



## From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

### Resuming In-Person Worship

Hebrews 10:24-25 states, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” The Greek word for “meet” suggests a formal gathering, that is, the Lord’s Day Worship Service. This is one of the clearest texts in Scripture about meeting together for corporate and covenantal worship each Sunday.

The past two years have been a challenge for all people, including Christians. There is of course a real danger associated with the coronavirus. People have become sick and some have even died. However, there is a far greater spiritual danger to people’s souls by not meeting together for corporate worship each Sunday. Eventually, all our bodies will die (unless Jesus returns before that happens). But all our souls will live eternally. The government and its agencies have very little, if any, concern for a person’s spiritual well-being. So of course they are going to say that the greatest crisis is the coronavirus and getting ill. However, a far greater crisis is disobeying the clear command of God, such as the one given in Hebrews 10:24-25.

To that end, the Session is planning to stop livestreaming the Lord’s Day Worship Service after February 13, 2022. We will resume our practice of uploading the sermon (and perhaps the entire Worship Service) later in the week. We are aware that this may come as a disappointment to some. However, the Session is very concerned about the spiritual well-being of our church members, and we believe that resuming in-person worship is vital for one’s spiritual health.

If you have any thoughts or concerns, please let me or your elder know. We will be glad to talk further with you about this matter.

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

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## The Missions Conference

### February 18-20, 2022

The Missions Conference will take place on February 18-20. We look forward to seeing you there. The theme is “*From Every Campus to Every Country*.” Our keynote speaker is the Reverend Chad Brewer, Coordinator for RUF-International & RUF-Global.

RUF means “*Reformed University Fellowship*.” RUF’s ministry has been and continues to be on campuses throughout the United States. However, the ministry has grown under the Lord’s blessing in such a way that no longer is RUF’s ministry limited to the United States. Campus ministers are being placed at universities and colleges throughout the world. RUF’s missions commitment is notable. The campus ministers are indeed missionaries. The young men and women graduating from these colleges and universities will have a significant influence upon their respective countries. Reverend Brewer will not only inform us, but inspire us with the missionary outreach of RUF on college campuses throughout the world.

Friday night, the Missions Committee will meet with the missionaries attending our conference. Saturday morning the church officers will meet with our attending missionaries. Saturday evening, you are invited for fellowship with our missionaries. It is an all-church event. Reverend Brewer will speak for about twenty minutes. As one might suspect, everything at a Missions Conference revolves around food. We need to know how many plan to attend at each event. For the Saturday evening all-church gathering, we ask you to let us know that you will be there by writing **MC** on the welcome card, with your name on the card of course, and placing it in the offering plate. Our schedule is as follows:

Friday night 7 p.m., at Martine Extermann’s home. Missions Committee and Missionaries.

Saturday Morning 9 a.m., at the church. Church Officers and Missionaries.

Saturday Evening 5:30 p.m., at the church. All church gathering, Rev. Brewer speaking.

Sunday Morning. Missionaries visiting Sunday School and ABF classes.

The Reverend Chad Brewer preaching during the worship service.

As of the writing of this article, four missionaries we support will attend. It is our desire for our missionaries that cannot attend to take part in the conference. Technology makes this possible through Zoom. We would appreciate your prayers for the Lord’s blessing on the use of this technology. In this way all of us will be able to meet, greet, and become better acquainted with our missionaries. Let us remember the missionaries TBPC supports partner with us so that together we may do our part in fulfilling the biblical call to the spread of the Gospel to every tribe, people, nation, and tongue. Our missionaries are part of our church.

As you know, last year’s in-person Missions Conference did not take place because of covid. Instead we participated in MTW’s virtual Missions Conference. Please be assured our in-person conference will take place. Nevertheless, do pray the latest covid wave has peaked and passes before our conference begins. We look forward with great delight to our 2022 Missions Conference—*From Every Campus to Every Country*.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

# JOYFUL REUNION

*Celebrating **40** Years of God's  
Faithfulness to Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church*

**Make plans now to attend  
June 10-12, 2002**

**A List of Events:**

June 10, Friday Evening Hymn Singing and fellowship.

June 11, Saturday Morning Activities.

June 11, Saturday Evening Meal and Special Speakers.

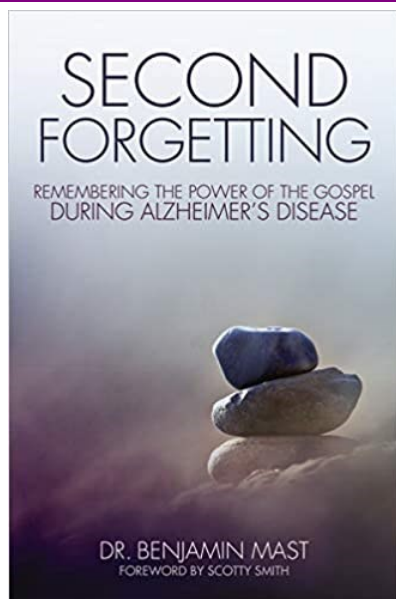
June 12, Sunday Morning Service with Special Speakers.

**Please RSVP by March 1, 2022 to [40thanniversary@tbpca.org](mailto:40thanniversary@tbpca.org)**

The committee needs a headcount for food.

Please indicate which events you plan to attend.

**We look forward to seeing you there. Look for more information to come.**



## Alzheimer/Dementia

### Support Group

Clydia Craig

January 19, 2022

I was working when I received a call from my folks to let me know what their doctor said during their appointment with the neurologist. When my father told me he was diagnosed with parkinsonism, and my mom had a type of Parkinson's disease, I almost fell off my chair. I knew about my mom's tremors and my father had lost weight, slept a lot, and had slurred speech. They lived in Charlotte, NC and we are in Florida. I asked myself, "How was I going to care for them living in a different state and work full time?" It was not long after that appointment that my father passed away after surgery to repair an intestinal problem. He developed pneumonia and never recovered. He passed away in 2016.

One year later, and after daily discussions with my mom, their home was sold and mom moved to Florida. Our neighbor's home next door to us was available for rent so we decided it would be perfect for mom. We were all excited—she would have "her own place" and we all thought things would work out. Unfortunately, mom did not do so well on her own even though my husband and I prepared all the meals, helped with taking care of the house and taking her to the doctor appointments. She started to stumble and fall, forget what medications she needed to take, and began the "first forgetting." Two doctors diagnosed my mom with "dementia secondary to Parkinson's Disease."

We talked at length and felt it would be best for her to move to a nice, assisted living facility near our home and thought mom would be happy. I had overheard some of the ladies in the community say the facility was their "Shangri-la." Unfortunately, my mom is not social, insisted on meal delivery to her room, and she did not want to participate in other activities with the residents. She also insisted she could walk anywhere as fast as she wanted to walk. Her stubbornness was her demise. She fell multiple times which eventually led to the last fall resulting in a broken hip and life in a wheelchair.

As we learn in the Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group and reading "Second Forgetting" by Dr. Benjamin Mast, Alzheimer's disease can be overwhelming and as a result, fear and anxiety become part of the equation for the patient and family. Not knowing what the future holds for our loved one and feeling "helpless" to help them sometimes can cause worry. I have learned a lot since I started the journey to care for my mother and participant in the Alzheimer's group. Challenges occur daily; for example, the Covid virus has caused disruption for everyone. There are now twenty cases of the virus at American House where my mom lives and the facility is in "lock-down." So I cannot visit her at the facility but the staff tell me she is doing "okay,"

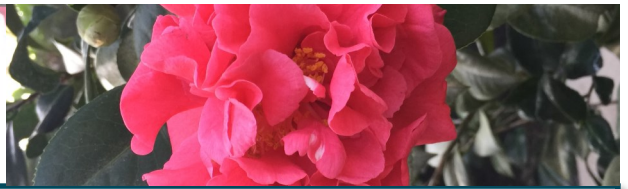
There are numerous examples in scripture that remind us to “be still and know that God is in control.” A good example of God’s faithfulness is when the Israelites became terrified of their enemy on their way to the Promised Land. They were relieved when they arrived in the land but needed constant reminders about God’s promise to rescue them through the next generations. God knows we often forget and knows we need reminders that he never fails to be in control. He wants us to remember him and trust that he is with us through good and tough times. We need to experience peace and joy through difficult circumstances.

Participating in the Alzheimer’s group is a special time to learn from others and trust that there is hope in the Lord. It is also a special time to learn new things from reading “Second Forgetting” written by Dr. Benjamin Mast, watching videos about memory loss because of a neurological disease or other problem, and sharing what we learn with people who can relate to our situation. Doctor Mast is a Christian and encourages us to remember that God does not forget. As a group, we pray and support one another and focus on the love and hope found in scripture and hope in the Lord.

With love in Christ,  
Laura Davis-Rotolo



# TBPRES WOMEN



*Suzanne Swenson*

Women's Ministry began the New Year by hosting a baby shower in honor of Toni Cacioppo who is expecting her second child on February 27. Rachel Contrata, Ashley Powe, and Stephanie Smoot planned and hosted the event using kangaroos as the theme (Stephanie was unable to attend). Toni and Mike plan to name Charlie's little brother Joseph, whose nickname will be Joey hence the kangaroo theme.

There were twenty attendees which afforded an opportunity for four generations of Mike's family to have their picture taken. The picture included his mother, dad, grandmother, son Charlie, Mike, and Toni. In addition to TBPC attendees, Toni invited four friends to join us.

After Ashley Powe gave a prayer of welcome, we enjoyed delicious refreshments, including cake, and played a game to see who knew Toni the best. It was a three-way tie and we had to play a tiebreaker game.

Next, the team surprised Toni with a devotion so wonderfully brought by Toni's father Alvin. He is a pastor who lives in Jamaica and so his devotion and presence was through the marvels of technology. He could not be there in person. Since Toni's mother had passed away in recent years, her memory was also felt. Toni reacted to having her dad give the devotion by saying, "When I saw my dad giving a video devotional specifically for the occasion, my first emotion was an overwhelming sense of missing my mom, wishing she was standing right next to him as he spoke! Dad spoke on Psalm 127:3, reminding us that children are a heritage from the Lord. He encouraged us to be grateful and excited for the gift of baby Joseph to our family and community, and to participate intentionally in ensuring that Joey grows up with Christian values. It was a pleasant surprise to have my dad participate in the shower in this way, and I'm grateful to him and to all who made it possible."

Toni opened her gifts and had an opportunity to visit with everyone. Everyone definitely had a wonderful afternoon.



## Sister-to-Sister Schedule of Events

Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Spiritual Mothering/Mentoring  
TBPC Sanctuary  
A Light Lunch will be Provided

March 5, 1:00 p.m.

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

At the February get-together, along with prayer, food, and fellowship we will review the results of the survey and invite further discussion on the needs, desires, and views of the group with respect to mentoring.

If you'd like to sign up to be a mentor or a mentee, please contact Andrea Proctor at (757) 453-1510 or Ashley Powe at (813) 410-7053. If you'd like to complete the short interest survey, please email Ashley at [acpowe@gmail.com](mailto:acpowe@gmail.com).



Women of all ages, high school on up, are invited to join!

For further information please contact:

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# TBPC CHURCH RETREAT

25 - 27 FEBRUARY 2022

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND. WE'LL BE DIGGING DEEPER IN GOD'S WORD, ENJOYING A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, AND LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!

## WHERE?

LAKESWOOD RETREAT  
25458 Dan Brown Hill Road  
Brooksville, FL, 34602

## COST?

(All charges include both nights)

MOTEL ROOM (includes 1 Queen bed, 2 Twin beds & own bathroom).....\$125 per room

FOOD CHARGE.....\$15 per person

TENT CAMPING.....\$25 per tent

DAY VISITOR.....\$20 per person

## WANT TO SIGN-UP?

Email Ashleigh Kemp at  
[kempash@gmail.com](mailto:kempash@gmail.com)



## *February Birthdays*

<i>Tammie Matlack</i>	<i>February 01</i>
<i>Cathi Díaz</i>	<i>February 02</i>
<i>Phil Lear</i>	<i>February 02</i>
<i>Reagan Sauls</i>	<i>February 09</i>
<i>Cherita Adawonu</i>	<i>February 11</i>
<i>Luana Isaac</i>	<i>February 11</i>
<i>Josiah Massie</i>	<i>February 12</i>
<i>Jessica Hunter</i>	<i>February 13</i>
<i>Tyler Wyss</i>	<i>February 15</i>
<i>Alisa Carrier</i>	<i>February 17</i>
<i>Holly Mickler</i>	<i>February 17</i>
<i>Melissa Noel</i>	<i>February 17</i>
<i>Jacob Rush</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Gavin McNulty</i>	<i>February 20</i>
<i>Jimmy Jr. Barber</i>	<i>February 21</i>
<i>Todd Bayley</i>	<i>February 21</i>
<i>LeeAnn DeStefano</i>	<i>February 21</i>
<i>Thom Tigley</i>	<i>February 21</i>
<i>Ron Jorgensen</i>	<i>February 27</i>

## *February Anniversaries*

<i>Shultz, Derk &amp; Brandi</i>	<i>February 22, 2006</i>	<i>16 Years</i>
<i>Smoot, Ken &amp; Stephanie</i>	<i>February 22, 2014</i>	<i>8 Years</i>



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