Several years ago John Piper published a little book titled, *Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die*. Each chapter of the book gives a reason for the death of Jesus. John Piper does a wonderful job of giving fifty reasons – and there are more! – for the death of Jesus. My first thought in preparing for this newsletter article was to discuss several of the reasons for the death of Jesus. However, which ones should I discuss? Then it struck me that just seeing all fifty reasons is in itself a powerful statement. So, I am simply going to list the fifty reasons why Jesus came to die, as given by John Piper. Here they are. . . .

Jesus came to die: To Absorb the Wrath of God, To Please His Heavenly Father, To Learn Obedience and Be Perfected, To Achieve His Own Resurrection from the Dead, To Show the Wealth of God’s Love and Grace for Sinners, To Show His Own Love for Us, To Cancel the Legal Demands of the Law Against Us,
To Become a Ransom for Many, For the Forgiveness of Our Sins, To Provide the Basis for Our Justification, To Complete the Obedience That Becomes Our Righteousness, To Take Away Our Condemnation, To Abolish Circumcision and All Rituals as the Basis of Salvation, To Bring Us to Faith and Keep Us Faithful, To Make Us Holy, Blameless, and Perfect, To Give Us a Clear Conscience, To Obtain for Us All Things That Are Good for Us, To Heal Us from Moral and Physical Sickness, To Give Eternal Life to All Who Believe on Him, To Deliver Us from the Present Evil Age, To Reconcile Us to God, To Bring Us to God, So That We Might Belong to Him, To Give Us Confident Access to the Holiest Place, To Become for Us the Place Where We Meet God, To Bring the Old Testament Priesthood to an End and Become the Eternal High Priest, To Become a Sympathetic and Helpful Priest, To Free Us from the Futility of Our Ancestry, To Free Us from the Slavery of Sin, That We Might Die to Sin and Live to Righteousness, So That We Would Die to the Law and Bear Fruit for God, To Enable Us to Live for Christ and Not Ourselves, To Make His Cross the Ground of All Our Boasting, To Enable Us to Live by Faith in Him, To Give Marriage Its Deepest Meaning, To Create a People Passionate for Good Works, To Call Us to Follow His Example of Lowliness and Costly Love, To Create a Band of Crucified Followers, To Free Us from Bondage to the Fear of Death, So That We Would Be with Him Immediately After Death, To Secure Our Resurrection from the Dead, To Disarm the Rulers and Authorities, To Unleash the Power of God in the Gospel, To Destroy the Hostility Between Races, To Ransom People from Every Tribe and Language and People and Nation, To Gather All His Sheep from Around the World, To Rescue Us from Final Judgment, To Gain His Joy and Ours, So That He Would Be Crowned with Glory and Honor, and, finally, To Show That the Worst Evil Is Meant by God for Good.¹

You may want to pick up a copy of Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die and read in more detail why Jesus died. I think you will be encouraged. I was.

¹ John Piper, Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2006), 7-9.
Special Events

**Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed!** In celebration of Christ, his death and resurrection, this year, we will be having both a **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday Service** as well as our normal Easter service (on March 27th). Please plan to take advantage of these opportunities and join us to worship the risen Christ!

**Easter Cantata “That First Easter”**  
**Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

Greetings from the Music Ministry. Preparations are underway for our Easter Cantata (Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.) titled “That First Easter.” It’s hard to believe that it is almost here - 25 days, 22 hours, 30 minutes - but who’s counting.

God has provided amazing music – a wonderful blend of praise and worship and some of the most cherished hymns in the Christian church’s history – for a powerful message. Imagine being alive that first Easter – families having waited so long for the Messiah, their joy at His coming, their worship, their fear and despair as He was hung on a cross, their amazement and our celebration of His resurrection, our commitment to Him. And that music is woven together with scripture and dialog to lead you on the journey.

If you need a formal invitation, here it is – YOU ARE INVITED! But the Music Ministry’s prayer is that you will choose to invest in this endeavor with us and invite / bring someone with you to hear this story. It’s informal, comfortable and a perfect setting to hear the gospel – a great way to maybe open a dialog with someone you’ve been not sure how to approach about living in Christ. Invitation cards are being provided, so take one...or ten...and “save the date” on your own calendar. This will be a great way to start a special time of worship during Holy week. Hope to see you.

**Easter Sunday Breakfast**  
**Sunday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.**

An Easter Sunday breakfast will take place at the church from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. Drinks and food that are needed are by choice via tear-off list. It is suggested that the item you select should provide enough for a minimum of 15 people. Remember to label your dishes with your name and collect them afterwards; if possible use disposable platters! Please have food at the church by 8:45a.m. Please indicate on the Welcome Card if you plan to attend and if you can help with the setup or cleanup.

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**TBPC Ministries**

**Adult Christian Education & Fellowship**  
Ed Jordan

**Children**  
Wendy McLeod

**Emptynesters**  
Sandy Neal

**Greeters & Welcome Table**  
Ted Jeffries

**Growth Groups**  
Session

**Hospitality**  
Joan Kosanovich

**Men’s Bible Study**  
Jeff Beams

**Men’s Ministry**  
Brian Carrier

**Missions**  
Rev. James Nichols

**Music**  
Debi Hensley

**NTCA**  
Cheryl Barber

**Nursery**  
Marianne Cali

**Outreach**  
Rev. James Nichols

**Pacesetters**  
Randi Mallary

**Pastoral Care**  
Rev. Freddy Fritz

**Ushers**  
Lenny Chew

**Women’s Bible Study**  
Melissa Bayley

**Women in the Church**  
Suzanne Swensson

**Youth**  
Ethan Hayman
Please join us in giving a heartfelt thanks to Melissa and John McNulty as they "retire" from service as editors of the Trumpet. During their season in the position, they helped our church's leaders and member columnists produce the illuminating, informative publication we look forward to receiving on the first of each month. By all accounts, the newsletter is avidly read – "cover to cover" – so, maintaining that reputation will be challenging.

How do the new co-editors feel about that? Intimidated, excited, honored? Yes to all!! As we assembled this – "our" first edition of the Trumpet – we have been encouraged by your supportive comments and best wishes. We'll be more grateful though for everyone's continuing offerings of topical newsletter content that will make it not our newsletter, but indeed a letter of the church to the church.

In conclusion, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can connect with our church body through the newsletter. We humbly pray our service through the Trumpet will foster growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity!

**Daddy Pray By Holly Hawkes**

_Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up._ Galatians 6:9. This verse should be a constant reminder for me as a parent. In fact, it plays regularly to a cheery tune on Zeke’s children’s album. Not all days are cheery. Yet, the other day I was blessed with a simple act by my toddler. A reminder to “not grow weary.”

Zeke treated daddy to a work-day lunch. As everyone started eating, Zeke asked “Daddy pray?” Blessing the food was a new habit at home, causing a moment’s hesitation. Jeremiah was out with coworkers on their lunch hour. In the Beef-O-Brady’s Jeremiah and Zeke folded their hands and asked for God’s blessing on the sandwich and fries. The toddler’s request touched everyone at the table. And, the story encouraged me. There are times all I can see is a whiny kid or a wiggly boy (see photo of Zeke in my quilt rack). I’m so glad that even when I’m frustrated, Jesus sees so much more. Faithful families around our congregation have stories like mine. Remember the “Daddy Pray?” moments and be encouraged.
MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3 — Mr. & Mrs. Robert Almonte
18 — Mr. & Mrs. Javier Lugo

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.
Song of Solomon 8:7 NIV

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| March 1  | Cindy Burns   | March 20 | Deborah Donaldson |
| March 2  | Suzanne Bainbridge | March 20 | Hannah Montoney |
| March 4  | Isaac Montoney | March 21 | Joseph Barquin |
| March 4  | Millie Myers | March 23 | Jeff Beams |
| March 8  | Ken Pothoven | March 23 | Dora Burchfield |
| March 8  | Melissa Nichols | March 23 | Robyn Coffey |
| March 9  | Amber Dixon | March 23 | Becky Jordan |
| March 9  | Luke Egbert | March 23 | Nancy Kirkpatrick |
| March 11 | Vince Hladek | March 23 | Rebekah Skopp |
| March 12 | Nolan Becker | March 23 | Julia Todd |
| March 12 | Linda Wilbraham | March 25 | Gary Smith |
| March 16 | Jennifer Bayley | March 27 | Roger Kaiser |
| March 17 | Joe Kirkpatrick | March 27 | Jennie Roque |
| March 20 | Jena Barber | March 29 | Wendy McLeod |
| March 20 | James Barber | March 31 | Linda Hallstrand |

Missionaries Supported by TBPC

Mission to the World
Esaie & Natacha Etienne
Ken & Tammie Matlack
Carla Stevens

Reformed University Fellowship
Peter & Lauren Dishman
Jeff & Jenny Lee

New Harvest Missions International
Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu

Serving In Missions
Rene & Lili Palacio

Wycliffe Bible Translators
Don & Judy Vander Ploeg
Kevin & Gertrude Nicholas

PRCC
Chaplain Ted Hamm
Chaplain James Cochell
Before I say anything else, I want to start this article by offering the biggest “thank you” I can achieve through words to Ginny Bremer for her service in the Women’s Ministry. *thunderous applause inserted here* Ginny has been a wonderful ministry leader and friend to us and we are so excited to be able to serve her after all of the time she spent serving us in the name of the Lord. Thank you, Ginny, from the bottom of our hearts! That being said, I would like to formally introduce Suzanne Swenson to the avid, dedicated, and no doubt wonderful readers of the Trumpet as the new Women’s Ministry leader! *more thunderous applause* Suzanne is very excited to follow in the footsteps of Ginny and work hard to build this ministry into a force to be reckoned with. (In a good way, I promise.) Suzanne wants to bring together all generations of women in our church to serve each other and the community – inside and outside of the church. The goal is to simultaneously be able to fellowship together and grow together in Christ while serving in His name.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the Women’s Ministry’s first project under the new direction of Suzanne. It is called (wait for it)…Purses with a Purpose! During the duration of this project, we will be collecting gently used purses and various toiletries, etc. Around Mother’s Day, we will have a packing party (you’re all invited! Date: TBD) where we fill the purses with the items and take them to a women’s shelter (Shelter TBD – Suggestions? Please email Jess Hensley). We are doing this over the next couple of months so that everyone can purchase items in intervals, or whenever they happen to already be at a store. There will be a labeled box for donations in the narthex on Sundays through the duration of the project.

Here are the items we are looking for:

- Gently used purses / handbags
- Female hygiene products (individually wrapped)
- Toothbrushes
- Travel size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)
- Dental Floss
- Small mirror
- Tissues (small packages)
- Gum / mints

If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, etc. about the Purses with a Purpose project, please email Jess Hensley at jlh12c@my.fsu.edu.
The Missions Committee offers the first in a series of interviews with TBPC members who have been on previous trips to Cherokee. We are planning to share perspectives from a diverse, cross-section of people so we can share a multi-generational perspective and hopefully inspire others to go as well. This is how Jess Hensley, currently a FSU college student, answered our questions.

Q: What did you like most about the trip?
A: I’m sure most of the “younger” people that went on the trip would say the white water rafting or hiking excursions were the best part, but honestly I really liked doing the service projects with my TBPC friends. Doing hard work with a group of people is what really makes the team a team. Plus, all the good jokes start coming out after you have been painting for 4 hours.

Q: Has the trip changed your thinking concerning missions work?
A: I used to think missionaries had to go to another country and build schools or something big like that to be considered missionaries. I never thought I would be able to do something like that. Really, though, it’s easy to be a missionary. There is a huge need right here in our own country, and it’s great that we are able to help fulfill it. I remember calling my mom after the first work day and saying “Mom, I’m a missionary!” It was a super cool feeling.

Q: How has this trip impacted your thinking since coming back?
A: I think this trip has impacted the way I think about other people. It is very easy to get in a routine, see the same people/same type of person every day, and get stuck in a mental box of how society works. When you are exposed to a community rich in history, but currently struggling with things unfamiliar to you, it really widens the mental box you are in. Suddenly things are much more relative, and understanding others’ actions/tendencies becomes easier.

Q: What would you say to someone considering going on the upcoming Mission trip to Cherokee?
A: Do it. It is not difficult to raise the money, and it’s worth it tenfold.

Q. Do you plan on going back?
A: I would LOVE to go back. I went my freshman and sophomore years, and would love to be able to go every year.
“Just Say Thanks” is a little song that often drifts into the hallway on a preschool morning and it is a great reminder to me to do just that. In fact, let me take this opportunity to say “thank you” to the TBPC family for their generous support of the NTCA scholarship fund. **The total contributions to the scholarship fund were slightly over $3,500!** Your generosity will be a great blessing to the families who have applied for assistance. The board has already approved two scholarships for the upcoming school year and I anticipate receiving several additional applications. Families completing an application are asked to indicate why they would like for their child to attend NTCA. Here is a quote from one of the applications: “When I first visited the school, I saw children getting ready for snack and they prayed, thanking God for all things. At that moment, I knew I wanted this school for my child.” Many thanks to all who were able to support the scholarship fund!

I am always looking for ways to connect our preschool families with the gospel, most importantly, and also, with activities at our church. I would like to share an idea. Each year our school holds a trike-a-thon as a fundraiser for the school. We try to collect prizes from area businesses to reward the children for their efforts in gaining sponsors for their ride in the trike-a-thon. Is there a TBPC ministry that would like to put together a small kid-friendly prize basket and include an invitation to the ministry’s next event for the child or parent? The trike-a-thon is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, and prizes may be contributed on or before April 1. Please contact Cheryl Barber at 813-494-5380 or ntca@newtampachristianacademy.org, if you would like more information.