



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

“To Be Thankful”

The Rev. Jim Baird was one of the founding fathers of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). He once preached a sermon titled “To Be Thankful” at the Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA. He shared the following fascinating story:

When we started the PCA, we had no money—not a dime—and we were going to start a new denomination. One group gave us \$90,000 for world missions. The only two missionaries we had—Dick Dye and a young woman named Ellen Barnett—were down in Acapulco.

Missionary Dick Dye had been in Acapulco for two months trying to start a church. Whenever he got discouraged, he looked up at a cross he could see on a nearby mountain. That encouraged him. Finally, he drove up the mountain to find out about that cross. And when he did, he found it attached to a big hotel. So Dye asked the secretary, “Can I speak to the man who runs this establishment?”

“Do you have an appointment?”

“No appointment, I just want to tell him something.”

“What do you want to tell him?”

“I want to thank him.”

The secretary got the owner. Dye said, “I’m a missionary from the United States here in Acapulco. I’ve been discouraged. But I see that cross and it encourages me. I want to thank you for having it up there.”

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The man looked at Dye, put his head down on his desk, and began to weep. He wept and wept. Finally he raised his head and said: "That cross has been up there for years. All I've heard is criticism. You're the first man who ever said thank you. Now, who are you and what do you need?"

"I'm just a missionary," Dick answered.

"Where do you meet?"

"We don't meet anywhere. I don't have any place to meet."

The owner said, "Come with me." He took Dick to a beautiful chapel and said, "We have church here at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. From now on, it is yours at 10:00 a.m. You begin services next week."

That was the beginning of the first Presbyterian Church in America missionary plant. Within a few years, we turned four congregations over to the Presbyterian Church of Mexico. How did it start? With one guy who said thank you.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of the year to be reminded to say, "Thank you!" You never know what blessing might follow those words.

Freddy



Hospitality **by Joan Kosanovich**

"Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality"

(Romans 12:13).

We look forward to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20, 2022 at 5:00 pm! Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord for the many blessings that he has bestowed on us. We will share a traditional covered dish Thanksgiving supper followed by a brief message and a time of singing and sharing. Sign up at: meal-train.com/5mookk. If you are interested in assisting with set up, clean up, or other behind-the-scenes activities, please text Joan Kosanovich (352-206-7887) or email her at jmkosanovich@gmail.com

As always, there is no pressure to join the Hospitality ministry, but if you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Joan Kosanovich or LeeAnn DeStefano.

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34th Annual Christmas Brunch for Women

The Christmas Brunch Committee has been diligently preparing for an engaging, endearing, and energizing brunch! We are excited for every woman to join this special time together.

Saturday, December 3

at the church

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Sunday, November 6, through Sunday, November 20, in the narthex. Tickets are eighteen dollars for girls 8 and older and ten dollars for girls under age 8. For ticket questions, please contact Debbie Jordan (debbiejordan1@gmail.com or 813-368-7513).

Childcare will only be available by registering with Abigail Vincent (425-757-2774 or abigaitaverne@gmail.com) by Sunday, November 20.

Questions about the brunch, please contact Melissa Bayley (melbay4@gmail.com or 813-528-2830) or Brandi Shultz



November Anniversaries

Cacioppo, Mike & Toni

Nov 21, 2014

Mollard, Wes & Mary

Nov 25, 1952

November Birthdays

Brian Carrier

Nov 04

Alan Wyss

Nov 21

Tom Moore

Nov 09

Dildar Gajadhar

Nov 22

Carrol Josephs-Marshall

Nov 11

Jason Knecht

Nov 22

Roger Otero

Nov 17

Roy Riley

Nov 26

William Otero

Nov 17

Laura Davis-Rotolo

Nov 28

Freddy Fritz

Nov 18

Diane Cunningham

Nov 29

David Karibi-Whyte

Nov 18



Calendar of Events: 2022-23



Fall

Winter

Spring

Summer

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

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