

ing to volunteer, just a willingness to serve. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pastor James (813-973-2484).

**END-OF-YEAR GIVING**

The Session is recommending that, if anyone in our church family would like to make an additional contribution to the church, it go to our *By His Grace, For His Glory* Capital Stewardship Campaign for the building addition. Please note: the IRS rule requires checks be written/dated in December, before the end of the year. Checks received by mail must be postmarked in December to be claimed as a deduction for 2013 income tax returns.

**THROUGHOUT DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS FOR THE ÉTIENNE BOYS!**

Esaie & Natacha Étienne, with MTW, and their children Ishtyler (15), Isaiah, Jr. (14), and Ishmaiah, (13) have become TBPC Children’s Ministry “own” missionaries. There is a basket in the narthex with envelopes for TBPC kids to put money to be sent to the boys’ parents for purchase of Christmas gifts.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, NOON**

**ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE**

The office will be closed Wednesday (Christmas) and the Thursday and Friday after Christmas. All announcements for Sunday, December 29 must be into the office by noon on Monday, December 23.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Please use the invitation card in the Friendship Register, or in the narthex, to invite friends and family to participate in our *Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols*. If you can help by bringing a hospitality platter of cheese, fruit, veggies, or sweets to share, please write “CE” on your

**Petitions**

**Health**

Cile Mitchell, **Nora Jeffries’** sister-in-law (get a lung transplant); **John Andel** (recovery from kidney stone surgery); Tyler Jeffries, son of **Ted Jeffries** (recovery from war wounds); **Barbara Bentley** (continuing health issues); **Diane Collier** (limbic encephalitis).

**Praise**

Congratulations to Eddie and Jennifer Garcia on the birth of third child, Elijah Noel Garcia. He was born on Sunday, December 15, 2013. He weighs 6 lb. 15 oz. and is 19 1/2 “ long. Elijah, the proud parents and older brothers, Jesse and Lucas, are all doing well.

**This Week’s Volunteers**

**Welcome Table**

Brian and Alisa Carrier

**Greeters**

Phil and Chis Lear

**Ushers**

Bob McQueen, Jim Childers, Reid Donaldson, Rick Donaldson, and Vince Hladek

**Children’s Church**

Michelle Hunter, Gertrude Hunter, and Jessica Hunter

**Nursery**

Alisa Carrier, and Jennifer and Luana Isaac

**Deacon on Duty**

Garry Gawrych

**Next Week’s Volunteer**

**Welcome Table**

Ted and Mia Jeffries

**Greeters**

Autar Kaw and Lilly Porter

**Ushers**

Bob McQueen, Jim Childers, Reid Donaldson, Rick Donaldson, and Vince Hladek

**Children’s Church**

Michelle Hunter, Gertrude Hunter, and Jessica Hunter

**Nursery**

Deborah Donaldson , Avril Massie

**Deacon on Duty**

Rick Donaldson

Friendship Register form and the item you will bring. Please bring them 30 minutes before the start of the service.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, CE&F OR COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30-8:30 PM (EWBS)**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:00-11:30 AM (MWBS)**

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – SPRING 2014**

Our spring study, “Left of Matthew,” will be led by Maggie Gordon (MWBS) and Melissa Bayley (EWBS), with several other women leading some of the study sessions. Childcare (by reservation): MWBS—for infants to preschoolers; EWBS—for children of any age. Cost of books and materials is \$10.00. Registration forms are in the narthex, or write “MWBS” or “EWBS” on your Friendship Register form. Please indicate your childcare needs.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 7:45-9:00 A.M.**

**LAMP DISCIPLESHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

LAMP Seminary has certified Tampa Bay Presbyterian as a site for its Discipleship Certificate Program. The next Certificate Program offering for men will be Bible Doctrine II. For more information, see the brochure in the narthex, or contact Pastor Freddy (813-973-2484).

**SUMMER 2014 MISSIONS TRIPS**

TBPC will be sending 2 missions trips this coming summer; a medical missions trip to Monterrey, Mexico with MTW (June 28 - July5), and a Cherokee trip (July 19 - 26). If interested in either of these trips, see the Team Leader: Monterrey – Martine Extermann (adults only); Cherokee – Doug Knox.

**Welcome**

**We are glad you are worshiping with us today.** Please let us know you are here by signing the Friendship Register located at the end of each row. **Let us know how we can pray for you** by filling out the prayer request section of the form, and placing it in the offering plate, or handing it to an usher. The staff of the church will pray confidentially for these requests.

**Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church** is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Our **Mission** is to bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God’s name.

**Staff**

Pastor..... Rev. Freddy Fritz  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. James Nichols  
Office Administrator..... Melissa Noel  
NTCA Director ..... Cheryl Barber  
Custodian..... Chris Christopher  
Nursery (p/t)..... Marianne Cali  
Bookkeeper (p/t)..... Joanne Campbell  
Music (p/t)..... Debi Hensley  
Children (p/t)..... Eileen Fritz  
Pianist (p/t) ..... Debi Hensley  
Office Assistant (p/t)..... LeeAnn DeStefano  
Youth (p/t)..... Garry Gawrych

**Session**

Jim Aldrich  
Bert Barber  
Freddy Fritz (Moderator)  
Fred Gordon  
Doug Hayman  
Joe Kirkpatrick  
Doug Knox (REIT)  
James Nichols  
Kevin Nobles (Clerk)

Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

**Diaconate**

Rick Donaldson  
Garry Gawrych (DIT)  
Bob Guest (Chairman)  
Jonathan Massie

Bob McQueen (Emeritus)

**Missionaries**

Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu..... NHMI  
Chaplain James Cochell..... PRCC  
Esaie & Natacha Etienne .....MTW  
Chaplain Ted Hamm ..... PRCC  
Jeff & Jenny Lee ..... RUF  
Pam Johnston.....WA  
Ken & Tammy Matlack.....MTW  
Kevin & Gertrude Nicholas ..... Wycliffe  
Rene & Lilli Palacio.....SIM  
Carla Stevens .....MTW  
Don & Judy Vander Ploeg..... Wycliffe

**Meeting Times**

**Today:**

8:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School  
Adult CE&F  
Communicant Membership Class  
PHOS Youth Sunday School

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Children’s Church  
12:15 p.m. A Cappella Ensemble Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. PHOS Youth Dinner and Meeting  
Aldrich/Kirkpatrick Dinner and Growth Group Meeting

**Tuesday:**

7:00 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols Service

**Wednesday:**

Office Closed

**Thursday:**

Office Closed

**Friday:**

Office Closed

**Saturday:**

7:45 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

**Sunday:**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Children’s Church



**Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, December 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today’s Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and Kevin Nobles

**Worship Service**

† Please stand as you are able

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** ..... Please sign Friendship Register

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... based on Isaiah 7:14

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God’s kingdom:

**The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (“God is with us”).**

† **OPENING SONG** .... While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks ... Hymnal 223

† **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ’s way of hope and peace. Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

**SONG OF RESPONSE** ..... Silent Night, Holy Night..... Hymnal 210

**Ministry Teams**

<p><b>Membership</b> CareNet Emptynesters Hospitality Nursery Pacesetters Prayer</p>	<p><b>Maturity</b> Adult CE&amp;F Children Growth Group Men’s Bible Study Women’s Bible Study Women’s Ministry Youth</p>	<p><b>Ministry</b> Ministry Deployment</p> <p><b>Missions</b> Church Planting Missions Committee NTCA Outreach</p>	<p><b>Magnification</b> Worship Service Music Ministry Greeters Ushers</p>
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# GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 35 & 36

What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

**That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.**

How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

**He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin; mine since I was conceived.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16 ..... Page 572

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

† SONG.....Once in Royal David's City ..... Hymnal 225

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25 ..... Page 808

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING..... General Fund  
Please place Friendship Registration form in the Offering Plate

OFFERTORY SONG ..... Jesu Bambino  
Millie Myers

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

Chorus  
*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.

Chorus (CONGREGATION SINGS)  
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PREPARATORY SONG.....Christmas Changes Everything  
Worship Choir

DISMISSAL.....Children (Age 3 through Grade 2) to Children's Church

† SCRIPTURE TEXT ..... Luke 7:18-35 ..... Page 863

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON.....Jesus Praises John the Baptist  
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG .....O Little Town of Bethlehem .....Hymnal 201

† BENEDICTION

† MEET AND GREET CAFÉ

†Ushers may assist latecomers to find their seats after the Call to Worship.  
Children, ages 3 to Second Grade, are dismissed to Children's Church in Room 21.  
Nursery care is provided in Room 13, across from the Ladies' Restroom, during the Worship Service.  
Parents: Please pick up your children at 11:55 a.m., after the Children's Church Mini Café (except on Communion Sunday or when there is a lunch following Worship Service, when they will return to you during the closing song).  
Parents: For the safety of your children, please accompany them to the bathrooms.  
To participate in the Mini Café, parents must fill out a Medical Emergency form (in the narthex or Friendship Register) in reference to food allergies. If your child has food or other serious allergies, and is attending Children's Church (CC) for the first time, please fill out the front and back of the CareNet Medical Emergency Information form (in the narthex or Friendship Register), escort your child to CC, and hand them personally to a CC staff member.  
Please silence all communication devices.  
Please refrain from applause and flash photography during the Worship Service.  
Please refrain from eating or drinking during the Worship Service.

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**Visitors:** Please visit the Welcome Table for a free book and information about the church.

Have a taste of something special with a new friend at the Meet and Greet Table

### Our Memory Verse for the Month

Proclaim Christ

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:24

Assurance of Salvation

## Announcements

### Treasurer's Corner

General Fund Income & Expense

One Month Ended November 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance
General Fund Giving	\$ 147,880	\$ 127,243	\$ (20,637)
Other Income (Interest, Rent, etc.)	\$ 3,753	\$ 4,395	\$ 642
General Fund Expenses	\$ 151,633	\$ 132,089	\$ (19,544)
Ahead (Behind)	\$ - 0	\$ (451)	\$ (451)

### Missions Fund

Goal	\$ 45,000
Total pledged for 2013-2014	\$ 37,260
Funds received 3/1/2013-11/30/2013	\$ 31,673

### By His Grace, For His Glory

Goal	\$ 450,000
Total pledged	\$ 282,714
Funds received through 11/30/2013	\$ 177,419

(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)

December *Trumpet* available at the Welcome Table.

### POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

THIS YEAR'S POINSETTIA DECORATION WAS IN DEDICATION AND REMEMBRANCE BY:

Todd & Melissa Bayley for  
Melissa's father, Ron Moulton and Fred and Maggie Gordon.

Lou & Barbara Bentley for  
their son, Robert Bentley.

Virginia Bremer for  
our Men & Women in the Armed Services.

Michelle Hunter for  
her family.

Edward & Eileen Kociela for  
their parents: Edward A. and Louise Kociela and Natale and Josephine Orrico.

Patty Lugo for  
her father, Procopio Rico.

Bob & Betty McQueen for  
their daughter, Debbie, and their parents.

Earl & Millie Myers for  
their mothers, Marian Anna Myers and Mildred Groff.

Lilly Porter for  
her husband, Tom, and her sons, Michael and Steven.

Ken & Betty Pothoven for  
Betty's mother, Jenny Dewys.

Gary & Pat Smith for  
Parents: Edward Smith and Alfred and Mildred Vansant.

Mary Tobar family for  
the Pacesetters Fellowship group.

Please take or arrange for your plants to be taken home after the *Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols*.

### NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM.

God graciously drew 260 guests from Pebble Creek to St. Pete to experience The Story of the God's Greatest Gift – A Savior, re-created in a kid-friendly way. The enthusiastic volunteers were a huge asset in this production. Many thanks!

### PIONEER CLUBS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a second teacher for our Trailblazer group (5th-8th graders) beginning January

8. If you are interested, please contact Lindsay Montoney, (864-561-1721, lindsayjoanne90@hotmail.com).

THE PCA FOUNDATION  
Provides help for year-end tax planning and charitable giving. Accomplish your gifting desires, and at the same time reduce your income tax liability. Flyers available in narthex. Visit the PCA Foundation's website at www.pcafoundation.com or call them at 1-800-700-3221.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS  
If you want to nominate someone for the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon, there are Nomination forms in the narthex. Fill one out and turn it in to the church office, or to a Deacon or Elder.

RULING ELDER AND DEACON EMERITUS  
Ruling Elder Jim Aldrich and Deacon Bob McQueen have requested and been granted emeritus status, effective now for Bob McQueen, and January 1, 2014 for Jim Aldrich. The Session and the congregation thank Jim for 3 years and Bob for 17 years of faithful, diligent, and exemplary service to Jesus and his church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER 2014  
Because of the west wing expansion, VBS on site is not an option. In January, there will be a meeting to pray and consider options for alternative ministries. Please feel free to start the conversation in advance by sending ideas to Eileen Fritz (EileenFritz@verizon.net).

ESL FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY  
We need families who are willing to host a student and his or her family for a dinner. This gives the students a chance to practice their English as well as make new friends. If you could do this 2 or 3 times in the spring (January to May) it would be ideal. Please see either Pastor James or Heather Tomasello (813-753-8567, heather.tomasello@gmail.com) for questions. To sign up, write "ESL friend" on your Friendship Register form.

ESL MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS  
We're growing! You don't need special train-