes. Reformed theology shapes Reformed worship, and in turn theology is nurtured by worship.

Obviously, Johnson’s ideas have already influenced some aspects of worship at Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church. I hope to write a few other articles as I work through *Worshipping with Calvin*: let’s try to better understand together why we worship as we do and how we might all grow in our theology, worship, and piety.



We have planned several family activities for the whole family this school year. These are great opportunities for fun and fellowship. Please diarize these dates!



25 SEP
4PM – 7PM

KICKBALL & PIZZA NIGHT

13 NOV

4PM – 7PM

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS BOX
& BOARD GAMES**



19 DEC

5PM – 8PM

**CHRISTMAS CANAPÉS
& CAROLING**



29 JAN

6PM – 8:30PM

S'MORES & MOVIE NIGHT



4 – 6 MAR

FAMILY CAMP



23 APR

9AM – 12PM

FAMILY HIKE & FIELD DAY



TBPC KIDS

Dear Parents

I hope this new school year has started off well for you and your family. As our schedules start filling up with homework, sports activities and the many other commitments, I pray that we also prioritize time in God's Word as families. We are role models for our children, and they need to see us setting time aside to meditate on his word. Proverbs 4:20-22 reads:

"My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh."

I hope to start regular mailers in due course with family resources, a new book library, and other updates. If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact me at kempash@gmail.com.

Ashleigh Kemp

Children's Ministry Leader

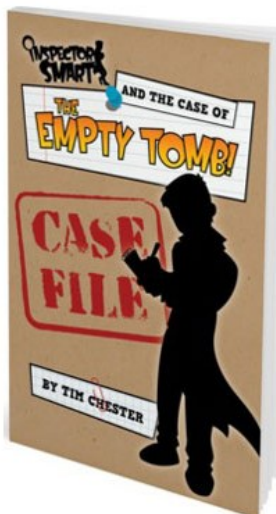
"Show Me Jesus!"
Small Groups for Kids begin
Sunday, September 5
at 9:15 AM



BOOK CORNER

Inspector Smart and the Case of the Empty Tomb

by Tim Chester



Join Inspector Smart as he investigates the most mysterious mystery he has ever encountered. Help him find out who Jesus is, why he died and whether there is any truth in the story that he came back from the dead. Are you prepared to follow the evidence wherever it leads? An easy read for young readers who have started chapter books, and a quick read for the more experienced readers.



Dear TBPC family

Our 2021-22 school year started on 18 August. Unfortunately it was a bumpy start as we were hit with COVID, which put a couple of us in quarantine. Thankfully it was largely in the planning weeks before the school opened, but it did delay the start of school by a day. Separately, a case originating from a student has already put one of our classes in quarantine, while another family whose child had not yet started have also reported a case.

Please pray for us as we try navigate this current COVID spike in our community. It has already caused a couple of families to withdraw, and is placing a lot of additional work and stress on us as a staff. I just want to thank Melissa Bayley for all her assistance in my absence over the past week. But we are also very thankful for the wonderful couple of days of school we have managed to enjoy. Here are some cute snapshots from the opening two weeks. Our students are so precious and we have enjoyed getting to know each one of them.

We praise God for the provision of all the new and returning teachers this year, and pray that he will guide us in everything we do so that we may be shining lights and point our students and families to Christ!

Yours sincerely

Ashleigh Kemp,

Director





Discover JOY!

From Paul in Prison
to our Hearts under Stress.
A Study in His
Letter to the Philippians

TWO IDENTICAL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING...

Monday evening, September 13, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Via Zoom. Links provided by email.

Tuesday morning, September 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

In-person at the church, with Zoom access available.

FEATURING...

Philippians, a study guide by Ryan Kelly from the "Knowing the Bible" series.

A 12-week study, with a break for the holidays.

No strict commitment. Join us whenever you can!

Nursery provided gratis by advance request for Tuesday mornings.

We hope you will join us
and discover JOY in the dark.

SIGNING UP FOR WBS GROUPS...

Please sign up on the Welcome Cards in the Sanctuary using "WBS Mon" or "WBS Tues," or by calling/texting Debbie Jordan at (813) 368-7513 or Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457.

ACQUIRING YOUR BOOK...

The cost is \$10.00. Study guides will become available for pickup soon from Barb Hess in the Narthex. Barb can also be reached at (813) 474-8759. If you are not local, you may purchase your book online through the PCA Bookstore. <https://www.pcabookstore.com/p-11966-philippians-a-12-week-study.aspx>

PAYING FOR YOUR BOOK...

If you order the book through us, please do not put your payment in the offering plate or combine it with your offering. Rather, please pay by cash or check made out to TBPC with "WBS" in the memo line, and deliver it:

to Barb Hess on a Sunday morning in the Narthex;

by hand delivery to the church in an envelope marked "WBS" and put in the WBS mailbox in the Copy Room (next door to the Main Office); or,

by US mail to the church

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19911 Bruce B. Downs Blvd
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"Rejoice in the Lord!" ~ The Apostle Paul



ESL

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

The ESL school year is beginning August 25. We have forty students enrolled, and are offering six different classes per week. Three of our classes will take place in person at the church on Thursday mornings. The other three classes will remain on Zoom.

We really need 3-5 new volunteers to work with us this year. Our main need is to have a volunteer that will help Alan on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. This class will remain on Zoom for the entire year and is for students that work during the day.

All students and volunteers use the same books. All of the lessons in the books are printed in the books in great detail; the answers to any practice questions are included in the back of the books. Volunteers help the students work through the workbooks. There is no need to prepare extra lesson plans, everything is provided for you.

ESL is such a wonderful mission, our students are growing in English Skills, and they are so eager and happy to learn!

We also have a Scripture, Devotion, Vocabulary, Praise Song, and Prayer time the last twenty minutes of each class. Each class uses the same lesson, and everything is provided to all volunteers and students a week in advance. The volunteers and students are all reviewing the same material and take turns practicing their reading, reading comprehension, and listening skills. This is such a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with those within our community!

We have a great core group of lead volunteers and are really in need of assistants and substitutes. Please pray about it, and let us know if you would like to join us. We would love to continue to grow and accept more students, but we cannot do so without more volunteers.

Men's Ministry

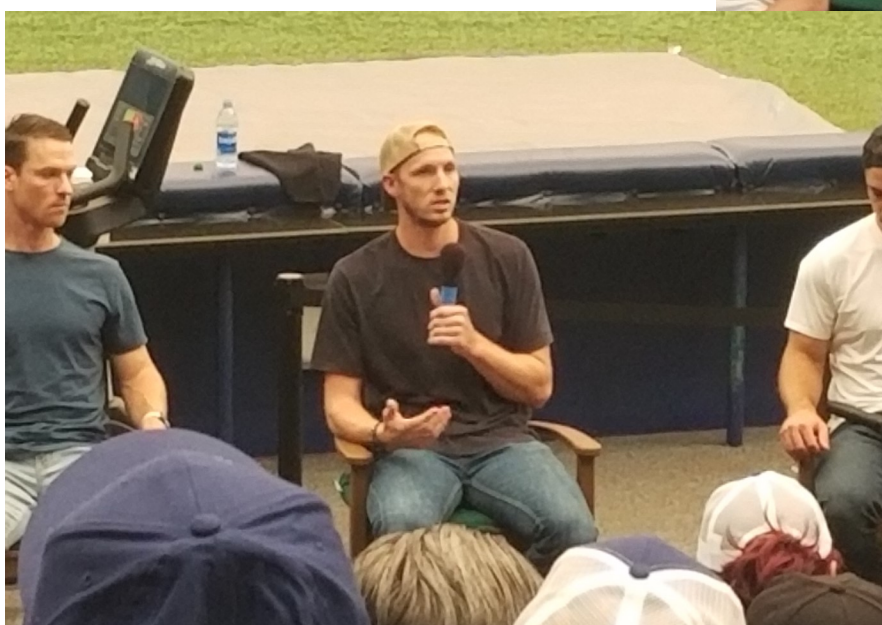
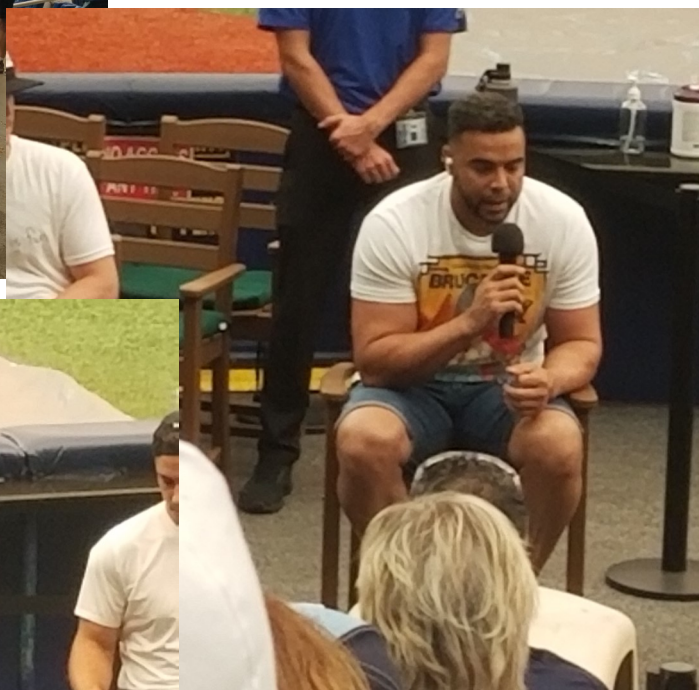
Faith Day Tampa Bay Rays Game

On August 21, the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church Men's Ministry and guests went to a Tampa Bay Rays game organized by the Men's Ministry. This was a special day at the ballpark because while the Rays would play their regular game, this one would be a little different. At the end of the game, some of the Christian players on the team were talking about their faith in God and still being able to play the game of professional baseball.



We sold thirty-eight tickets to this event between our Rays and the Chicago White Sox. It was a very offensive game with Tampa Bay being victorious 8 to 4. We did not charter a bus this time because the announcement came too close to the game. We had everyone drive themselves to an afternoon game that began at 1:10 p.m.

The Rays were victorious and it was a lot of fun at the ballpark during the game. We had a lot of winners who enjoyed being out for the afternoon with friends and family at the ballpark. This was just a good day overall, but it was not complete without the special gathering of nine Christian ball players that were willing to give their testimony to a lot of local churches. It was a special occasion to hear these talented and professional baseball players sharing their faith in God on the field, in the dugout, and clubhouse. We saw a special side of the Rays baseball players. They told us that their time doing something they loved was for God's glory. One of the Rays players that we are familiar with is Joey Wendle, SS and 3B, who actually organized this incredible experience for all local Christian Churches to hear. Other players included Brett Philips (who had fun with the crowd holding up signs and cheering before the other players arrived). We also listened to Nelson Cruz, Andrew Kittredge, Matt Wisler, Drew Rasmussen, and other players who gave their testimony and shared their life with our Lord and Savior.

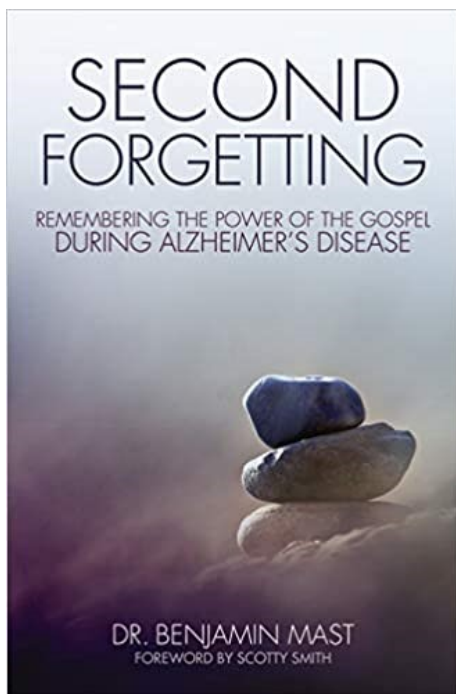




Everyone had good time—we also enjoyed some entertainment. We hope to do this same event next year if the Rays sponsor it. Hopefully they will because I believe anyone from the church would enjoy attending.

The Men's Ministry appreciates the fun and fellowship we enjoy with our Christian brothers and sisters and look forward to other events throughout the year.

The day finished up with prayer.



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 .

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.

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**

September Birthdays

Ashley Jeffries	September 07
Nathaniel Vincent	September 09
Chris Lear	September 11
Jonathan Massie	September 13
Vicki Moore	September 13
Craig Hamm	September 15
Karen Cross	September 16
Carol Allison	September 20
Ken Matlack	September 22
Lauren Dishman	September 23
Michelle Hunter	September 23
Mary Mollard	September 24
Randi Mallary	September 25
Jill Otero	September 30

September Anniversaries

Riley, Roy & Stephanie	September 06	52 Years
Smith, Gary & Pat	September 06	52 Years
Yu, Tom & Vern	September 06	7 Years
Kemp, Waldo & Ashleigh	September 10	16 Years



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