

## March 2012

### Our Mission

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.

### Special Events:

- ◆ March 13—Men's Ministry Hockey Night
- ◆ March 15-17—Ligonier Conference (Orlando)
- ◆ March 25—Class 201

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Adding a Worship Service

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a new Worship Service that we will be adding on Sunday mornings.

The new Worship Service will begin on Palm Sunday, April 1. The current Sunday morning schedule will stay the same. We will simply add an additional Worship Service at 8:45 a.m.

We are adding an additional Worship Service because of the increased attendance at our Worship Service on Sunday mornings. In October we opened the double classrooms as an Overflow Room for the Worship Service. We have continued to see growth in our attendance, and we believe it is time to add a new Worship Service.

As I mentioned, the current Sunday morning schedule will remain the same. So, at 8:45 a.m. we will have Sunday school for children and youth, and Adult Christian Education & Fellowship classes for adults. At 10:30 a.m. we will have our regular Worship Service, along with Children's Church for children. Nursery, of course, is available for infants and toddlers throughout the morning.

Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 1, we will add another Worship Service at 8:45 a.m. The service will be similar to the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., with the exception that the choirs will usually sing only at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Since we first announced that we were planning to add a Worship Service, some people have asked about the possibility of an Adult CE&F class at 10:30 a.m. for those adults who attend the 8:45 a.m. Worship Service. We are soliciting input from our church family regarding interest in such a class.

You can help us by letting us know (on the Friendship Pad) if you plan to attend the 8:45 a.m. Worship Service. It will also be helpful to know if there is sufficient interest to start an Adult CE&F class at 10:30 a.m.

I would ask you to pray that the Lord will use this new Worship Service to allow even more people to worship our God.

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Last month we talked about community and what it is supposed to look like. We began by examining 1 Peter 2:9-10 and talking about singular and plural "you." Without knowing the original form of "you," it is easy to think that the Bible talks directly to us about an individual faith. However, in this set of versus and elsewhere throughout the scriptures, "you" is plural and takes on a different meaning. In 1 Peter 2:9, the you is plural and so Peter is calling the church to proclaim God's excellencies. We then went on to look at how a group of people at a church event does not necessarily constitute a community. Instead, a community is something deeper than just people who know each other. Finally, to emphasize this point, I talked about an illustration. If the church is a vase, the incorrect view of community is one where all of the people are marbles. They go in and occupy the space in the vase, but they do not change at all and are easily separated back out once they leave the vase, being the same as when they went in. A better illustration on community is that the people are droplets of water. Once they are in the vase, they mix with each other drop giving up some of themselves. Once people leave the vase, they are not the same as when they went in because they have impacted and been impacted by everyone else there. We should live in such a way that we are constantly pouring ourselves into each other and becoming one family instead of staying as one person.

This month we are going to talk about what it means to be the droplets instead of the marbles. Tim Keller has done a fantastic small group study, called *Gospel in Life*, on how the gospel is lived out in day-to-day life. In the study, he has a section focused on community. We will be looking at his three fold definition of community.

First, a Christian community consists of the people of God. This is those people who are true believers in Christ and the message of grace that he brings. By becoming one of God's children, we automatically become a part of a community. We see this in the Old Testament at Mt. Sinai when the Lord, before giving the Ten Commandments, reminds the people that he brought them out of Egypt to be a people. Again in 1 Peter 2:9-10, which we looked at last week, we see Peter borrowing terms and phrases from Exodus 19. Peter is saying that because we have heard and believed the gospel, we have been brought into a new relationship with other Christians.

Second, a Christian community consists of people who regularly and deliberately share life together. In the Bible, Christians are God's "family" and "household" (Gal 6:10; Eph 2:19; 1 Peter 4:17; Rom 12:10). As a family, we should share all of life together. We should eat together, work together, serve together and live out lives in Christ together. Remember that the Bible talks of the church, or Christian community, as a body. We are not individual body parts, like a bunch of fingers hanging out with a few ears, but we are together as a group. We cannot be individual, but must function in fellowship with one another, fully integrated and connected to one another.

Finally, a Christian community is a Spirit-filled community that provides an alternate model for society with distinct, i.e. God-honoring, ways of doing things. In Matthew, the church is described as "a city on a hill" (Matt. 5:14).

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## NTCA Easter Centers

By Cheryl Barber

With valentine chocolate still on the counter, it may be hard to think about Easter, but the first week of April is reserved for one of NTCA's big events of the year, our Easter Centers. Each year we give our students at NTCA the wonderful opportunity of experiencing the events that occurred in the last week of Jesus' life here on earth. Through costuming, props, and hands-on activities students are taught the biblical reason for an Easter Sunday celebration. "He is alive" is the chorus that children shout as they exit the dim room which houses the empty tomb and angel in shining garments. The empty tomb is the final of six stations children visit. The experience begins with the Jerusalem marketplace and loud shouts of "Hosanna", and continues through foot washing, the last supper, the garden, the cross, and finally the empty tomb. This interactive experience is perfect for young minds and active bodies and makes a lasting impression on our young participants.

Would you like to be a part of providing this experience for children at our church preschool? Volunteers are needed to portray characters and tell children of the events that happened in each of the places mentioned above. NTCA teachers escort their classes and manage children while volunteer presenters lead each of the stations. Instructions, a sample script, and costuming are provided for each area. Extra hands are also needed to set-up the centers, and to help clean-up. On the following dates, helpers are needed: Monday, April 2, anytime between 8:00 a.m. and noon for set-up; Tuesday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. until noon, and Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. until noon for Easter Centers; Wednesday, April 9 noon until 2:30 p.m. for clean-up. If you are able to volunteer on April 2-4, please contact Cheryl Barber at [ntca@newtampachristianacademy.org](mailto:ntca@newtampachristianacademy.org) or 813-973-2443.

I would also like to invite children from TBPC to join a special tour of the Easter Centers on either April 3 or 4 at 11:30 a.m. Home schooled students of any age may be included (although the Centers are most appropriate for elementary and younger children) as well as other preschoolers from the church and community. If you would like to come to the Easter Centers, please let me know when you would like to attend via the contact information listed above. This is a great way for children to learn about and celebrate our Easter holiday. Hallelujah, He is Risen!

### 40% Discount on ESV Bibles!

As you know, we recently purchased ESV Pew Bibles for use in our Worship Service. The publisher of the ESV Pew Bible is Crossway. They have made a wonderful opportunity available to our congregation. Through the end of March, members of our church family will be able to purchase *any* ESV Bible at a 40% discount from Crossway. The only request from Crossway is that you do not publish the code on your own website, blog, Twitter, or Facebook account. In order to access the 40% discount on *any* ESV Bible, go to <http://www.crossway.org>, and when you check out and are asked for the Coupon Code, type in: <http://www.crossway.org/TBPC>.

## Women's Ministry

By Ginny Bremer

## TBPC Ministries

### Thank You

Many thanks to the women who responded to the request for people to fill needs in the Woman's Ministry. Gertrude Hunter has volunteered to be responsible for sending cards. Women's Ministry recognizes each woman as special and unique. We celebrate each of our sisters by remembering their birthdays with a card and warm message from the Women's Ministry team. Also, Karen Guest has volunteered to help develop a tri-fold brochure that would introduce visitors to the many opportunities our church offers for women.

We do, however, need more "workers in the vineyard." We need several women who would be willing to be event coordinators for two fellowship events. One would be a live theater experience (couples welcome), and the other for a coffee hour gathering at a local coffee house. We also need someone to continue Barbara Heil's ministry at the Pregnancy Care Center. Please pray about how you might use your spiritual gifts to serve others in Christ's church at Tampa Bay.

### March Event

Women's Ministry is working with the Music Ministry in making plans to celebrate to marriage of Chelsea Hayman. A bridal shower will be held at the church on March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM—1:00 PM. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, and Williams-Sonoma. All ladies are encouraged to attend and express their joy and well wishes to the bride to be as she prepares to enter into marriage, ordained by God to be held in honor among all.

### Looking Ahead

Women's Ministry is planning a theater event on April 15. *Godspell* will be performed by the Temple Terrace Masque players at the Omar K. Lightfoot Center located at 10901 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Temple Terrace. We hope to reserve a matinee performance. Nancy Kirkpatrick has volunteered to offer a dessert hour at her house following the performance. This event is open to all church members. Specifics on time will be available as the date draws near.

I have received an invitation from Cornerstone Presbyterian Church to attend a day event at their church on May 5, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Brook Breed will be talking of "The Joy of Biblical Womanhood." There is no registration fee but we are asked to bring brunch dishes to share. We may be able to get information for a Titus II program from attendees. I plan to go. Let me know if you are interested by calling me at 813-907-8312. We could car pool from the church.

We will have our regular Women's Ministry meeting the second Sunday, March 11, 2012, immediately after worship in room 23. Please plan to attend to share your ideas and help plan future events.

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## Flaming Truth: Recalling Francis Schaeffer's Challenge\*

Chuck Colson and Timothy George

Historic Christianity, biblical Christianity, believes that Christianity is not just doctrinal truth, but flaming truth—true to what is there, true to the great final environment, the infinite-personal God." Thus said the great prophet of the 20th century, Francis Schaeffer, whose 100th birthday we celebrate this year.

Central casting in Hollywood could not have produced a better character for the prophet's role: his trademark knickers, often straggling hair, goatee, and intense scowl. His voice may have been shrill at times, but his words were piercing. Those words spoke of what he called "true truth," and warned the church against succumbing to relativism, which—even back in the 1970s—had conquered academia and infiltrated broader society.

Schaeffer, with laser-like precision, hit upon the most fundamental issue of our day: The denial of "true truth" was not some passing academic fad. In both its post-Kantian and postmodernist garb, this denial detaches language from reality and leads to the kind of moral and spiritual relativism that is the current coin of contemporary discourse, especially in Europe and North America.

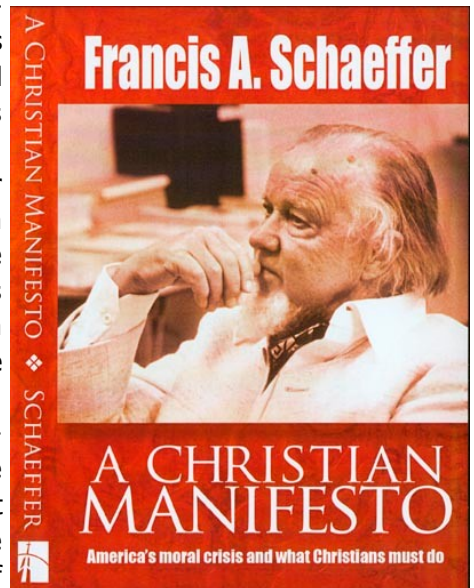
Schaeffer's message impacted both of us at formative stages of our Christian growth. We were stirred by his challenge for the church to be more than a safe haven for the saved, just a comforter of souls. We were moved by his call to bring Christian truth to bear in every aspect of human life, including literature, politics, and the arts.

Young people by the thousands, many of them refugees from the 1960s counterculture, responded to Schaeffer's call. They made the pilgrimage to his unique community at L'Abri, a word that means "shelter" in French. There they hiked the Alps, listened to Bach concerts, and talked late into the night. They discovered Christianity to be worth considering and capable of being defended. Schaeffer introduced apologetics to a younger evangelical generation and warned against divorcing personal faith from public witness. But L'Abri was far more than a study center. Francis and Edith Schaeffer demonstrated the power of persuasive hospitality lived out in community.

At the heart of Schaeffer's concern was an uncompromising commitment to the sanctity of human life. More than any other evangelical leader of his time, Schaeffer placed the prolife concern on the agenda of the evangelical movement. As our friend Richard John Neuhaus often noted, Schaeffer's witness on the issues of life helped form the context for evangelical and Catholic collaboration.

There is another crucial dimension of Schaeffer's legacy pertinent to this anniversary year. Late in life Schaeffer published a small book, [The Mark of the Christian](#), in which he called for a "final apologetic." Drawing on Jesus' words in John 13:34-35, Schaeffer reminded us that Jesus gave the world the right to decide the genuineness of our faith by our observable love for one another. "This means showing love to our brother in the midst of our differences—great or small—loving our brothers when it costs us something, loving them even under times of tremendous emotional tension, loving them in a way the world can see .... Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and Jesus was sent by the Father."

Schaeffer's challenge remains pertinent today. The mark of Jesus in us is crucial, and it is compelling. None of our activities—evangelism, social ministry, mission, and worldview work—will re-





# Truth Matters Today

By Joe Burns, TruthMattersToday@tampabay.rr.com

## **Balancing Over a Precipice**

*"The Natural Progression of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground."<sup>1</sup>  
Thomas Jefferson, May 27, 1778*

Remember January 20, 2009? In an ornate, historic ceremony broadcast worldwide, President-elect Barack Obama stood with his left hand on the Bible and his right raised and solemnly swore that he would, to the best of his ability, "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States". Exactly three years later, a nondescript news release by his Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary cast significant doubt on how seriously the president takes that oath today.

The astonishing release recalled HHS' August 2011 issuance of an "interim final" rule arising from a requirement in the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act signed into law by President Obama in 2010. According to that not-quite-final rule, nearly all health-insurance plans were required to completely "cover preventive services for women including recommended contraceptive services" (e.g. abortion-inducing drug). The main point of Secretary Sebelius' news release was to proclaim that the previously pretty-close-to-final rule was now really final.<sup>2</sup>

### **So What?**

Naturally, this presents religiously affiliated health-care providers with a lose-lose choice: obey the law in violation of their faith and conscience, or obey their faith and conscience in violation of the law. The rule had only one microscopic exception. Religious employers who employ only people of their same religion are excluded (e.g. a PCA church with only PCA employees). How considerate.

Some saw the ruling as nothing more than the outworking of our republic's duly held elections. In reality, it was a daylight, frontal attack on religious freedom that completely ignored and brazenly transgressed a cherished foundation of the republic, the Constitution's first-amendment provision that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or *prohibiting the free exercise thereof* (emphasis added)." Memo to POTUS: It's not "free exercise" if it's exercised at the cost of severe punishment.

### **How Could This Happen?**

No doubt; anytime the Constitution is spurned or fundamental rights are threatened, every American should be on high alert. So how did we get to the place where the Constitution's highest elected defender casually implemented such an unconstitutional decision? By applying logic borne of the idea that there are no absolutes—such as objective truth—any more. Without absolutes, there are no fixed standards for judging right from wrong or good from evil or better from best. Once you assent to a reality of relativism, decisions are nothing more than the process of selecting from options considered equally just, important, and desirable.

How do you decide? Your choice! Preference trumps propriety when there are no absolutes. If it's important to appear fair, though, compromise—even if merely feigned—is at your disposal for overcoming conscience. Finally, remember that power overwhelms principle and becomes the most important asset when truth is passé.

To see this approach in practice, consider the White House's justification for imposing a rule that forces people to choose between God and country. Secretary Sebelius' press release revealed the cornerstone: "I believe this proposal strikes the appropriate *balance* between respecting religious freedom and increasing access to important preventive services."<sup>3</sup> During the days that followed, the administration consistently repeated similar themes in claiming that a proper balance was sought and achieved (presented here with accompanying analysis):

"[T]his was done with a full awareness of the concerns that have been expressed on both sides of this issue."<sup>4</sup>

- *Implication*: The concerns on both sides are equally valid.
- *Truth*: There's no moral equivalence here. Freedom of religion and fidelity thereto is a fundamental right in the Constitution. No right exists guarantying women legal or economic freedom to control when they conceive (abstinence excepted) or terminate a conception.

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"[T]he President is very interested in finding the appropriate balance between religious beliefs and convictions...and his commitment to making sure that women of all faiths have access to these important health care preventive services."<sup>5</sup>

- *Implication:* Balance is the just way to resolve competing interests like these.
- *Truth:* The just way to resolve competing interests is to compare each to a moral standard and rule in favor of the interest that best conforms to that standard.

"[T]he President is committed -- to ensuring that women have access to contraception without paying any extra costs no matter where they work."<sup>6</sup>

- *Implication:* No-cost contraception is akin to a right and is mandatory to achieve balance.
- *Truth:* The President's unequivocal commitment to providing no-cost contraception to all women reveals his lack of commitment to doing what's right or even seeking balance.

"[T]he decision to exempt churches ... -- an exemption that...doesn't even exist in...eight states in the country -- represents an effort to find that balance..."<sup>7</sup>

- *Implication:* The administration is going out on a limb to achieve balance by opposing the policy of just eight of the fifty states. (Wow; gutsy.)
- *Truth:* Criminalizing acts of conscience for *nearly all* religious-based employers while giving women *nearly all* of what "women's health" advocates seek is an odd definition of balance.

In a purported attempt to move slightly in the direction of religious liberty, President Obama announced a minor "accommodation" to his contraception policy on February 10:

[W]omen will still have access to free preventive care that includes contraceptive services - - no matter where they work. So that core principle remains. But if a woman's employer is a charity or a hospital that has a religious objection to providing contraceptive services as part of their health plan, the insurance company -- not the hospital, not the charity -- will be required to... offer the woman contraceptive care free of charge...The result will be that religious organizations won't have to pay for these services, and no religious institution will have to provide these services directly.<sup>8</sup>

Portrayed as giving ground, the adjustment only asserts that using a middleman to fund things you find morally repugnant frees you from any responsibility for those heinous acts. By that standard, murder-for-hire would be a clear-conscience way to eliminate pesky people problems.

### **What Lies Ahead**

Such is the result of decisions ungrounded in objective truth. Heading off this present attack on our Constitution and the religious liberty it guarantees is definitely vital in the short term. If we don't, all our liberties are at risk...right now. But a rescue today will be short lived if we fail to infuse our culture with a reliance on true truth. Otherwise, no guarantees "that government of the people by the people for the people, shall not perish from the earth."<sup>9</sup>

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## 2012 Missions Conference Blesses All in Attendance

By Jim Aldrich

Our 2012 Missions Conference was an exciting five days of prayer and information about what God is doing on the mission field. The "missions emphasis" weekend, whose theme was "**Blessed to be a Blessing**", was held on Friday through Sunday, February 10 through 12.

Dr. Paul D. Kooistra, Coordinator of Mission to the World, was our Key-note Speaker. Dr. Kooistra was able to bring his lovely wife Sandi with him. TBPC-supported missionaries Esaie Etienne, Nathaniel Adawanou, Carla Stevens, and Don & Judy Vander Ploeg also participated in our Missions Conference. An added "bonus" was that Wycliffe missionaries Ross and Aislinn Meyer were able to send a short video which they had created expressly for our Missions Conference.

It all started on Wednesday evening with **A Day of Prayer** for the Missions Conference. Twenty-five Congregation members who had signed up made a commitment to be in prayer during the 24-Hour period for our Missions Conference, and they used a prayer guide to pray for the Conference and the needs of our missionaries.

On Friday evening, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the church, over 50 adults, youth, and children enjoyed refreshments and desserts, after which there was an **Introduction of all Missionaries**, along with viewing of the Meyer's video. The children then went into a special Children's Program. The adults watched the short movie, "**Through Gates of Splendor**" - the story of "Nate" Saint, Jim Elliot, Ed McCully, Peter Fleming, and Roger Youderian who were 5 evangelical Christian missionaries to Ecuador. Nate Saint had founded a Huaorani (also known as Aucas) settlement while searching by air. In order to reach the tribe, Saint and the team lowered gifts to the Huaorani in a bucket suspended from the plane while it orbited their village. The Huaorani were widely feared by other Ecuadoreans, because they combined a desire to be left alone with a willingness to use force, often attacking and killing intruders without provocation. Nevertheless, the tribe was excited on receiving the gifts, and even gave some gifts back using the bucket. Finally, the missionaries decided to attempt to meet the people on the ground, and on January 3, 1956, they set up camp on a river bank four miles from the Auca settlement, using the beach as a landing strip. Their initial contact with the Huaorani started out encouraging; however, on Sunday, January 8, 1956 the entire team was killed on the beach (known as "Palm Beach") when armed Huaorani came and speared them.

The story becomes an amazing testament to God's work when Elizabeth Elliot, through a series of events, goes to live with the very people who killed her husband, bringing many to Christ. Following the movie, Dr. Kooistra provide a short message on "*Called by God*," based on Jeremiah 1:1-19. He was able to show how the sacrifice of the men slain in the movie had greatly influenced the spreading of the Gospel and encouraged many to go into missions work.

On Saturday morning, from 8:00-11:00 AM at the Southwest Florida Presbytery Meeting, Dr. Kooistra provided the message during the worship

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service, "Christ-Centered Missions" Acts 1:4, 8. After that message, he held a fascinating seminar on "**The Future of Missions**", followed by a questions-and-answers session.

Then on Saturday evening, from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Church, 75 adults, youth, and children attended the **Fajitas Dinner**, after which the **Dare to Declare** sang an inspiring missions song. Next, a **Panel Discussion** with missionaries Carla Stevens, and Don & Judy Vander Ploeg addressed many missions issues. Dr. Kooistra delivered a stirring message on "*Praying for Missions*", James 5:13-18. John Ausmus closed the evening with a stirring missions song, with all joining in signing.

On Sunday, during **CE&F**, our missionaries "rotated" between 3 rooms (with about 50 Adults, Youth, and Children being in the 3 rooms). There was a very interactive dialogue between the TBPC participants who talked with and asked questions of the missionaries. The "liveliest" discussion was had in the Children's Class! During the **Worship** service, Dr. Kooistra preached on "*The Heart of God*" Matthew 9:35-38. His words were motivating and encouraging!

During Worship, the Congregation turned in their **Missions Fund Pledge cards. Fifty (50) pledges** were submitted for a total pledge amount of **\$39,905**. Pledges jumped over \$10,000 compared to the pledges made a year ago; this is truly a blessing! Pledges to our Missions Program, which had been funded by the General Fund until 2009, have increased over the past 4 years from \$15,732 in 2009 to \$39,905. On a side note, several people scratched out their original pledges on their cards and increased them, in response to Dr. Kooistra's message. This increase in pledges brings us much closer to fully supporting our Missions Fund, and will enable us to support our missionaries as they proclaim the Gospel. We want to invite those of you who have not turned in a Missions Fund Pledge Card to consider doing so soon.

Finally, a Farewell Luncheon was held for the missionaries and the Elders by the Missions Committee. About 28 adults had a wonderful lunch, and then said "Good Bye"...until next year's Missions Conference!

Feedback Forms submitted by the Congregation revealed that the event which most people enjoyed was the Saturday Night Dinner and Program. The feedback also indicated that attendees benefited from the various events, and also a commitment to pray for our missionaries, based on the fact that almost all of the Feedback Forms indicated this.

We want to **THANK everyone** who contributed to this wonderful weekend: the Music Ministry, the Audio/Visual Team, all of those who brought food and desserts, the Missions Committee Members, the many others who gave of their time and effort, and especially our Missionaries who came and spent the weekend with us!

*"And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives...and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."*

*- Nate Saint*

### Thoughts From the Intern

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We are to behave visibly so that to society, we shine and show them the glory of God. We also see in 1 Peter 3:15 that there is supposed to be a hope within each of us that shines out so brightly that others ask us about, even without our prompting. We as a church are to model the transforming power of the gospel and how it impacts every area of our lives.

So now we have a reference to work off of when talking about Christian community. We are to be: *believers who deliberately share life together and provide an alternate way of living - the way of glorifying God in everything we do.* Next month we will

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ceive God's full blessing if they are not guided by the "final apologetic" of demonstrating observable love for one another.

Many of us have tried to pick up pieces of Schaeffer's legacy. But no one has brought charity and clarity together the way he did. No one has spoken with the compassion, precision, and, yes, fierceness that Schaeffer brought to the task.

Some say today that the church should take a sabbatical from speaking to the culture at large. That would be a grave mistake. The alternative to winsomely engaging the culture isn't blissful withdrawal: it is further subjugation to what Pope Benedict XVI has called the "dictatorship of relativism." Schaeffer taught us that the undermining of truth leads to the loss of human rights, including liberty and life itself.

The title of this column is an apt description of Schaeffer's legacy: *contra mundum*, against the world. Schaeffer swam against the stream and his words were prophetic, sharp, sometimes cutting. But Schaeffer was against the world in order to be for the world, the world God made and for which Christ died. We can hardly celebrate his legacy in any other way but to hear and to heed.

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### March Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1—Cindy Burns        | 23—Jeff Beams        |
| 2—Pam Johnston       | 23—Dora Burchfield   |
| 8—Melissa Nichols    | 23—Robyn Coffee      |
| 8—Ken Pothoven       | 23—Becky Jordan      |
| 9—Luke Egbert        | 23—Nancy Kirkpatrick |
| 11—Adam Dale         | 23—Sheri Nies        |
| 11—Vince Hladek      | 23—Julia Todd        |
| 13—Linda Hallstrand  | 25—Gary Smith        |
| 17—Joe Kirkpatrick   | 27—Alisha Collier    |
| 20—Jena Barber       | 27—Roger Kaiser      |
| 20—James Barber      | 27—Jennie Roque      |
| 20—Deborah Donaldson | 28—Todd Carrier      |
| 21—Joseph Barquin    | 29—Wendy McLeod      |



### March Anniversaries

- 18—Javier & Patty Lugo
- 22—Ed & Debbi Hensley
- 28—Ed & Jane Ousnamer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7:00p Worship Team Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
<b>4</b> 8:45a Children's Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS Youth Group; Nobles/Nichols/Knox Growth Group & Dinner	<b>5</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p NTCA Board Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:00p Pothoven Growth Group; Outreach Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15p D2D Choir; 6:30p KOTK Choir, Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15p Worship Choir	<b>8</b> Missions Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 12:30p NTCA Staff Meeting 7:00p PHOS Youth Camping Trip	<b>10</b> 12:00a-5:00p PHOS Youth Camping Trip; 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group; 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
<b>11</b> 8:45a Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS Youth Group; Kirkpatrick/Aldrich Growth Group	<b>12</b> NTCA Spring Break 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>13</b> NTCA Spring Break 7:00p Men's Hockey Night; NTCA Board Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15p D2D Choir; 6:30p KOTK Choir, Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15p Worship Choir	<b>15</b> NTCA Spring Break 7:00p Session & Diaconate Meeting	<b>16</b> NTCA Spring Break	<b>17</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group; 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
<b>18</b> 8:45a Children's Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS Youth Group; Nobles/Nichols/Knox Growth Group & Dinner	<b>19</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00p Pothoven Growth Group; Outreach Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15p D2D Choir; 6:30p KOTK Choir, Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15p Worship Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12:00-1:30p NTCA Lunch & Learn; 7:00p PHOS Youth Worldview Movie Night	<b>24</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group; 10a Chelsea Hayman Shower; 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
<b>25</b> 8:45a Sunday School & Adult CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS Youth Group; 6:00p Kirkpatrick/Aldrich Growth Group	<b>26</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15p D2D Choir; 6:30p KOTK Choir, Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15p Worship Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group; 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study

\*Due to the number of events scheduled, we cannot fit all Sunday activities on the monthly newsletter calendar. Please consult the online calendar at <http://prem.calendars.net/tbpc> for the complete schedule of activities on Sundays in April.



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## The Sunday Schedule

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8:45 AM	Classroom Wing	Sunday School for Children C. E. & F. for Adults
10:30 AM	Sanctuary	Worship Service