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From the Pastor's Desk

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TBPC's 2023 Missions Conference

Stop! Put down whatever it is you are doing. And read this article carefully. Please.

TBPC's 2023 Missions Conference is scheduled to take place the weekend of February 17–19, 2023.

We have been having Missions Conferences at TBPC for decades. But this is the first time in my tenure here that we will have as many of our supported missionaries with us for the conference. Barring any changes, we will have with us Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu, Esaie & Natacha Etienne, Aldo & Abigail Mondin, Susan Newkirk, Rene & Lilli Palacio, Carla Stevens (most likely only on Sunday since she will be coming in from Africa the day before), and John & Karen Stodghill. Although we don't financially support Michael Bridges, we do support him in prayer, and he will also be with us.

This is the first time that our new missionaries, Susan Newkirk and John & Karen Stodghill, will be with us for a Missions Conference.

On Friday evening, February 17, and Saturday morning, February 18, the Missions Committee and the Church Officers will be spending time with our missionaries to learn how they are doing in their ministry and we can care well for them.

Here is where I want you to mark your calendar! On Saturday evening, February 18, we are going to have a fantastic dinner and pie contest. Following that meal and dessert, we will have an opportunity to hear from our missionaries.

And then on Sunday morning, February 19, we will have our missionaries rotate through our various Sunday school and Adult Bible Fellowship classes so that attendees can learn more about our missionaries. There will be a worship service with our keynote speaker, Dr. Herb Ward, from Covenant College. Following the worship service, everyone is invited to a buffet lunch at the Asian Buffet.

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Please make every effort to attend Saturday evening and Sunday morning. And pray for our Missions Conference that the Lord will be glorified and his people encouraged. Amen.

Freddy

TBPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Serving God's Purpose in Our Own Generation

Acts 13:36-52

The TBPC Missions Conference is February 17 through 19. It will be a great conference with 7 of our 8 supported missionaries taking part. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your missionaries and they will be delighted to share what is happening in their respective ministry.

February 18 is our All-Church Dinner Event beginning at 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The meal will be catered by Mission BBQ—we thought it appropriate. The cost to you will be \$10, for ages 12 and under--no charge. TBPC's choir will be singing. They will also lead us in congregational singing as we celebrate the work of missions. A missionary will be at each table giving you ample opportunity to talk personally. In addition, each missionary/couple will share briefly about their work during the program. To add some fun to the evening, we ask you to bring a special, unique, or tantalizing dessert. We will have *'people's choice'* awards for the desserts. For the best dessert overall in two categories—youth and adult—the TBPC coveted apron will be awarded. So, we hope to be dazzled by desserts. Of course, it means you will have to engage in the hard duty of sampling a multitude of desserts.

Our conference speaker is Dr. Herb Ward. He is a professor at Covenant College in Chattanooga, Tennessee in Biblical Studies and Missions. Dr. Ward has enjoyed more than one career, which has provided him with an array of skills he puts to use in teaching, research, preaching, and missions. He was a practicing attorney in Michigan and later with MTW he served as a missionary in East and South Africa.

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The Conference theme is “**Serving God’s Purpose in Our Own Generation**” based on Acts 13:36–52. Dr. Ward will begin unfolding our theme during the All-Church Dinner Event and bring it to fullness during his sermon on Sunday morning. The conference schedule is as follows:

- Friday night 7pm: At Martine Extermann’s home.
Missions Committee and Missionaries.
- Saturday Morning: At the church.
Church Officers, Missionaries, and Missions Committee.
- Saturday Evening: At the church, all-church dinner event, Dr. Ward speaking.
- Sunday Morning: Missionaries visiting Sunday School and ABF classes.
Dr. Herb Ward preaching during the worship service.
Asian Buffet after church for lunch with the missionaries
as guests; everyone else, Dutch.

During the Missions Conference you will hear about a proposed short-term missions trip to Belize. John and Karen Stodghill will tell us about the need for assistance with recovery from the destruction of Hurricane Lisa. Applications will be available. The Missions Committee has budgeted funds for the trip with the hope 10 people will go. The estimated base cost at this time is \$1,350 per person. This does not include incidental or personal expenses. The Missions Committee will do our best to answer questions you may have. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity.

Do let us know you will be attending the Saturday evening, February 18, All-Church Dinner by writing **MC** on the worship service welcome card placing it in the offering plate. Please look for announcement updates and keep our missionaries in your prayers as well as the Missions Conference. We look forward to being encouraged and uplifted in the great work to which the Lord has called his Church.

The Missions Committee

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Joel Braschler & Marisa Starr-Braschler
Feb. 8, 2014

Ken & Stephanie Smoot
Feb. 22, 2014



May the God of hope
fill you with
all joy and peace
in believing,
so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit
you may abound
in hope.

Romans 15:13 ESV

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Cathi Diaz	Feb 2
Phil Lear	Feb 2
Bob Brown	Feb 3
Reagan Sauls	Feb 9
Cherita Adawonu	Feb 11
Josiah Massie	Feb 12
Jessica Hunter	Feb 13
Jacob Patrick	Feb 14
Tyler Wyss	Feb 15
Alisa Carrier	Feb 17
Holly Mickler	Feb 17
Melissa Noel	Feb 17
Joey Cacioppo	Feb 18
Jacob Rush	Feb 18
Gavin McNulty	Feb 20
Jimmy Jr. Barber	Feb 21
Todd Bayley	Feb 21
LeeAnn DeStefano	Feb 21
Thom Tigley	Feb 21
Ron Jorgensen	Feb 27



Details about the next TBPC Golf Fellowship outing coming soon.

We look forward to warmer weather and more members to join, including friends and guests.

The TBPC Golf Fellowship

The TBPC Golf Fellowship had its first outing at the Lexington Oaks golf course on January 14. Eight of the eleven who signed up were able to make our 1pm tee-time. We had a wonderful yet somewhat cold and windy time.

It was a mixed group of those who play golf on a regular basis, those who play occasionally, and those new to golf. The temperature was tolerable when we started although the wind from time to time was biting. Scramble was the rule for play. It allowed for more shots as well as the opportunity to take risks. Play was slow unfortunately. When the sun began to drop towards the horizon, the temperature also dropped. The wind picked up as well. Two of our intrepid group decided to head back to the clubhouse after the 12th hole. The lead foursome forged ahead through the 16th hole before they decided to get out of the cold to head home. Finally, the remaining twosome followed suit after the 15th hole.

Our TBPC Golf Fellowship pioneers were: David Cross, Michael Rush, Ken Pothoven, Brian Carrier, Ken Smoot, Derk Schultz, Brandi Schultz, and Scott Simmons. We hope to have more join us at our next outing. You are welcome to bring a friend or guest. Our Golf fellowship is a great way to introduce someone to TBPC. We are looking for input and suggestions from those interested in taking part as TBPC's Golf Fellowship develops.

There will be information about our next outing in the not-too-distant future. We do plan to play at different courses at reasonable prices. I am certain that with your prayers the Lord will provide a warmer day.

Looking forward to our next golf outing,
Scott Simmons

Hospitality by Joan Kosanovich

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

The Hospitality Ministry has resumed offering light snacks with the coffee and tea each week, with items purchased (rather than homemade) and kept in the original packaging, for folks to help themselves as they choose. Anyone wishing to bring pastries, cookies, or similar store-bought items is welcome to do so, and you do not have to make any commitment to the Hospitality Ministry to bring goodies to share with the TBPC family!

Our next New Member class is scheduled for February 19, 2023. Please pray that the prospective new church members receive nourishment both for their souls and their bodies through Freddy’s teaching, and through the Hospitality Ministry providing them a meal.

There is no pressure to join this ministry, ever, but anyone interested in serving, or if anyone would like more information, please contact Joan Kosanovich or LeeAnn DeStefano.





New Tampa Christian Academy Preschool

★ **PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR 2023/24 OPENS ON 15 FEBRUARY FOR PRE-K 4
AND ON 22 FEBRUARY FOR PRE-K 2 AND PRE-K 3.** ★

At NTCA we teach children that there is a God who created the world and everything in it. He loves each one of us, and reveals himself to us through His Word, the Holy Bible.

We invite your child to join in an adventure of discovery—a time to flourish, to become confident, to love, to experiment, and to grow physically, academically, and spiritually.

Programs

All programs are half-day programs. Classes are from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Pre-K 2 (Students must have turned 2 by 1 Sep 2023)

Two-day class (T/Th): \$245 per month
Three-day class (M/W/F): \$345 per month

Pre-K 3 (Students must have turned 3 by 1 Sep 2023)

Two-day class (T/Th): \$235 per month
Three-day class (M/W/F): \$335 per month
Five-day class (M-F): \$525 per month

Pre-K 4 (Students must have turned 4 by 1 Sep 2023)

Five-day classes (M-F): \$300 per month

Note: This is a private program; not a VPK program



Tuition is charged for nine months beginning in August of the school year. A non-refundable registration fee of \$175 is due at the time of registration, (\$100 for Pre-K 4). A supply fee of \$50 for Pre-K 3 and \$65 for Pre-K 4 is invoiced with the first month's tuition to assist us with the cost of student material for the Abeka curriculum. A 25% tuition discount is offered for the tuition of a second child enrolled and for members of TBPC.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ntcafamily.org, or contact our Director, Ashleigh Kemp on director@ntcafamily.org, or 813-973-2443.

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ESL UPDATE

As we build relationships with our ESL students, our prayer is that God will use us in their lives to bring glory to himself. Please pray that the Bible lesson we use each week will accomplish a work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. We currently have 61 students who are studying scripture, devotions and listening to praise music every week. We continue to have almost 100% participation in our Bible lesson every week across all classes.

We are thankful for the volunteers who make this mission possible. We have a wonderful group of volunteers, which allows us to have 10 different ESL classes each week! Each class only meets one time per week. Many students continue to participate in multiple classes to practice English, which enables them to attend class multiple times per week.

We are encouraged by the good attendance at the beginning of the new year. We have had 12 new students inquire about ESL just during the month of January!

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NEW SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES

Citizenship Class:

We have a six week Citizenship Class that is meeting to help prepare students to complete the paperwork to apply to become a US citizen, and to pass the Citizenship Interview with INS. We thank Ron and Esther Whitley for teaching this important class!

ESL Conversation for Intermediate and Advanced Students:

During class, students will participate in conversations with classmates and teachers. The class also includes exercises on advanced grammar, pronunciation, and writing in English. This class is a face to face class that will be held on Fridays, 2:00 - 3:30 beginning on Friday, February 3. The class will continue through the end of May.

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Many who were absent in the fall have returned to classes for the spring semester. All the students are so happy to see each other after time away from class. The teachers are happy to have them return!

We thank God for this opportunity to do mission work through this program. We will have an End of Year ESL Celebration for our Church Leadership, ESL volunteers, and students. Last year, the total attendance for this party was 77 participants. We hope to have as many participate this year as well! As we look ahead to our end of the year party, we pray that God will use it to bring students into our church.

Student Prayer Requests:

Many of our students ask for prayer in class, by email, or by text message. Not only do they share prayer requests, but when a student is absent, they ask us to give them updates on how the missing student is doing. These are some examples for prayers we received in January:

A student in Brazil has asked for prayer for the corruption in the leadership of his country.

A student had eye surgery and we are praying for her complete recovery.

A student has a mother who is in the hospital in South Korea, and has asked for prayer for her mother's multiple medical issues.

A student had recent dental surgery and asked for prayer for relief of pain.



Discover Jesus Within Deuteronomy!

Women's Bible Study (updated info)



At first glance, the ancient book of Deuteronomy may seem irrelevant. Yet Jesus and the Apostles taught from Deuteronomy often. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey takes a closer look. In this teaching series, he connects the land, laws, and leaders of Deuteronomy to the Christian life. We will join him and discover how Deuteronomy points to the Savior and helps prepare our hearts for Jesus.

Two Meeting Times to Choose From

Monday evenings via Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm, January 9—May 22

Tuesday mornings in person, 10:00am-noon, January 10—May 23

Features:

- Video lessons by W. Robert Godfrey
- Study Guide with discussion questions and answers
- Discussion among women participants
- Small group prayer

Additional Details:

- Study Guides are available for purchase for \$16 after Worship most Sundays through Jan 8th.
- Sign up by purchasing a Study Guide, writing “WBS-M” or “WBS-T” on your Welcome Card in worship, or contacting Debbie Jordan at (813) 368-7513 or DebbieJordan1@gmail.com.

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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