



## From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

### The Preposterousness of the Resurrection

On his second missionary journey, Paul found himself in the city of Athens. Paul's spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he started sharing the good news of the gospel. Paul's audience ridiculed him. They called him a "babbler." They accused him of preaching foreign gods. Why? Because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection (see Acts 17:16-21).

Many of the Athenians could not agree with him. The idea that a dead person could come back to life was utterly preposterous to them. How could anyone believe that a dead person could come back to life again? That just doesn't happen.

But it did.

Jesus did rise from the dead.

He did defeat death.

And he now gives eternal life to anyone who believes that preposterous truth.

As a young man in the South African Air Force, I had been wrestling for months whether or not Jesus really did die and rise again. On Easter Sunday in 1976, I came to believe that Jesus really did die and come back to life again. My entire life changed. I have never been the same since.

I am a Christian because God saved me by his grace. He enabled me to believe that Jesus died and rose again—and he did so for me!

What is so preposterous to so many people now makes complete sense to me. And I pray that it does to you too!

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

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## From the Session



The Session of TBPC thanks Ashleigh Kemp for her faithful service as Director of Children's Ministry as she steps down from that position. Ashleigh has been serving two roles—in both Children's Ministry and as Director of NTCA. We are grateful that Ashleigh will continue as Director of NTCA and we are eager to see what God has in store for that ministry.

At the same time, we are also eager to welcome the next leader of the Children's Ministry at TBPC. Could that be you? If you may be interested, please speak to Ashleigh about what is involved and let Pastor Freddy Fritz know of your interest as well.



The Session of TBPC thanks Suzanne Swenson for her faithful service as Coordinator of the Women's Ministry for seven years. Suzanne has decided to step down, a decision that she writes "did not come lightly. During my seven years as Coordinator, I have not only grown spiritually; but have had the wonderful opportunity to develop many personal as well as church-wide relationships with the women of TBPC. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me now. Thank you for the opportunity to serve."

We thank God for Suzanne's leadership, which included planning and completing many projects that enriched the lives of church members and many outside the church.

If you are a woman at TBPC, would you consider taking on the important and fulfilling role of TBPC Women's Ministry Coordinator? You can get more information about what the role requires by speaking to Suzanne and others who are involved in the ministry.



## *Hospitality Ministry*

*Joan Kosanovich*

With Resurrection Sunday approaching, the TBPC Hospitality Ministry anticipates our annual Easter Brunch with much excitement!

The Brunch will held before Worship on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Anyone interested in attending, serving, or contributing food may provide the information on a Welcome Card, use the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center; or call, text, or email Joan Kosanovich at 352-206-7887, ([jmkosanovich@gmail.com](mailto:jmkosanovich@gmail.com)).

We look forward to the Easter Brunch.

Stay tuned for other opportunities and events in the near future!

"Contribute to the needs of the saints  
and seek to show hospitality" (Romans 12:13).

David L. Otero  
Saturday, March 19, 2022  
Poem for the Tampa Bay Trumpet

Easter Poem

“Thy will O God, but not Mine own,”  
The prayer was softly spoke.  
Jesus knelt upon the stones.  
After the bread was broke.

The stars were weeping in the sky  
The Moon sadly hid her face.  
She knew the Son of Man would die  
And save us by His grace.

Below, amongst the garden-blooms  
The Saviour sweated blood  
All alone He faced the gloom  
Like Noah at the Flood.

That mournful night He bowed His head  
To save those whom sin would damn.  
Like one which to the slaughter is led  
The Lion became the Lamb.

An angel's chord; a demon's hiss—  
He heard both in His ears.  
A weaponed horde; a traitor's kiss—  
The disciples fled in tears.

Dragged before Pontius Pilate  
The Jews cried for his death  
To questions made to find his guile  
He answered not a breath.

Romans beat Him with whips and glass  
Blood and dirt His back adorned.  
The Jews, they cheered at every pass.  
And gave Him mocking robes and thorns.

He bore His own cross up the hill.  
To the dreaded Place of Skulls.  
To where His blood they'd gladly spill.  
The sky was dark and dull.

His gory hands and legs were pegged.  
His body they made bare.  
And all the while He faintly begged.  
"O Father, art Thou there?"

They quenched with vinegar His thirst.  
Into gales of laughter loudly burst.  
With keen a lance they gashed his side.  
Yet through this He was magnified.

After hours at death's brink He cried,  
"Abba, Father!" and He died.  
A soldier whispered, his hand on the dice—  
"O God, O, God, it was the Christ!"

A mighty earthquake shook the ground  
The tombs released the saints.  
And loudly, with a ripping sound,  
The curtain split in twain.

Jesus, Our Lord, was laid in a grave.  
His followers were distraught.  
Was He not the One? Who us can save?  
Or so they, sorrowing, thought.

But on the third day, in early hours,  
Three women saw the tomb unsealed.  
They thought not of the Heavenly power  
Through which evil and death were healed!

Mary, His mother, wept in the morn  
But then she heard "Mary, why?"  
Within her bosom, hope was born.  
She, laughed, through tears, "Rabboni!"

And thus she greeted her Risen Lord.  
Who mastered death through love.  
If we trust and believe in Jesus Christ.  
He'll take us to Heaven above!



Dear TBPC family,

During this past month we have been very busy with enrollments for the 2022—2023 school year that starts in August. I am thrilled to announce that we have already enrolled 80% of the classes initially planned. All of our 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes were filled within a couple of days of enrollment opening to the general public. As a result, we will open an additional 3-year-old class that will operate on Tuesday and Thursday. We also continue to enroll students in our 2-year-old classes which have historically always taken time to fill. We praise God for his provision of students for the new school year and for all our staff who work diligently to enable this ministry to operate.

In April, we focus on Easter and Spring. In the week leading up to Easter, I will be setting up the Youth Room and hallway outside of it into Easter stations which we use to take our preschool students on a journey through the events that took place at Easter. We will be setting up the Youth Room on Sunday, April 10, 2022, directly after worship, 12:30 p.m., and welcome any volunteers to help. Sandwiches will be provided. Please email me if you plan to assist so I can order enough. I appreciate the assistance!

Thank you for all your prayers for this ministry. Please pray that God will continue to lead us, grow us as a team, and that all that we do will bring him glory. We also pray that many seeds will be planted in the hearts of our preschoolers and their families.

Yours sincerely,  
Ashleigh Kemp  
Director

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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  
YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED OR SEND THEIR EMAIL  
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 1, 2022**

**40THANNIVERSARY@TBPCA.ORG**

**THE COMMITTEE NEEDS A HEAD COUNT FOR FOOD**

## The Brunch Bunch



Hello All,

The Brunch Bunch is still continuing to have great fellowship while trying new and different restaurants every month. We always have room for more! So come join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month and fellowship with us! We look forward to seeing you!

Blessing from the desk of,  
The Brunch Bunch





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**

**The dates are June 27—July 1**

**Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Contact Rachel Contrata (813)838-1258**





Your Nursery Needs

**YOU!**

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

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• At 425-757-2774 •

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# 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*

Come join the Sister-to-Sister Ministry on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for our quarterly meeting.

This quarter we are continuing with spiritual mothering by getting to know each other over a potluck lunch!

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and come mingle with the ladies of Tampa Bay Presybertian Church. The goal is to get to know one another, develop relationships, and perhaps even find a mentor or mentee down the line!

RSVP to Andrea Proctor at 727-453-1510 or [andreaproctor@tcforce.com](mailto:andreaproctor@tcforce.com) by April 23, 2022.

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Ashley C. Powe

## 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—Open to Suggestions.

June 11

Joining the 40th Reunion Ladies' Tea



For further information please contact:

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Ashley Powe at [acpowe@gmail.com](mailto:acpowe@gmail.com) or 813-410-7053



# ESL

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

### **From an ESL Level 1 Beginner Teacher:**

At the beginning of every lesson, our students are encouraged to engage in an extemporaneous exchange. In one of these five-to-fifteen minute sessions we asked each student how they had learned some English prior to enrolling in our ESL class. Much to our surprise and delight we were informed by one student that she had been watching Barney, the big purple dinosaur, on television on the PBS channel. We all smiled and were amazed at the power of this children's programming to help in the acquisition of the English language for one of our adult foreign students.

There are so many wonderful things we learn from our ESL learners. They smile and seem to enjoy these opportunities for free expression even though at times it is in limited form, particularly for those in our beginners' class. This is, in our view, one way they can feel we genuinely care for them by showing interest and taking time to know them better. We long to see them come to Christ and through these conversations and devotional moments, set aside in every learning session, we hope that in time God touches their hearts and they come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **From an ESL Level 2 Beginner Teacher:**

The multicultural classes give students and teachers alike the opportunity to see a true picture of God's love where people from all backgrounds and nationalities come together in friendship and understand that we are all in the same boat. In fact, it is good for me to remember that many of the students held higher positions in their home countries and are much more educated than I am! At the same time, prior education and profession does not play a role in this setting as the students are all equal here; finding themselves in the position of motivated students attempting to "start over" into a "new life."

Not only are they learning English, but are joined in a sense of common camaraderie as they end up becoming friends in spite of cultural or political differences which could, in a different setting, be dividing; but in this setting do not even come up! It is encouraging to see the students trying to help each other or explain things to each other. What a joy to see us all united in the quest for education and the betterment of life. Couple that with the spiritual element where each class ends with Bible verses, a devotional, and a prayer where the students take turns reading and commenting. There is no pressure from the teachers but simply an organic presentation of the gospel as it applies to daily life, which naturally is used as a springboard for English conversation practice and discussion. TBPC's ESL classes are a true picture of Jesus' ministry, where he met the physical and outward needs of the people while feeding their souls with the Gospel message! "

## WATCH TBPC WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

Each Sunday after the Worship service concludes, the video recording of the service will be available to watch on the church's YouTube channel.

Visit the TBPC website (<https://tampabaypresbyterian.org/worship-service-videos>) for the link to watch.

## 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 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](mailto:desleea@tampabaypresbyterian.org)**

## *April Birthdays*

<i>Sharon Cunningham</i>	<i>April 01</i>	<i>Jack McNulty</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>David Lehmann</i>	<i>April 04</i>	<i>David Otero</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Florence MacLeod</i>	<i>April 04</i>	<i>Richard Thompson</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<i>Waldo Kemp</i>	<i>April 10</i>	<i>Gabriel McNulty</i>	<i>April 20</i>
<i>Charlie Cacioppo</i>	<i>April 11</i>	<i>Nicolai Vincent</i>	<i>April 21</i>
<i>Ashley Powe</i>	<i>April 11</i>	<i>Fidelia Mas-Beazel</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>Janice Thompson</i>	<i>April 11</i>	<i>Sage Campbell</i>	<i>April 26</i>
<i>Michael Bridges</i>	<i>April 15</i>	<i>Marsha Otto</i>	<i>April 27</i>
<i>Robert Almonte</i>	<i>April 17</i>	<i>Tom Yu</i>	<i>April 27</i>
		<i>Caleb Massie</i>	<i>April 30</i>

## *April Anniversaries*

<i>Thompson, Richard &amp; Janice</i>	<i>April 04, 1971</i>
<i>Bayley, Todd &amp; Melissa</i>	<i>April 14, 1990</i>
<i>Rothfuss, Edwin &amp; Diane</i>	<i>April 15, 1967</i>
<i>Knecht, Jason &amp; Coleen</i>	<i>April 18, 1998</i>
<i>Turpen, James &amp; Cathy</i>	<i>April 22, 2004</i>



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