



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul concludes his letter with general instructions for believers in the church. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul gives three characteristics that mark a healthy church. He writes, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” So, a healthy church is (1) a rejoicing church and (2) a praying church.

I am not going to focus on these two marks but do want to look briefly at the third mark, which is (3) a thankful church. Paul writes, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” I want to mention just two points. First, Paul is *not* saying, “Give thanks *for* all circumstances.” There are many circumstances that are difficult, trying, or even sinful. We do not give thanks for the circumstance in which we find ourselves.

However, second, Paul is saying that we are to “give thanks *in* all circumstances.” We may find ourselves in difficult, trying, or even sinful circumstances, and we are to look to and give thanks for our Savior. We are to thank him for the ways in which he sustains us and delivers us in all circumstances. As commentator William Barclay has written, “There is always something for which to give thanks; even on the darkest day, there are blessings to count. We must remember that, if we face the sun, the shadows will fall behind us; but, if we turn our backs on the sun, all the shadows will be in front.”

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

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Introduction of New Members

On October 24, the following new members were introduced:

By Reaffirmation of Faith—Michael Rush, Jacob Rush, David Lehman, Anthony Sauls, Anna Sauls, and Reagan Sauls.

By Profession of Faith—Morgan Sauls and Peyton Sauls.



Sacrament of Baptism

Kiliaen Sauls was baptized on October 24.





Your Nursery Needs

YOU!

**Please Join the Team by Contacting
Abigail Vincent**

• At 425-757-2774 •

Ways You Can Help

Join the nursery team and care for our covenant children one Sunday per month.

Pray that we would have a full roster of volunteers.

Encourage your friends to join the nursery team with you.

Ask to be put on the substitute list.

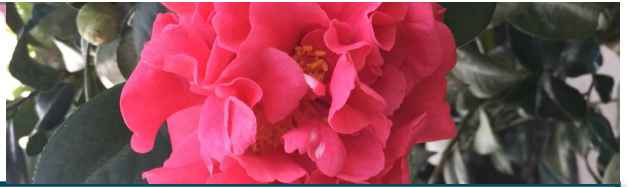
Why It Matters

We are caring for God's covenant children.

We are relieving tired parents and giving them the opportunity to sit through the church service.

The nursery needs the support of the church and volunteers to continue functioning.

TBPRES WOMEN



Suzanne Swenson



Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch

Ladies save the date

Saturday, December 4, 2021

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

TBPC Sanctuary

Speaker: Carla Stevens, Mission to the World

Tickets will be available in the Narthex. The sale dates will be announced in the worship bulletin.

The Workshop Ministry has graciously offered to work with Women's Ministry by designing and creating an ornament that will serve as a thank you gift for those attending the event. Please join us at the church on November 4 at 6:30 p.m. to put the finishing touches on the ornaments.

Hope to see you then.

Contact: Barbara Hess at bhess105@gmail.com or 813-474-8759 or
Debbie Jordan at debbiejordan1@gmail.com or 813-368-7513
regarding tickets. Ticket cost is \$15.00.

Sister-to-Sister

Sister-to-Sister invited the ladies to Lunch on Limoges in Dade City last month for a time of fellowship around a meal, shopping in nearby antique shops, and at least one Christian shop.





For November, Sister-to-Sister is letting everyone know that Nancy Kirkpatrick has been asked to be a featured artist at the Temple Terrace Arts Festival. Nancy's art is beautiful! She is a truly gifted artist!

Please go to <https://www.templeterraceartscouncil.org/arts-crafts-festival/> to find out more about Nancy's art, the various crafts (woodwork, jewelry, etc.), and culinary items that will be available at the Festival. Let's make a day of it!

Temple Terrace Arts Festival Nov 13 & 14, 10 - 4
407 Woodmont Ave. Temple Terrace, 33617



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Nancy Kirkpatrick



www.nancykirkpatrick.art

Sister-to-Sister Schedule of Events

Nov. 13 & 14

Temple Terrace Arts Festival
featuring Nancy Kirkpatrick's
beautiful art.

Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Women's Ministry
Christmas Brunch
TBPC Sanctuary

Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Spiritual Mothering/Mentoring
Bring your favorite soup, side,
Appetizer, or dessert.
TBPC Sanctuary

Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m.

Lunch at The Sparkman House Luxury
Bed & Breakfast in the Historic District
of Plant City



For further information please contact:

Andrea Proctor at andreaproctor@tcforce.com or 727-453-1510, or
Ashley Powe at acpowe@gmail.com or 813-410-7053



Come pack some shoeboxes for
Operation Christmas Child
Saturday, November 13
4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Bring a plate of food to share
Voluntary donations toward the \$9.00 shipping
cost per box welcomed



Packing • Games • Fellowship



SAVE THE DATE

Church Retreat
25 - 27 February 2022



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.

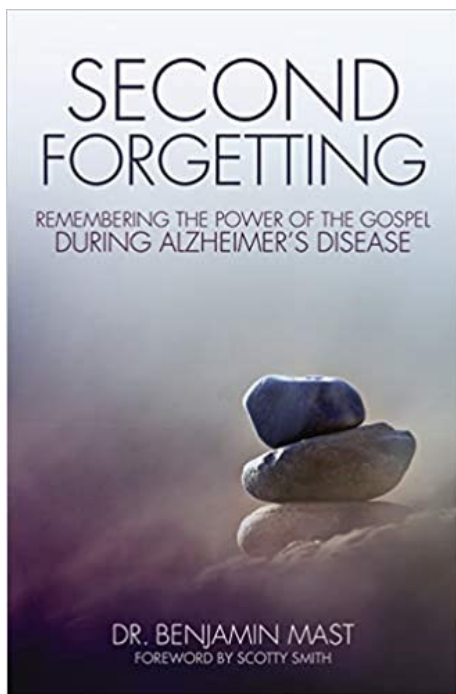
We really need 3-5 new volunteers to work with us this year. Our main need is to have a volunteer that will help Alan on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. This class will remain on Zoom for the entire year and is for students that work during the day.

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.



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**

November Birthdays

Brian Carrier	November 04
Tom Moore	November 09
Carrol Josephs-Marshall	November 11
Lesley Schmidt	November 17
Freddy Fritz	November 18
Alan Wyss	November 21
Jason Knecht	November 22
Roy Riley	November 26
Laura Davis-Rotolo	November 28
Diane Cunningham	November 29

November Anniversaries

Cacioppo, Mike & Toni	November 21	7 Years
Mollard, Wes & Mary	November 25	69 Years
Jeffries, Ted & Mia	November 29	13 Years



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It is the goal of the *Trumpet* staff to provide articles for learning and growing, news for connecting with our church family, and information on opportunities for service and participation. The views and opinions expressed in the *Trumpet* have not been reviewed or endorsed by the Session.

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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