From the Pastor’s Desk
By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Paul’s Discipleship Plan

All Christians want to grow in Christ. We want to become more mature, more like Jesus.

The greatest Bible teacher of all time, apart from Jesus himself, was the Apostle Paul. Paul wrote in the following in a letter to young Timothy, “And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). There, in a nutshell, is Paul’s discipleship plan.

Paul’s discipleship plan has three elements.

First, every disciple needs a mentor. Paul calls Timothy “my true son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2, NIV). Timothy joined Paul on Paul’s second missionary journey. Paul took Timothy under his wing, taught him, discipled him, and was a spiritual father to him.

Second, every disciple needs to be a model for others. As we walk with the Lord we need to be an example to others of Christlike maturity, no matter how young in the faith we might be. In his second letter to Timothy, Paul wrote, “You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings” (2 Timothy 3:10–11). Paul provided Timothy with a clear example for his young disciple to follow and imitate. Paul has modeled for Timothy how to behave in all kinds of situations. Timothy has been able to observe Paul in easy times and in difficult times.
Not only does each one of us need a “Paul” in our lives, we also need to be a “Paul” to others as well.

*And third, every disciple needs a partner.* Later in his life and ministry, when Paul wrote to the Romans, Paul had this to say about Timothy to the Romans, “Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you” (Romans 16:21). Timothy has gone from being a son to a student and now to being a fellow worker and colleague with the Apostle Paul.

As we mature in Christ, we join with brothers and sisters in worship, service, fellowship, sharing, and studying together. Over time we help one another in growing together in the Lord. We discover the joys of being fellow workers with one another in the greatest enterprise in history.

May God help every one of us to be a mentor, model, and partner in our growth in Christ.
PCA Women’s Ministry at a Glance

TBPC, including Women’s Ministry, is part of an organizational structure of the PCA churches. The structure consists of our church, the Southwest Florida Presbytery, Florida as a region, and the National Headquarters located in Atlanta, Georgia. Women’s ministry is under the PCA Committee called, Women’s Discipleship Ministry. Here is a brief description of the organizational structure and some meetings that may be of interest:

Women’s Ministry at TBPC

Aside from the lovely baby shower that Kristine Wyss hosted for Stephanie Smoot, Women’s Ministry was in the planning mode this month. Here are some of our plans for the rest of 2019:

- WM15 meetings are held the second Sunday of the month right after worship service. There will not be a meeting in July, but we will meet in August for the kickoff for our December brunch. All ladies are invited.
- Karen Cross agreed to be our coordinator for liaison with the Oasis Pregnancy Care Centers. We understand that the three Oasis Centers are under new management, and are in need of diapers and wipes. TBPC has held various drives over the years and WM is tentatively planning a collection effort in the fall. Barbara Hess has offered to aid in this effort.
- The Sister-to-Sister Coordinator position is vacant as Rachel Contrata has stepped down. We traditionally have four of these events each calendar year. We had “Soups On” in January and a tea party held later in the spring. If you feel led to take on this position, please let me know. We usually have one event in the summer and another in the fall.
- The August WM15 meeting will be the kickoff for the Christmas Brunch preparations. We do have a speaker.

Women’s Ministry in the Southwest Florida Presbytery

TBPC and another 25-30 churches on the Gulf Coast that include Tampa, Winter Haven, Sarasota, and areas in between, makeup our Presbytery. Our WM contact is Lucia Campbell, who is located at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lakeland. They are hosting a one-day conference at Trinity Presbyterian Church, PCA, in Lakeland on Saturday, October 5. The title of the presentation is, “The Gospel Lens.” The cost to attend is $20.

Women’s Ministry in the Florida Region

The Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) has seven regions including: West; Mid-America; Mid-South; Florida; Mid-Atlantic; Northeast; and Southeast. The 2019 General Assembly meeting will be held June 25-28 in Dallas. Jamie Williams is the Regional Advisor for Florida; she is located in Port Orange, Florida.
National PCA Discipleship Ministry

The Women’s Ministry Regional Advisors are biblically and theologically trained in ministering to women. In addition to serving in their church’s women’s ministry, they work with leadership teams in churches, in presbyteries, and with CDM to develop training opportunities, materials, and programs for women. The coordinator for Women’s Discipleship Ministries is Karen Hodge; Kathy Wargo is the Event Coordinator and Women’s Ministry Assistant. Although there are several meetings hosted by this group, the one most focused on is the Women’s Ministry Leadership Training to be held February 20-22, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Feel Led to Join the TBPC Women’s Ministry Team?

If any of you ladies have the gift or vision and are interested in being a part of the TBPC WM Team, don’t hesitate to join us at any of the meetings or functions. Talk to Suzanne Swenson about being part of the WM Team. You are always welcome!

Blessings.
Men’s Ministry  By Brian S. Carrier

Men’s Golf Tournament & Tampa Bay Rays Game
April 27, 2019 & May 31, 2019

On April 27, 2017, the Men’s Ministry held their seventh annual Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church at Pebble Creek Golf Tournament. Those present in the picture from left to right are Wes Mollard, Jim Childers, Craig Tyler, Pastor Freddy Fritz, David Cross, Peter Wu, Todd Bayley, Ken Pothoven, Bill Neal and Brian Carrier.

It was a nice very clear morning for golf with the temperature around eighty degrees, but very pleasant. In the afternoon the temperature was around eighty-five degrees, but it was still very comfortable. We managed to have three teams with one team of four players and the other two with three players each to compete in a men's best ball scramble. Team One included Wes Mollard, Bill Neal, and Ken Pothoven. Team Two included Todd Bayley, Jim Childers, and Peter Wu. Team Three included Brian Carrier, David Cross, Craig Tyler, and Pastor Freddy Fritz.

The teams fought hard for first place prize, but Team Two came up victorious edging out Team Three by four strokes with a very impressive 70 and one stroke under par. This was followed by the only four-man group, Team Three, that came in with a respectable seventy-four. Finally, Team One fought hard and came up with a very respectable seventy-six to complete the four and one-half hours of golf. It was a day of great fellowship for the men. We will be having another golf tournament in the fall of 2019, sometime in October. To those men who have not participated, it would be a great event for you to come and enjoy.

We also had individual winners for longest drive and closest to the pin. Jim Childers literally won every longest drive and closest to the pin. Unfortunately, the rules state that you can only win one of these so he had to forfeit the other three holes to other players. The first hole on the front nine closest to the pin was number six, which was won by Jim Childers, who had an exceptional shot no more than twelve inches from pin. The second hole was number seven, a longest drive hole. Craig Tyler was the winner and he had an exceptional drive to the green. On the back nine we had a closest to the pin on hole number twelve. Ken Pothoven was the winner. The final hole was a longest drive, number seventeen, which was won by Todd Bayley.
It was a great time for all of the men who participated, and an exceptional round of golf was turned in by Jim Childers who helped carry his team to victory. Not to be forgotten were Todd Bayley and Peter Wu who helped charge toward the eighteenth hole for victory.
It wouldn’t be a golf tournament in Florida without seeing a large alligator in one of the ponds. This alligator was about nine or ten feet long and was sitting on the bank on hole number one. Brian Carrier saw the gator when his shot was a little too close to the water. He did not notice him right away and was startled when he realized how close he was to the group. Pastor Freddy Fritz asked Brian why he didn’t go over and pet him. Very funny Pastor Freddy!

The Men’s Ministry would like to thank all of the golfers who participated in this event and made it a very successful tournament. Men’s Ministry continues to offer these events to bring Christian men together for a time of fun and fellowship.
The Men’s Ministry appreciates the fun and fellowship we enjoy with our Christian brothers and sisters and look forward to other events throughout the year.

Grace and Peace.
It is Finished

literally translated, the word "tetelestai" means, "It is finished". The word occurs in John 19:28 and 19:30. In the original Greek text, "tetelestai" conveys the meaning of complete, mature, or perfect.

The word "tetelestai" was also written on business documents or receipts in New Testament times to show that a bill was paid in full. Priests in the Old Testament would also use the Hebrew or Aramaic equivalent of the term "tetelestai" when speaking to someone who had brought a lamb for sacrifice. They would look over the lamb to make sure it was without blemish or defect, then they would declare, "Tetelestai" or "It was acceptable." Peter would later make the point that Jesus Christ died for us as the perfect lamb of God without spot or blemish.

Although not nearly as spiritually significant as Christ's sacrificial atonement on the cross for our transgressions, "tetelestai" is a word that can be readily applied to the soon retirement or finish of our BHG/FHG II debt. Many in our church family have faithfully given to our "West Wing" expansion and have done so sacrificially. It is to each member's credit over the past seven years that his/her contribution has been unflagging and constant.

As we approach the end of calendar year 2019, it is certainly not lost on those of us who scan the weekly church bulletin; "tetelestai" is within sight. Then we can all rejoice as Paul did in his letter to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." (Timothy 4: 7-8)

Earl Myers
Women’s Bible Study

Summer is Growing Season!

You have 13 opportunities to
enrich your relationship with the Lord
and cultivate your friendships with other TBPC women and friends this summer!
Yes, you read that right…

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Each of the six Tuesday morning lessons in the Parables of Jesus
is a stand-alone lesson with R. C. Sproul on DVD,
a guided discussion, and prayer and sharing time.
Each of the seven Monday evening movies features an inspiring Christian woman
and is a stand-alone event as well,
with reflections and prayer and sharing time.

Mix and Match

Explore all the Parables and all the movies;
some of each; all of one with a smattering of the other;
or even just one event. Choose what works best for you.
All ladies are welcome, from middle school age and up!

No sign-up necessary - Just come!
For questions or childcare arrangements contact
Eileen at (813)731-0457
Women’s Bible Study

Monday Evenings ~ 6:30 p.m.

Jun 3  Amy Carmichael (Orphanage founder in India) (50min)
Jun 10 Corrie Ten Boom (Nazi Prisoner) (2hr 25min)
Jun 17 Joni Eareckson Tada (Disabilities Advocate) (1hr 51min)
Jul 8  Perpetua (Early Church Martyr) (61min)
Jul 15 Harriet Tubman (Underground Railroad “Conductor”) (55min)
Jul 22 Katie Luther (Wife of Martin Luther) (27min)
Jul 29 Fanny Crosby (Blind hymn writer) (46min)

Tuesday Mornings ~ 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Jun 4  Introduction to the Parables
Jun 11 Parable of the Unjust Judge
Jun 18 Parable of the Rich Fool
Jul 9  Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man
Jul 16 Parable of the Hidden Treasure

and Parable of the Pearl of Great Price
Jul 23 Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
Happy Happenings

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows” (Psalm 23:5).


Please plan on joining us at 5:00 p.m. on June 9 for the next episode of SSS4SS. RSVP on the Welcome Cards with the number of adults and children who will be eating (kid-friendly options can be made available) by June 2.

For last minute additions to the roster, or if you feel led to contribute soup, bread, or dessert to the festivities, contact Lesley Schmidt. She may be reached at 904-687-7710 or jrslks92@yahoo.com.

Please note: There will be no SSS4SS in July and August.

Summer Picnic: On June 15, 11:30 a.m. at TBPC, we’ll share BBQ (plus whatever covered dishes you all bring), games, music, and each other’s company. Ted Jeffries will smoke us some meat. RSVP’s for the rest of the menu will be on the board in the narthex. Contact Lesley with questions.

***Games’ referees needed***

Hospitality Sub-Committee for Sanctuary Décor: Do you have an artistic streak? Or do you enjoy interior decorating or have some mad skills with a miter saw? (Think chair rail.) See Lesley Schmidt, Lillian Ordahl, or Eileen Fritz to throw your name in the hat for our new committee.

Help Wanted: Pretty please!?! The café crew is in need of a few more volunteers for clean-up duty after Sunday fellowship time. The job entails washing a few dishes, storing leftovers, and general straightening up.

Kitchen Renovation: The architect has completed the proposal for our kitchen renovation. The kitchen would expand into the overflow area leaving enough space for a short hall with a pass-through.

   Pros: More space, more ministry opportunities, happier volunteers*;
   Cons: One-money.

SOCA Luncheon: Please mark your calendars for the State of the Church Address and Luncheon on August 25. We’ll have our regular morning worship followed by a covered-dish lunch, and then the church’s annual meeting.

*See Lesley or Brian for the complete volunteer list.
This month’s recipe contribution is brought to us by Suzanne Swenson. Suzanne has served this lunch/dinner casserole at events she’s hosted in her home.

Feel free to email your frequently-requested recipes or ideas to Lesley Schmidt at jrslns92@yahoo.com for inclusion in future columns.

**Hot Chicken Salad**

350 – 375 degrees for 40-60 minutes in 9 x 13 inch pan.

**Ingredients**
- 5 boneless chicken breasts
- 5 celery ribs
- 1 large onion
- 1 large can cream of chicken soup
- 1½ cup Shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 bags of brown rice
- Slivered almonds

**Preparation**

I prepare this casserole the day before by roasting the chicken, cooking the rice, and chopping the veggies. I then begin layering the ingredients by covering the bottom of the dish with a couple of tablespoons of the soup; then following with the other ingredients, however you wish, until reaching the top of your baking dish. Adding soup periodically helps keep it moist throughout. I top it with cheese and almonds. (I use condensed soup so add the water also). Put it in refrigerator until ready to bake.

Take it out of the refrigerator and bring it to room temperature. Spray the underside of a sheet of tin foil with cooking spray, so it doesn’t stick to the cheese topping, and cover. I preheat the oven to 350 degrees and bake for about 45 minutes and then take the tin foil off at turn it up to 375 degrees for about 15 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve with a garden salad and cranberry sauce. Fruit for dessert.

**Suggested toppings**

- Crushed potato chips (tried once, were soggy, did not like)
- Bread crumbs (tried once, made it dry, blah, did not like)
- My favorite is the shredded cheese – I use cheddar but you can use your favorite
ESL

English as a Second Language (ESL) Update
Karen Cross, Coordinator

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, was the last ESL class for this semester. We had our regular English class, followed by an end of the year party. We are fortunate to have had a total of 14 enthusiastic students eager to learn English, and we look forward to having the classes again, beginning in September.

We need your prayers for this important ministry. Please pray for:

- Teachers, helpers, substitutes, and bible study support. These are needed for all three levels of classes. A teacher and helper are needed in each classroom. Substitutes are needed on an on-call basis to step in when required. The bible study leader’s role is to teach a 30-minute lesson;

- A solution for student books. All of the current books were used and we are unable to order more. A new edition is replacing the books we have used for the three class levels. Karen is working with the book distributor to see what can be worked out. The new editions do not match the returning student’s copies. Students have already paid $40 for their current book and there would be another charge for the new one.

ESL is held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. The first half of the session focuses on the grammar lesson which is followed by the bible study.

Thank you for your consideration of the ESL ministry.

Blessings.
What a joy God has granted me to lead the fine, dedicated musicians at TBPC! They have worked so hard for me, and the reward has been fruitful. To prepare for the upcoming fall and winter season we have an extended rehearsal on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., compliments of Marcos Pizza; delivered!

All of our Wednesday evening rehearsals from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. begin with a devotional and prayer lead by Pat Smith. Pat, our librarian, sets up the seating for every rehearsal and keeps the music folders current for every choir member, etc. I could not do it without her.

We have many new people added to our choir this year:

Craig—tenor, baritone and fine trumpeter;
Jack Diaz, Jr. and Jack Diaz, Sr.—two great voices; often providing TBPC with outstanding duets;
Sandy Carruth—a fine alto; and,
Toni Cacioppo—a soprano and a fine soloist as well.

Kim Sesia, a member of our worship choir (alto), is a tremendous help in scheduling the Praise Team and taking care of the microphones each Sunday. She also selects and leads the music for the Second Sunday Service each month. Many times you will find her sitting beside me at the piano turning my pages of music as I play. Kim is a marvelous blessing to the church and to me.

Anthony Contrata is one of the chiefs at the soundboard. In concert with his dedicated wife, Rachel (alto), they are present at all rehearsals. Anthony often records the choir at the rehearsals so we can hear ways to make vocal improvements in a piece of music. This twosome also makes sure there is water in the fridge so the choir has water at their disposal.

God has blessed TBPC with this fine choir and instrumentalists. We return our thanks to HIM every Lord's Day.

Millie Myers
Music Director, Pianist
Happening in June

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. Baby Shower for Rachel Contrata at the home of Kristine Wyss, 6351 Cheshire Ct. Rachel is registered at Target and Amazon; she is having a girl. Please RSVP to Kristine at 615-642-9968 or at kristine_wyss@yahoo.com; or to Karen Guest at 813-428-4128 or at karenguest35@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 9, 5:00 p.m. Simple Soup Supper for Sunday Seconds. Join us for soup, bread, and dessert prior to the evening worship service. Please RSVP in advance by sending an email to Lesley Schmidt at jrsllks92@yahoo.com, or completing a pew card, by June 2. Please let us know the number of adults and children in your party (kid-friendly options can be made available.)

Sunday, June 9, 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service. Please plan to attend. The sermon title is, “Christ’s Example of Humility.” We would love to see you there. Childcare is provided.

Saturday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. Summer Picnic. We will share BBQ, in addition to whatever covered dishes you may bring. We will also enjoy games, music, and each other’s company. Please sign-up on the board in the narthex. Please contact Lesley Schmidt with any questions, at jrsllks92@yahoo.com. Musicians and game referees are needed.

Sunday, June 16, 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting following the worship service for the purpose of electing officers. All members are asked to attend. Todd Bayley is eligible to be elected to the Office of Ruling Elder and Ted Jeffries is eligible to be elected to the Office of Deacon.
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