TBPRES TRUMPET

September 2022

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, PCA

Volume 17 Issue 9

From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Starting the 2022-2023 Ministry Year

Our 2022-2023 ministry begins on Sunday, September 4, 2022.

For many years now, most of our ministries have taken off the Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The purpose of that is to give ministry team leaders and members a chance to rest. So, hopefully, everyone is rested and refreshed and ready to begin the 2022-2023 ministry year!

We plan to start Sunday school classes, including Adult Bible Fellowships, for all ages on Sunday, September 4, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. Each of the three Ruling Elders on the Session will be hosting or leading a class this year.

Morning worship services will continue on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. And Evening worship services have also resumed on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

New Tampa Christian Academy (NTCA) has already started classes for the new academic year. NTCA is offering classes on Mondays through Fridays for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old students. Ashleigh Kemp is the NTCA Director, and she has done a fabulous job in preparing for the new school year. One encouragement regarding NTCA is that enrollment is full at the start of the year. For many years now, enrollment did not reach capacity, if at all, until January. We are very grateful for a full enrollment.

The Men's Bible Study will resume meeting on Saturday, September 3 at 7:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Led by Rod Proctor, the men are starting a new study in the book of Romans. After spending time in God's word, all the men are invited to continue fellowship over breakfast at a local restaurant. (Continued on Page 2)

(Continued from Page 1)

I plan to have another Men's Discipleship Group that will meet at the same time as the Men's Bible Study on Saturday mornings. We will meet in my study at the church. We will be using the book *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by Kent Hughes. The Men's Discipleship Group will have an initial meeting on September 3 but (due to some travel that I have to do) have regular meetings starting on October 1 at 7:45 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study started their meetings in late August. There is once again an evening and morning Women's Bible Study. The Monday evening Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom, and the Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study meets in-person in the Youth Room. The women are studying *Garden to Glory*. Debbie Jordan and Eileen Fritz are leaders for the Women's Bible Study.

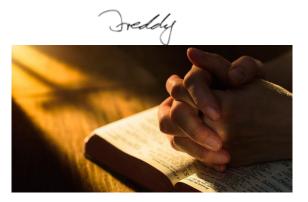
The Youth Ministry begins meeting twice a month in September. Bert Barber leads this ministry.

There is a TBPC Church Retreat that will take place at Lakeside Retreat in Brooksville from Friday through Sunday, October 7-9. This is the third year that we have had this retreat and it is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes start after Labor Day in September. There are five different classes scattered throughout the week. Karen Cross leads this growing ministry.

As we begin this very different ministry year, let me encourage you to get involved in a ministry at the church. The Bible teaches that every Christian is part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). There are many opportunities to serve in our church family. All ministries are looking for team members. Contact a ministry team member to volunteer your time and talent!

Pray that the Lord will glorify himself in our service to him this coming year. Pray that the church of Jesus Christ will be strengthened and grow in health. And pray that those outside the church family may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, so that we may all grow to maturity in Christ.



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Freddy Fritz, Senior Pastor

Melissa Bayley, Office Administrator

LeeAnn DeStefano, Office Assistant

> Bob Morrison, Bookkeeper

Ashleigh Kemp, NTCA Director Abigail Vincent, Nursery

Yanet Bermudez Ortiz, Music Director / Pianist

> Vacant, *Maintenance*

Patricia Harshfield Custodian

TBPC Ministries

Adult Bible Fellowship Ed Jordan

> *Children* Vacant

Brunch Bunch Alisa Carrier

Greeters & Welcome Table Brian Carrier

Hospitality Joan M. Kosanovich

> Men's Bible Study Rod Proctor

Men's Ministry Brian Carrier

Missions Scott Simmons

NTCA Ashleigh Kemp *Nursery* Abigail Vincent

> *Outreach* Bert Barber

Pastoral Care Rev. Freddy Fritz

Ushers Jennifer Schumm

Women's Bible Study Eileen Fritz & Debbie Jordan

Women's Ministry Brandi Shultz

Workshop Ministry Melissa Bayley & Stephanie Smoot

> Youth Bert Barber

New Tampa Christian Academy INC. Excellence in Christian Education

Our preschool ministry, NTCA, started the new school year on Tuesday August 16, 2022. This year we are offering classes on all five days of the week, (including 5-day, 3-day and 2-day options). We have one 4-year-old class of 8 students, three 3-year-old classes with a total of 39 students, and two 2-year-old classes with a total of 18 students. The first week has been a bit rough as many of the students struggle with the separation from their parents, but this normally improves after a couple of weeks.

While we do have a number of Christian families who choose us for our solid biblical foundation in our preschool curriculum, we also have a number of families who choose purely due to word-of-mouth referrals, or due to our more affordable tuition rates. Therefore, we have many students from different cultures and countries attending our preschool. This creates a wonderful opportunity for us to share the gospel message with families who may not have ever heard about our Savior. Please pray for all our families and students. Pray that God will open their hearts to the gospel and that He will go before us in everything we do, so that we may bring him glory!

I am hoping that we, as a church family, can host a Fall Festival in a couple of months' time to meet and connect with our preschool families. If you are interested in assisting with this event, then please drop me an email at director@ntcafamily.org.

We praise God for our full enrollment! And also for providing us with a wonderful group of God-fearing teachers. As well as a couple of new ladies who have the flexibility to join our substitute teacher list. I am very appreciative of our amazing team! (See the next page for their pictures).

Ashleigh

NTCA Director

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the small group of volunteers that assisted to mulch the church playground. Especially to Thys & Michael for doing all the heavy lifting, but also to Daniël and his two friends, Luke and Joel, for all their help too!





NTCA Ministry Team for 2022-23

Here is our staff for the 2022-23 school year. Please pray for each one of them as they minister to our students. Pray that God will encourage them and lead them in everything they do.

Pre-K4 Teacher:



Pre-K2 Teachers: Ms. Azeb

Pre-K3 Teachers: Ms. Suly



Office Assistant: Ms. Faye





Teacher Assistants: Ms. Lucita





Ms. Lissi

Ms. Sarah



Ms. Elsa



Faith Day Tampa Bay Rays Game

June 25, 2022



On June 25 the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church went to a Tampa Bay Rays game organized by the Men's Ministry. This was a special day at the ballpark because the Rays would have their regular game against the Pittsburgh Pirates and then have something exciting for our TBPC fans. At the end of the game some of the Christian players on both teams were talking about their faith in God while still being able to

play the game of professional baseball. These players talked about the everyday struggles with baseball and how to also speak with their teammates about their faith. They talked about how their Lord and Savior was still the most important part of their life.

We sold 30 tickets to watch the Tampa Bay Rays play the Pittsburgh Pirates. It was a lower scoring game with Tampa Bay being victorious 4 to 2. We had everyone drive themselves to the afternoon game that began at 1:10 PM and ended approximately 4:40 PM.

It was a lot of fun at the ballpark for all at the game. We had a lot of fans who enjoyed themselves at the ballpark for the afternoon with friends and family. This was just a great day with all our Christian brothers and sisters, but it was not complete without the special gathering of 10 Christian ball players from both teams that were willing to give their testimony. Last year, only the Rays players gave their testimony. But this year, the visiting team, the Pittsburgh Pirates, also joined for their





testimony. It was a special occasion to hear these talented professional baseball players discussing their faith in God on the field, in the dugout, and in the clubhouse.

We witnessed a special side of these Christian Rays and Pirates baseball players that ultimately said their time doing something they loved was for God's glory. Rays player JT Chargois, who is a relief pitcher, shared his story about

how the struggles of injury can be devastating to a pitcher. He stated that when he was down and lonely, Jesus Christ his Savior picked him back up and He never fails him. Other players included Brett Philips (who always has fun with the crowd) talked about how Jesus is always with him. We also listened to Ryan Thompson who spoke about his struggles through the minors and how Jesus was the reason he was able to make it through the majors. He said without Jesus in your life, there is nothing. Brooks Raley, Jeffrey Springs, Jalen Beeks, and Jason Adam were also present along with strong believers from the Pirates. These players re-emphasized their faith to their Lord and Savior.

The day finished up with some prayer and a general good time for the day enjoying some entertainment and Christian Faith. We hope to do this same event every year if the Rays sponsor it. We hope they do because I believe anyone from the church would have enjoyed it.

The Men's Ministry appreciates the fun and fellowship we enjoy with our Christian brothers and sisters and look forward to other events throughout the year.

Grace and Peace Brian S. Carrier Men's Ministry Leader





September Anníversaríes

Ríley, Roy & Stephanie	Sept 06, 1969
Smíth, Gary & Pat	Sept 06, 1969
Yu, Tom & Vern	Sept 06, 2014
Kemp, Waldo & Ashleigh	Sept 10, 2005

September Bírthdays

Edwin Rothfuss	Sept 02	Carol Allison	Sept 20
Ruth Walker	Sept 05	Ken Matlack	Sept 22
Juliana Díaz	Sept 06	Lauren Díshman	Sept 23
Michael Rush	Sept 09	Michelle Hunter	Sept 23
Chrís Lear	Sept 11	Mary Mollard	Sept 24
Jonathan Massíe	Sept 13	Randí Mallary	Sept 25
Víckí Moore	Sept 13	Ryan Highfill	Sept 27
Karen Cross	Sept 16	Jíll Otero	Sept 30
Scott Harshfield	Sept 17		





Courtney Doctor, M.Div.

Meet Courtney at <u>https://www.courtneydoctor.org/about</u>

Genesis to Revelation Is a beautiful, epic, and cohesive story.

It is the story of how our eternal God is on a grand mission to redeem and restore his rebellious and wayward children.

TBPC Women's Bible Study

August 22 - November 15

Choose from two identical Study Groups ...

Monday Evenings, 6:30PM - 8:30PM, Via Zoom only Link provided by email to registrants August 22 & 29, September 12, 19 & 26, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, and November 7 & 14

Tuesday Mornings, 10:00AM - 12:00PM, in-person only
At church (free childcare available with advance notice)
August 23 & 30, September 13, 20 & 27, October 4, 11, 18 & 25, and
November 8 & 15

Both Study Groups include ...

11 Video lessons by the author

Friendly and directed discussion

Prayer groups

Sign up for a Study Group ...

Please sign up using the Welcome cards in the Sanctuary using "WBS Mon" or WBS Tues," or text/call Debbie Jordan at 813-368-7513 or Eileen Fritz at 813-731-0457.

Get your Study Guide ...

Study Guides will be available at church on Sunday mornings beginning August 7th, from Debbie Jordan or Barb Hess. You may also make other arrangements with Debbie (813-368-7513).

Payment is \$20.00 by cash or check made out to TBPC with "WBS" in the memo line and given directly to Debbie or Barb when you get your book. Please do not put book payment in an offering.

Alternatively, you may place an order.

Order from <u>PCA Bookstore</u>

Order from <u>Amazon</u>

Let's enjoy the journey from the Garden to Glory together!



TBPC CHURCH RETREAT - OCTOBER 7-9 The Great Treasure Hunt

Proverbs 2:1-5 Speaker: Rev. Scott Simmons

WHERE? LAKEWOOD RETREAT 25458 Dan Brown Hill Road Brooksville, FL, 34602

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!



Deadline to register: September 18

WANT TO JOIN US?

Turn over the page, complete the form and drop it in the collection plate.

COST?

(All charges include both nights)

MOTEL ROOM (includes 1 Queen bed, 2 Twin beds & private bathroom)......\$50 per room

FOOD CHARGE.....\$25/per person (5 years and older)

TENT CAMPING......\$50 per tent

DAY VISITOR......\$25 per person

TBPC Church Retreat The Great Treasure Hunt

NAME:
TEL:
EMAIL:
(The above contact information will be used for retreat communication.)

WEEKEND VISITORS:

(All charges include both nights)

Number of Adults:	(\$25 p/p)
Number of Children (5yrs+)	(\$25 p/p)
Number of Children (0-4yrs)	(no cost)

Select accommodation type:

- Motel room (\$150)
- Tent / RV site (\$50)

DAY VISITORS:

Number of Adults and Children (5yrs+): (see below) Number of Children (0-4yrs) (no cost)

Friday night (no charge)

Saturday (\$25 p/p) - includes breakfast, lunch & dinner Sunday morning (\$10 p/p) - includes breakfast

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ashleigh Kemp (kempash@gmail.com or 813-362-8530)

Calendar of Events: 2022-23





Women's Bible Study 8/22- 11/15

Men's Breakfast 8/27

Adult Bible Fellowship Children & Youth SS 9/4 - 12/18

Men's Bible Study 9/3 - 12/17

The Workshop Ministry 9/10

> Church Retreat 10/7 - 10/9

Men's Fishing Trip 11/5

Membership Class 11/13

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service 11/20

Beginning of Advent 11/27



Women's Christmas Brunch 12/3

Men's Breakfast 12/10

Christmas Eve Service 12/24

Adult Bible Fellowship Children & Youth SS 1/8 - 3/26

Men's Bible Study 1/7 - 3/25

Women's Bible Study 1/9 - 3/28

Missions Conference 2/17 - 2/19

Membership Class 2/19

Adult Bible Fellowship Children & Youth SS 4/2 - 5/28

Men's Bible Study 4/1 - 5/27

Women's Bible Study 4/3 - 5/9

Passion Week Maundy Thursday Service 4/6

Good Friday Service 4/7

> Easter Sunday 4/9

Membership Class 5/21 Vacation Bible School TBD

Membership Class 8/20

Contact us

facebook.com/tbpre



www.tampabaypresbyterian.org

19911 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33647 813-973-2484 office@tbpca.org

Trumpet Staff

Rev. Freddy Fritz, Editor-in-Chief

Melissa McNulty, Co-editor

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 dr.melissamcnulty@gmail.com by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church 19911 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33647 Phone: (813) 973-2484 Email: <u>office@tampabaypresbyterian.org</u>

