



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

“Missions Exists Because Worship Doesn't”

It is Sunday afternoon. We have just concluded our 2022 Missions Conference. It was a wonderful Missions Conference! The Rev. Chad Brewer, Assistant Director for Reformed University Fellowship, was our keynote speaker. We also had with us several of our missionaries: Esaie and Natacha Etienne, Peter and Lauren Dishman, Aldo and Abby Mondin, Carla Stevens, and Michael Bridges. We also had Susan Newkirk join us on Zoom.

I mentioned on Sunday morning that John Piper once said, “Missions exists because worship doesn't.” The reason we send and support missionaries is because there are people who are not worshiping God. Worship is the goal and the fuel of missions.

We heard from Rev. Brewer that the joy of knowing Jesus is not for us to keep to ourselves. We have experienced incredible blessings and we want to share those blessings with others who have never heard the name of Jesus. We want all people all over the world to know that same joy that we have because we know Jesus. The Psalmist writes, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you” (Psalm 22:27).

The Apostle John tells us that eventually a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, will stand before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and cry out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 7:9–10). Here is the fulfillment of the Psalmist's statement!

I thank God for a wonderful Missions Conference. And I pray that he will enable each member of our church to pray fervently and to give generously for missions to go forth because worship doesn't exist to all the ends of the earth.

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

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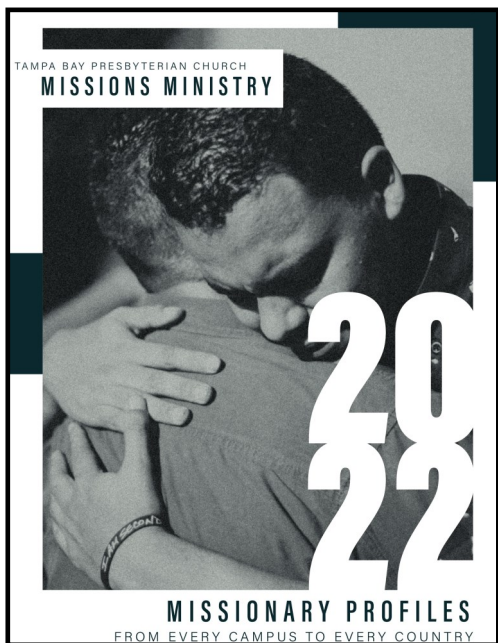
Installation of Assistant Pastor

On January 2, 2022, the congregation of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church was pleased to witness the installation of Rev. Scott Simmons to the office of Assistant Pastor at TBPC.

The installation included a Prayer of Dedication, Statement of Proceedings, Constitutional Questions to the Candidate (Rev. Scott Simmons), Constitutional Questions to the Congregation and the Session, Laying on of Hands, Installation prayer (Ken Pothoven), Extension of the Right Hand of Fellowship, Pronouncement of Installation, Presentation of Symbol of the Office, Charge to the Officer (Rev. Bo Byrne to Rev. Scott Simmons), and Charge to the Congregation (Rev. Aldo Mondin).

We at TBPC are blessed by the addition of Rev. Scott Simmons to the list of honorable and Godfearing men who lead this church.





What a difference a year makes!

Scott Simmons

Last year's Missions Conference was virtual through MTW. We enjoyed an in-person conference which began February 18 and concluded Sunday morning February 20. Joining us were the following missionaries:

Esaie and Natcha Etienne;
 Peter and Lauren Dishman;
 Aldo and Abbie Mondin;
 Carla Stevens;
 Michael Bridges; and

Attending through Zoom on Saturday,
 Susan Newkirk.

Six of the ten missionaries TBPC supports financially, or through prayer, attended in-person or through Zoom. We are delighted by this level of participation. Rene and Lilli Palacio intended to join through Zoom on Saturday but could not. Sadly, there was a death in the family. Do pray the Lord's comfort as the father of their daughter's husband passed away.

The conference began Friday with a wonderful evening of food and fellowship at the home of Martine Extermann. Dinner was catered by Smokey Bones. Saturday morning was a time for the church officers and Missions Committee to talk with our missionaries about their ministry, their needs, prayer requests, and other areas of interest or concern. Brian and Alisa Carrier provided an excellent breakfast enjoyed by the twenty-three in attendance. Saturday evening was an uplifting all-church event attended by about sixty when children were included. Eileen Fritz had a great program for the children. The dinner was catered by Olive Garden. We heard from our missionaries, sang some hymns, and Reverend Chad Brewer—our keynote speaker—wrapped up the evening as he shared information most did not know concerning the mission of Reformed University Fellowship. Sunday brought the conference to conclusion with an inspiring message from Reverend Brewer during worship. His sermon was titled *"From Every Campus to Every Country."* Reformed University Fellowship has indeed expanded into missions while maintaining its focus on colleges and universities.

Our conference began a new year of missions support. The Missions Fund runs from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023. The budget is \$47,645. It includes a five-percent increase in support for our missionaries. The Missions Ministry "Missionary Profiles" booklet, put together by Nancy Morrison with help from Melissa Bayley, provides a more detailed breakout of the Missions Fund Budget. Please be sure you have a Profiles booklet to learn more about our missionaries, to pray for them, and to take part in missions. Your pledged support is truly appreciated. Our missionaries depend on TBPC's support as well as that of other churches.

As the year unfolds, you will hear more about TBPC's missions endeavor. The Missions Committee encourages you to take part and to consider joining the Missions Committee. The Scriptures are clear. The Gospel must be proclaimed throughout the world before Christ comes. Missions is crucial to seeing the establishment of Christ's eternal kingdom.



Dear TBPC family

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Scholarship Fund at NTCA. So far we have raised \$1,325. This past school year, we helped four families with the tuition cost and I already have two inquiries for scholarship assistance for the new school year. The families are extremely grateful for the assistance as it provides an opportunity for their children that they would otherwise struggle to afford.

This past quarter has once again been affected by COVID. A number of our teachers, including me, contracted the virus over the December break and it caused a bit of interruption going into the new calendar year. We are always in need of people who have a flexible schedule and are able to assist as substitutes in our classrooms when we have staff off ill. Please let me know if you have flexibility and would like more information.

In April, we will be setting up our Youth Room into four Easter stations as we take our students on the journey of the Easter story. I will be setting up on Sunday, April 10, directly after church and welcome any volunteers to help. Sandwiches and lemonade will be provided!

Yours sincerely,

Ashleigh Kemp
Director





Family Hike & Field Day

• APRIL 3RD @ 1:00 P.M. •

Join us for a family hike, picnic and some field games at Lettuce Lake Park (6920 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa). We will meet after church at 1:00 p.m. at the main parking area (turn left at the T-junction). Bring \$2 for parking. We will start with a picnic lunch, then walk to the tower and along the loop trail, and finish with some games on the field. Bring along: water, bug spray, your own picnic lunch, and a picnic blanket/picnic chairs. Please sign-up by using the QR code below or write "HIKE" on your Welcome Card. We hope to see you there!



TAMPA BAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Joyful REUNION CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

JUNE 10-12, 2022

EVENTS

JUNE 10 - Hymn sing and fellowship

JUNE 11

Ladies' Tea and Testimonies
Men/Women Golf Outing

JUNE 11 - Meal and special speakers

JUNE 12 - Worship service with special speakers

**HOW CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE FORWARD TO ANYONE WHO
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PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 1, 2022

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THE COMMITTEE NEEDS A HEAD COUNT FOR FOOD



Houston,
we have

VBS!

and we need help
creating our core team!

OPEN CORE POSITIONS

Director - Rachel Contrata

Assistant Director - OPEN

Star Commander (MC) - Anna Sauls

Gospel Presenter (actor) - OPEN

Sound Board - OPEN

Decorations - OPEN

Craft Coordinator - Abigail Vincent

Snack Coordinator - OPEN

Games Coordinator - Josiah Massie

Prayer Coordinator - OPEN

Registration Coordinator - Debbie Jordan

Head Squadron Leader (teacher) - OPEN

Tentative dates (subject to change)

June 20th - 24th or June 27th - July 1st

Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm

Contact Rachel Contrata (813)838-1258





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



Sister-to-Sister

The first Spiritual Mothering Mentor Meeting, held on February 12, went well. The ladies talked about everyday life and even touched on difficult conversations.

As a result of the meeting, the ladies decided that mentoring should happen as a result of the ladies of the church attending monthly Sister-to-Sister gatherings, getting to know each other, and asking individuals to mentor them if they so choose after relationships have been built.

The key is to attend the gatherings in order to be around each other, talk, and cultivate relationships.



If you are interested in developing new (or nurturing old) relationships at Tampa Bay Presbyterian, please consider attending our monthly gatherings and quarterly meetings.

Ashley C. Powe

The topic of the meeting referred to above was conceived of and put together by Ashley Powe with the help of Rachel Contrata who wrote a wonderful devotion designed specifically for this meeting. Rachel was unable to attend so her devotion was beautifully delivered by Barbara Hess.

Many ladies have asked for a copy of the devotion. The following are Rachel's notes.

Mentorship for Women in the Church

When I think of mentorship, a number of things jump to my mind. First thing, I would love a mentor! But then in the very next breathe asking someone to be my mentor terrifies me. Mentorship is something you hear about at the workplace and often there is little to no follow through and it is rarely effectively used from my experience.

But what does the Bible tell us about mentorship? Does God call us to be mentors? The answer is yes! God calls us to be a teacher throughout the whole Bible as well as to continue to be learning from others. There is never a moment on this Earth that we are ever done growing or teaching. Here are just a couple of different verses. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). "I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another" (Romans 15:14).

As most of you know, Pastor Freddy officiated Anthony and my wedding service five years ago come this October. Prior to our getting married, he put us through some very long and very difficult marriage counseling. Thirteen one-hour sessions before we were married and a six-week, six-month, and then one-year check up after we were married. Yes, you heard that correctly. Side note: when people say they met the pastor for an hour or two

just a week or so before their wedding, I laugh out loud! ANYWAYS one of the things Pastor Freddy continued to challenge us to do was find a mentor for our brand-new marriage. He told us we should find an older, God-centered couple, whose marriage we admired and ask them to mentor us as newly weds. Pastor Freddy challenged me to recognize that mentorship can go past just workplace and can be very effective in our day-to-day life especially, in the life of the church.

While ultimately we never actually asked anyone to be our mentor, I still think about it all the time. I think about the couples whose marriages shine God's light and love. I wish I had, and continue to think I should ask a wife to mentor me. I also think about who would be a good mentor in this crazy, hard journey of motherhood. What older, wiser woman whom I see so effortlessly mother her children with God's love being cast to all those who see her. I have specific people and multiple people in mind when I say that. Why do I continue to let my self doubt and fear of someone thinking I am crazy keep me from asking someone to be my mentor? Why do I continue to think that it's better to muddle through life spending every moment just trying to "figure it out on my own" when I have so many godly women of sound judgement who surround me with knowledge and skills that may be able to help provide me with more of God's peace and joy and less frustration? Why do I continue to rely on only myself when we are stronger and wiser together? After this Sister-to-Sister and divulging these inner-most thoughts, maybe this will be enough of an ice-breaker to allow me to feel comfortable and content enough to ask for one mentor and then hopefully another and another and another until I have so many godly mentors I never find myself alone. Because why limit yourself to only one mentor?

So with that I bring you to the book of Titus. Now before jumping to the obvious section of Titus 2:3-5, I want to start at the beginning of Titus quickly. According to the footnotes in my Bible, Paul's purpose in writing this letter to Titus is "to advise Titus in his responsibility of supervising the churches on the island of Crete." He starts chapter 1 and discusses the leadership of the church and how to appoint elders who love what is good and then rebuke those who fail to do good. This is very important. If we do not first have a solid foundation, in which the cornerstone is the one true God, we have nothing. If we are being led astray, mentorship will not cause you peace and joy in life but instead additional confusion and frustration.

It is only after leadership that Paul talks about mentorship in chapter 2. Now I do not know about everyone else's Bible but my Bible labels chapter 2 as "Right Living in the Church." How appropriate then that there is a whole paragraph that focuses on women and mentorship. So here is Titus 2:3-5:

"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."

God made women to be communal. God made women to be mentors. God made us to need and want each other's company. God did not make us and call us to be alone. He called us to be in communion with one another, to stand by each other, to support each other and provide for each other. It is important to note here though that again this is right on the heels of good leadership and rebuking those who fail to do good. Selecting a mentor should not be something done just willy-nilly. We need to find mentors who are of solid faith and foundation. We should find women in which God will continue to grow us in faith and understanding.

We are taught to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions "and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age" (Titus 2:12).

Asking someone to become your mentor should not be taken lightly! So once I have picked my mentor and she agrees, what then should we do with our mentors? Paul does not tell in the book of Titus exactly what to do other than to teach, always. So going back to my marriage counseling sessions, Pastor Freddy advised that we should meet with our mentors regularly. Do not stop seeking counsel. Not only should we seek counsel when things are bad but also in times of good. He recommended that meetings be set up regularly and more frequently at first and then maybe over the years they taper off as they become less needed for counseling and more just catching up and friendship as you become better equipped. I think Paul would agree as he goes on to write chapter 3 which my Bible labels as "Right Living in Society." First, we had to have the "Leadership of the Church" which appointed leaders who love good and rebuke those not doing good making our strong foundation. Second, we have "Right living in the Church" which is based around mentorship with likeminded godly women. And then his third section is "Right living in Society" as prior to our leaderships and mentorships we are not ready to face society without losing sight of God.

Paul also adds the following in his final remarks of the letter in Titus 3:14: “Our people must learn to devote themselves in doing good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.”

Lastly however, I want to read this passage again. If when you first heard this passage you thought of yourself as the younger women getting mentored, when I read it again reverse your role and think of yourself as the mentor or visa versa. So here is Titus 2:3-5 again; “Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.”

No matter your age, your place in life, abilities, or struggles we are all mentors just as much as we are the younger women. As a young wife and mother of two, it is so very easy for me to think about all the godly women who surround me that I look up to. But it is so very important to remember that others are also looking to me, even if I do not know it. How many people could I mentor in life? What advise would I give? How could I be an effective mentor? I too am called to teach other women and not just learn. It is important not only to continue to learn from others but also live as if others are learning from me.

I pray that we, as women, become wonderful learners and teachers to one another and that God breaks the ice for us and allows us to be open and vulnerable to one another to allow us to create mentorships. Amen.

Rachel Contrata

Sister-to-Sister Schedule of Events

April 30, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Spiritual Mothering/Mentoring
continued

Bring your favorite main dish, side,
appetizer, or dessert.

TBPC Sanctuary

May 28

TBD

June 11

Joining the 40th Reunion Ladies' Tea



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Ashley Powe at acpowe@gmail.com or 813-410-7053

ESL

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

The ESL Program is experiencing growth in both students and volunteers! God has blessed our Program in so many ways!

In January we completed a Citizenship Application and Exam class. One student that was in the class passed her Interview Exam and became a US Citizen in January!

The students in one of our Beginner Level 1 Classes finished their books and transitioned into a Beginner Level 2 Class. These students have really improved in reading, speaking, and understanding English and are excited to move to the next level in their studies.

We added two new classes in February. The first new class we added is an evening Beginner Level 2 class. This class is composed of a majority of students that work during the day. The students have been asking for this class and are so excited and happy to attend! All of the students in this class have finished taking the Level 1 English Class and have been ready to move to the next level.

The second class we added in February is a Friday afternoon conversation class. Many students have been asking for more practice with conversation. This class reached maximum capacity before they held their first class! This class has a variety of skill levels yet they are working well together engaging in conversation skills. We hope to add another in-person conversation class on Tuesday mornings, soon.

Currently, we have a total of eight classes each week:

1. Two Beginner Level 1 Classes;
2. Two Beginner Level 2 Classes;
3. Two Intermediate Level 3 Classes;
4. One Advanced Level 4 Class; and,
5. One Conversation Class.

We have a total of forty-seven actively participating students and seven additional students that attend periodically when they are not working. Of the forty-seven actively participating students, thirty-two of them take more than one class. Many students take three or more classes. Almost all of the students live in the New Tampa or Wesley Chapel area.

We have a total of sixteen volunteers that are teaching or assisting in classes. The support from our congregation has been tremendous, and we are grateful for each and every volunteer! As we continue to add new students, it becomes necessary to add new volunteers.

We are so grateful to God that we get to help these students with learning to communicate in English, which helps them to assimilate into the community! We are especially grateful to share Scripture, Devotions, Praise Music, and Prayer in each and every class. It has been a wonderful school year filled with many blessings!

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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March Birthdays

<i>Cindy Burns</i>	<i>March 01</i>	<i>Jeff Beams</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Richard Smoot</i>	<i>March 06</i>	<i>Becky Jordan</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Ken Pothoven</i>	<i>March 08</i>	<i>Nancy Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Craig Tyler</i>	<i>March 08</i>	<i>Rebekah Skopp</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>David Cross</i>	<i>March 09</i>	<i>Gary Smith</i>	<i>March 25</i>
<i>Ashleigh Kemp</i>	<i>March 12</i>	<i>Stephanie Smoot</i>	<i>March 25</i>
<i>Kiliaen Sauls</i>	<i>March 12</i>	<i>Esaie Etienne</i>	<i>March 26</i>
<i>Pharell Karibi-Whyte</i>	<i>March 14</i>	<i>Coleen Knecht</i>	<i>March 30</i>
<i>Valerie Simmons</i>	<i>March 14</i>	<i>David Mickler</i>	<i>March 30</i>
<i>Joe Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>David Cunningham</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>Chloe Ventura</i>	<i>March 19</i>	<i>Jack Diaz</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>James Barber</i>	<i>March 20</i>		

March Anniversaries

<i>Robert & Christy Almonte</i>	<i>March 03, 2008</i>
<i>Tom & Vicki Moore</i>	<i>March 17, 1992</i>



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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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