



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

The Morning Star of the Reformation

October 31, 1517 is the traditional date for the start of the Protestant Reformation. That is the day Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

However, almost two centuries earlier, John Wycliffe was born in Yorkshire, England in about 1329. Wycliffe attended Oxford University. He excelled in his studies, particularly in philosophy and was appointed to serve on the faculty at Oxford University. But the study of the Bible pulled hard at him. As he studied theology and Scripture, he realized how far the Church had drifted into error.

In his writings, Wycliffe questioned papal authority, criticized the sale of indulgences (which were supposed to release a person from punishment in purgatory), denied the reality of transubstantiation (the teaching that the bread and wine in communion became the actual body and blood of Jesus), and spoke out against church hierarchies. The pope attempted to have Wycliffe dismissed from his teaching post at Oxford University but his colleagues would not allow it.

Wycliffe's greatest contribution, however, was the translation of the Bible into the common language of the people. He believed that the way to prevail against the abuses of authority in the church was for the people to be able to read the Bible in their own language. Once they could read the Bible for themselves, they would learn how to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ—apart from any ecclesiastical intervention. So, Wycliffe and his associates translated the Bible into English from the Latin text. This was truly revolutionary.

After Wycliffe finished translating the Bible into English, he organized a group of parishioners, known as the Lollards, to go throughout England to read the Scriptures in the mother tongue of the people and explain the Bible to the people. Consequently, the Word of God became available to all English-speaking people.

It is primarily for his work of translating the Bible into the mother tongue of the people that Wycliffe is known as “The Morning Star of the Reformation.” The morning star is actually the planet Venus, which appears before the sun rises while darkness still dominates the horizon. Wycliffe’s work enabled the later reformers to see what God can do when people have the Word of God and the truth of God in their own language.

Let us thank God for people like Wycliffe and may there continue to be reformation in our day.

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

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40th ANNIVERSARY

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church will celebrate 40 years of worship and ministry on the weekend of June 3—5, 2022. To make this a truly wonderful celebration would you please consider being part of the 40th anniversary committee? Two volunteered on Sunday, September 19, when the first announcement was published in the worship bulletin. I invited one other who agreed to consult with the committee at the very least. We can still use a few more volunteers to organize and plan the celebration of God's goodness and grace since TBPC became, as is said in our denomination's parlance, a particular church.

We need to decide on activities and events; send out invitations to those no longer in the area; prepare a budget; plan for food and food service; prepare communications; and plan for, as well as prepare, video for the celebration. No doubt other ideas will bubble up as we put our heads together in prayer being guided by the Holy Spirit. So we need you, your gifts, talents, ideas, and enthusiasm. We'll get together during the fall to begin planning. It will be fun to put together a truly great 40th anniversary celebration.

Also, I want you to know, Jim Aldrich has sent us a plethora of information from the 30th anniversary celebration. Jim and his wife are now living in North Carolina. Jim chaired the 30th anniversary committee. So we are not without resources and past guidance. We are not crafting a 40th anniversary celebration from "whole cloth." You will have excellent support from church leadership. Please contact me by phone 352-246-1639 or email sasimmons53@yahoo.com. I will be delighted to answer your questions and to have you as part of the committee.

Scott Simmons
40th Anniversary Chairman

**We had a church outing to Lakeland to watch Josiah Massie Jr Collage football game.
Florida Central Tech vs Florida Christian college**



**We had a great time despite the loss
FC TECH 16
FCC 19**

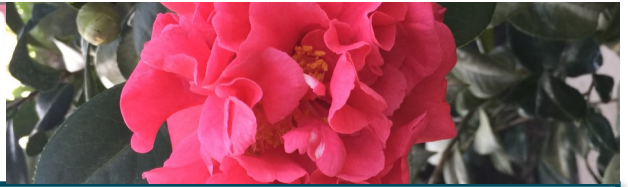


TBPC Youth Group Fall Schedule

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| Sunday, October 3 | Youth Group | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, October 17 | Youth Group | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, October 31 | Youth Group/Reformation Service | 5:00 pm |
| Saturday, November 13 | Family Activity—Operation Christmas Child & Board Games | 4:00 pm |
| Sunday, November 21 | TBPC Thanksgiving Dinner & Youth Group | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 5 | Youth Group | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 19 | Family Activity—Christmas Canapés & Caroling | 5:00 pm |

Note: All activities are scheduled at TBPC

TBPRES WOMEN



By Suzanne Swenson

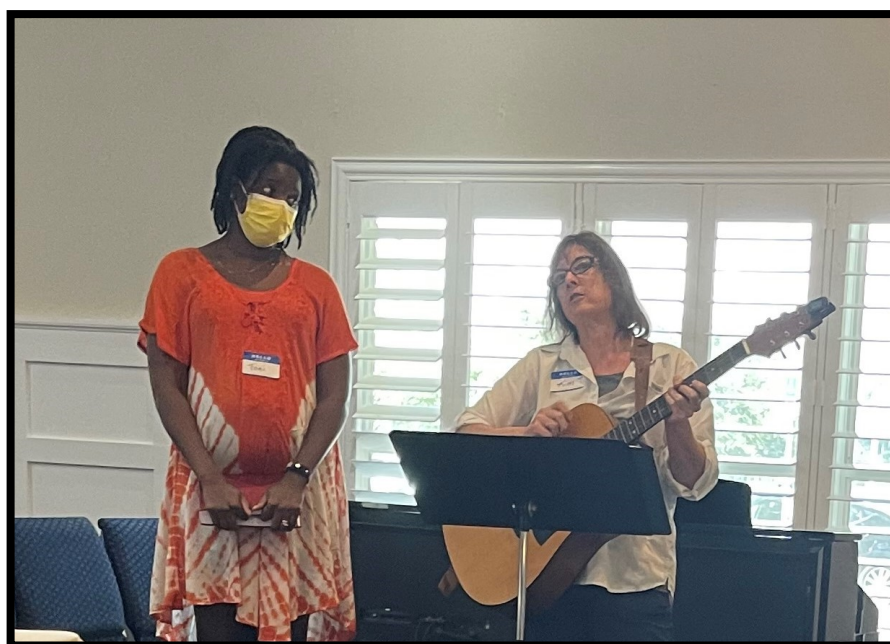
Andrea Proctor and Clydia Craig along with their team presented a “study” on Spiritual gifts and how they are to be used for the building of the church to Christ’s glory. The ladies took turns reading scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 along with the respective commentary from The MacArthur Study Bible. What followed was a discussion of the various gifts, some still given by the Holy Spirit today and others that were for the Apostolic age only. We discussed the importance of seeking God to discover our own divinely given gifts which are to be used for the building of the church. Clydia shared her experience in asking God what he wanted her to do. It was an amazing experience in that God asked her to do what she didn’t feel was her calling but after repeatedly getting the same answer, she stepped forward and found that she loved the ministry God called her to do. We then looked at the various current needs in our church.



Next, Clydia spoke about one of the important aspects of Sister-to-Sister which is to support and build up the ladies in our church. She talked about the importance of real, trusting friendships which are so vital.



Ashley Powe led us in prayer. At the start of our time together, the ladies dropped their prayer requests and praises into a bowl. Ashley passed the bowl around for each of us to pick up a prayer. We then took turns lifting the prayers and praises to the Lord. Ashley closed with a beautiful prayer.



We ended with Toni Cacioppo and Kim Sesia, with her guitar, leading us in singing “Blest Be The Tie That Binds.”

I almost forgot, we started with lunch which included fantastic desserts. The ladies were invited to take home some of the leftovers and the rest were donated to the kickball and pizza event scheduled for later in the day.

Thanks to Andrea Proctor, Clydia Craig, Ashley Powe, Toni Cacioppo, and all the ladies that attended. Thank you ladies. I can't wait to see what they have planned for next time.





Save the date, ladies! December 4, 2021 is our annual brunch where we celebrate the beginning of Advent. Our theme is "Follow the Star" (Matthew 2:10). We will have zoom meetings in addition to face-to-face meetings with the Workshop Ministry to assemble the ornaments that we give as favors to all attendees. All meetings will be announced in the worship bulletin, so ladies, please feel free to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Swenson (793-402-3567 or suzswenson@verizon.net).

Empty Nesters

Alisa Carrier



Empty Nesters is still going strong. More and more people are showing up! All are having a great time of fellowship at new and different restaurants. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m.



We are still in the process in changing the name of our group. I am hoping to do so by the next couple of times, at least by the new year!

Hope to see more each and every month!





**13 NOV 4PM – 7PM OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
& BOARD GAMES**



**19 DEC 5PM – 8PM CHRISTMAS CANAPÉS
& CAROLING**

22 JAN 6PM – 8:30PM S'MORES & MOVIE NIGHT



25 – 27 FEB CHURCH RETREAT

9 APR 9AM – 12PM FAMILY HIKE & FIELD DAY



21 MAY 5PM – 8PM SUMMER FUN



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:

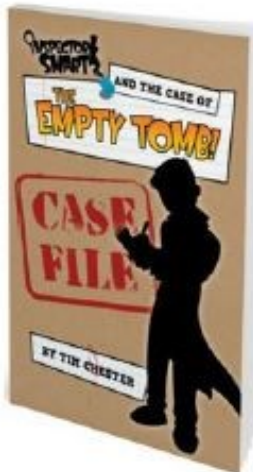
"My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh."

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 Began
Sunday, September 5,
at 9:15 a.m.



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.

Available at: www.pcabookstore.com, or on loan from Ashleigh Kemp.

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

Monday evenings, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Via Zoom. Links provided by email.

Tuesday mornings, 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.

ACQUIRING YOUR BOOK...

You may purchase your book online through the PCA Bookstore. <https://www.pcabookstore.com/p-11966-philippians-a-12-week-study.aspx>

"Rejoice in the Lord!" ~ The Apostle Paul

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.



ESL

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

The ESL school year began 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

Brian Carrier

Third Quarter 2021 Men's Breakfast

On September 18, 2021, Men's Ministry had its first Men's Breakfast since December of 2019. The event was well attended with 18 men enjoying breakfast at the church and a message given by our very own Rev. Scott Simmons. This was Scott's first breakfast at the church with the men and he and the other 17 men were equally pleased with the outcome.



We began the breakfast at approximately 8:30 a.m. The breakfast was prepared by Alisa and Brian Carrier, who enjoy cooking for the men of TBPC. Some of the items served were thick-cut bacon, sausage links, homemade biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, French toast, and a fruit tray along with coffee and orange juice. It was an enjoyable morning as all of the men enjoyed the breakfast immensely.



Following breakfast, the Men's Ministry Director, Brian Carrier, spoke about the events that we would be doing the remainder of the year, including the annual fishing trip and the Christmas breakfast in December. We are also looking at the Carrollwood Players this year as a possible third venue for everyone to enjoy.

Brian then introduced Jeff Beams, the Men's Bible Study leader, and Jeff discussed the Bible Study Group. The study group began again on September 11. It meets at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings. We are studying the book of Acts and we are using another Bible study guide by Dr. Jack B. Scott. He invited those who are interested to please attend if they are thinking of attending.

Brian Carrier also introduced our very own Pastor Freddy Fritz who is offering a Men's Discipleship Group that began on September 25 at 7:45 a.m. Freddy is using a book titled, *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by R. Kent Hughes. The class will help men grow in their discipleship in the areas of relationships, prayer, worship, character, service, leadership, and more. Freddy was encouraging any of the men who would like to attend to please be at the church by 7:45 a.m.



Brian then introduced our own Rev. Scott Simmons who provided a word to the men at the breakfast. The title of Scott's presentation was, "The Utopian Societies that Began in the State of Florida." Scott explained that there were a number of Utopian Societies in Florida that began, and many of them were planted and failed, in the state. Some of them had a short lifespan and others were longer. Many of the names in certain areas of the state retained the name of these Utopian Societies. Eventually they all failed because they were missing one item, which was God, at the forefront of these societies. Scott explained that even though they were strong in the beginning, they never had God in these societies. God must be involved in our daily lives otherwise, there is a sure chance of failure. It may not happen right away, but eventually failure is inevitable.

We need God in our daily lives by reading the Word and getting involved in some additional worship with others at the church. Good examples are the Men's Bible Study or the Men's Discipleship Group. These are great study groups where we can go through the Bible and strengthen our relationship with our father God in heaven. This is accomplished by reading the word daily, living a godly life daily as Jesus did on earth, and spread the word of the good news to other Christians and to non-Christians.



The breakfast ended with Scott providing prayer after his message. It was truly a blessing to hear the word from a true man of God, our own Rev. Scott Simmons.

The Men's Ministry would like to thank all the men who participated in the breakfast event and made this a very successful and popular 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 invites all men to the Men's Bible Study, which is the core of the Men's Ministry. We meet every Saturday morning at 7: 45 a.m. are led by our own Dr. Jeff Beams. We are studying the book of Acts using our study guide written by Dr. Jack B. Scott.



If you would prefer, the Men's Discipleship Group led by Pastor Freddy Fritz, using the book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, also begins at 7:45 a.m. That group will run approximately 20 weeks.

Please be sure to come and attend either one of these groups as Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church continues to support the Men's Ministry through these events and the support of Bible study teaching.

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



Saturday, November 6

6th annual fishing trip at Gandy Blvd boat docks. 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. The trip will last approximately 4 hours. We will need to be at the boat docks by 8 a.m. We will be leaving the church around 7 a.m. The cost is \$85.00 per person, which is reduced with some help from the Men's Ministry. We are planning on having lunch after fishing at Salt Shack on the Bay at 5415 W. Tyson Ave, Tampa, FL. 33611 around 1 p.m. Please join us for some fellowship and fun on this fishing trip. Please put **FISHING** on the welcome card or contact Brian Carrier at (813) 841-9146 or brian@bcaflorida.com. We have not done a men's event for some time so please come out for the enjoyment.



THE WORKSHOP MINISTRY

SIMPLE FALL WREATH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 P.M. (YOUTH ROOM)

COST: \$5/PERSON (PAY WHEN YOU COME)

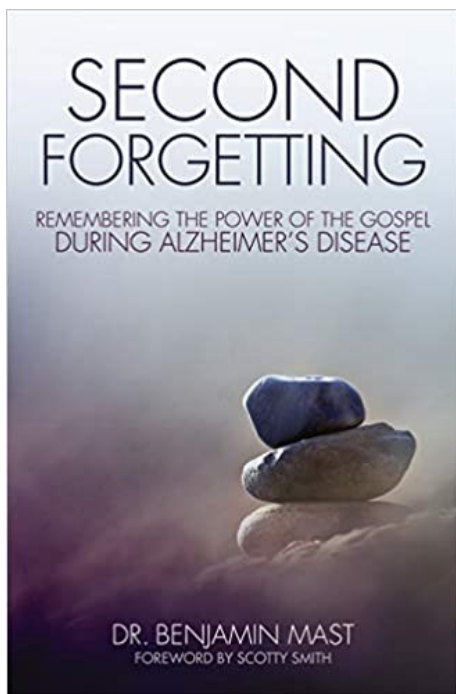
*You are invited to come and make
a simple fall wreath with us!*

No skills needed, just a license for creativity!

We plan to relax, laugh, and enjoy being together.

RSVP by calling/texting
Melissa Bayley (813-528-2830) or
Stephanie Smoot (813-690-5734)

****Childcare available upon request.**



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**

October Birthdays

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| Anna Sauls | October 04 |
| Jennifer Schumm | October 06 |
| Anthony Contrata | October 07 |
| Jack Diaz | October 08 |
| Morgan Sauls | October 09 |
| Joyce McNulty | October 11 |
| Bonnie Hutton | October 17 |
| Norman Beck | October 22 |
| Alan Polasky | October 23 |
| Laura Highfill | October 24 |
| Ken Smoot | October 27 |
| Rosa Mojica | October 30 |

October Anniversaries

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| Noel, George & Melissa | October 01, | 16 Years |
| Contrata, Anthony & Rachel | October 14, | 4 Years |
| Kaiser, Roger & Dee | October 14, | 26 Years |
| Burns, Joe & Cindy | October 23, | 38 Years |
| Karibi-Whyte, Tokini & Zainab | October 23, | 17 Years |



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