

June 2011

From the Pastor's Desk

A Little More About Our Denomination

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

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:

- ◆ June 4—Missions Trip Car & Dog Wash
- ◆ June 5—Welcome Lunch
- ◆ June 12—Emptynesters' Lunch
- ◆ June 25—Sister To Sister Luau Brunch

The Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church is part of a denomination known as the Presbyterian Church in America.

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) was formed in 1973. At the time it separated from the Presbyterian Church in the United States (which merged with the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to become the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA)) in opposition to the long-developing theological liberalism which denied the deity of Jesus Christ and the inerrancy and authority of Scripture.

In 1973 the PCA started with about 260 churches and 41,000 communicant members. Today the PCA has about 1,442 churches (with an additional 298 church plants) and 273,388 communicant members. The PCA is now the second-largest Presbyterian denomination in the USA; the PCUSA is still the largest denomination with almost 2 million communicant members.

The PCA has a firm commitment to the doctrinal standards contained in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and its *Catechisms (Larger and Smaller)*. These doctrinal standards express the distinctive of the Calvin-

istic or Reformed tradition.

The Reformed tradition is best summarized by the so-called "solas" of the Reformation: sola scripture (by Scripture alone), sola fide (by faith alone), sola gratia (by grace alone), solus Christus (through Christ alone), and soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone).

The PCA maintains the historic polity of Presbyterian governance set forth in our *Book of Church Order*, namely, rule by elders (presbyters) and graded courts (or assemblies). These courts are the *Session* (governing the local church), the *Presbytery* (governing a region), and the *General Assembly* (governing the entire denomination).

The General Assembly of the PCA will commence its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. and conclude its business by Friday, June 10, at noon. You might be able to watch the meeting, if you are interested in doing so, online at <http://www.pcaac.org/2011GeneralAssembly/2011GAHome.htm>. I ask you to pray that the upcoming General Assembly will glorify God and grow Christ's Church.

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Please forward articles, ministry reports and calendar items for the June edition of the *Trumpet* to sd_knox@yahoo.com by May 15, 2010.

Session News

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

At the joint meeting of the Session and Diaconate this past month, approval was given to hire Mr. Carson Wright to serve as the architect for the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church. Carson is known to some of you, as he has already done some consultation for our church, particularly the nursery and two-year-old room. Carson is a long-time member of Idlewild Baptist Church and, in fact, was the architect for Idlewild. He has worked on many other churches throughout his distinguished career. The Session and Diaconate are currently in the process of securing the services of a civil engineer who will work with the architect to serve our church in the development of a Master Site Plan.

TBPC Missions Team Has 2 More Dog & Car Washes

By Jim Aldrich

You still have time to support our summer Missions Trip to Cherokee, NC, and get your car and (or) dog washed! On Saturday, June 4th, and Saturday, July 2nd, the Missions Team will hold the last of their famous fund-raising Car and Dog Washes - See you there!

The Golf Legends Meet Again!

On Saturday, May 28, the Golf Legends from Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church once again took to the links! Eleven men played and had a wonderful time, even though it got a bit warm. The team of Freddy Fritz, Cris Coffey, Brian Carrier, and John Ausmus won! Congratulations!



Congratulations Autar!

USF Professor and TBPC member, Autar Kaw, will receive the 2011 National Outstanding Teaching Medal from the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), the top honor given by the ASEE. Autar has already been named the 2004 US Florida Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching (CFAT), the Archie Higdon Mechanics Educator Award, from ASEE in 2003, and in 1991 the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Ralph Teetor Award. And his Holistic Numerical Methods Institute website has been awarded the ASME Curriculum Innovation Award (2004) and the ASEE DELOS Best Paper Award (2006). He was also named Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher at USF in 1999.

Autar will receive his National Outstanding Teaching Medal at the annual ASEE conference in Vancouver, Canada, to be held June 26 - 29. You can see the full article detailing Autar's award and other accomplishments in the *USF News* online, at <http://news.usf.edu/article/templates/?a=3435&z=158>.

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The Layman's Corner* — A Review of *When Helping Hurts*

By Jessie Brodbeck



The ladies in TBPC Sunday school have completed an in-depth study of the book, *When Helping Hurts*, under the guidance of Eileen Fritz and felt compelled to share this timely writing with the congregation. As a Christian blessed to be living in North America, I often wondered if I was “getting it right” when donating to charities. Was I doing “it right” supporting missionaries in my church, or handing a dollar through the window to a man holding a placard stating his current woes? The authors, Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert, seemingly shared my question. Their book is compelling practical advice in guiding Christians and congregations in answering this question.

Corbett and Fikkert use their book as a guide to North American Christians in instructing how and when we give. *When Helping Hurts* is divided into chapters, with questions before each chapter and exercises to reflect upon before launching into the next chapter. While it is geared toward group study and discussion, it certainly is valuable for individual study as well.

Before this study, I imagine I felt as many of us do—tremendous despair about the conditions of the Majority World (this refers to Africa, Asia and Latin America where most live on two dollars or less a day). I contributed to Christian charities and even participated in medical missionary trips to Haiti partly in response to this despair. One of the earliest questions in *Helping* was to ask if I were hurting or even hindering the very people and towns I set out to aid. That question, of course, is the very foundation of the book. And the answer is a surprising “yes.” Using their own humbling experiences, the authors detail how their best efforts and ideas were actually stumbling stones to the vulnerable people they were trying to aid.

A necessary reminder is that as Christians, regardless of our physical and material circumstances, we are all broken. Only the saving grace of Jesus Christ can save and redeem us and those we seek to help. A point made early in the book is the importance of relationships—specifically those between man and God, self, others and creation. The authors explain: “*Poverty is the result of relationships that do not work, that are not just, that are not for life, that are not harmonious or enjoyable. Poverty is the absence of shalom in all its meanings.*”

**This new section of The Trumpet features reviews of Christian literature by TBPC members. This month, Jessie Brodbeck reviews When Helping Hurts, by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. If you are interested in publishing a book review, please email Doug Knox at sd_knox@yahoo.com.*

We must first look at our own poverty before we can effectively impact those we are looking to aid. A great point was to identify “God complexes” that we might possess. Why do I want to help, what are my motives? Do I

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Men's Ministry Activities June 2011

By Brian Carrier



We have had a number of fun activities for the men so far this year. The first event was a Lightning hockey game on February 15. The game featured the Tampa Bay Lightning against the Philadelphia Flyers. The Lightning lost in a final shootout 4-3. It was a very exciting game for the men of TBPC, and they also enjoyed unlimited food for the game. We had 22 men attend this event and it was a great night of fun and fellowship. Many of the men are looking forward to having another event like this next year.

Our second event featured another Saturday-morning breakfast on April 16th. This event featured a surprise that included omelets for every man who attended. It

was a very good event, with 12 men attending. A message was given by Pastor Freddy Fritz. We look to have another breakfast sometime in the summer. Please be aware these are outreach events and guests are always welcome.

The biggest recent event was the Men's Fishing Trip on April 30. We had a total of nine men, including seven TBPC members and two guests who attend a church in Lakeland. There was a lot of excitement as we boarded a 150-foot boat named the *Two Georges*, sponsored by Dolphin Deep Sea Fishing Tours in Tarpon Springs. Each man had a fishing pole and bait supplied by the company. It was about a 1.5 hour ride to the fishing hole, followed by 5 hours of fishing. We returned to shore by 4 PM. There were about 65 people on the boat, and each man was able to catch at least 1 or more fish. The big fisherman of the day was Bob McQueen, who was able to reel in a dozen fish for the afternoon. It was a first time experience for many men and provided a lot of fun and fellowship. We look forward to having another one of these trips sometime next year. It was a



beautiful day and a full 8 hour adventure. Special thanks go to Rick Donaldson who suggested the trip.

We are planning a return trip to The Tampa Bay Rays with a bus ride and food. This was a very popular event last year as we are looking at inviting the women to come with the men this year. The worship bulletin will provide details on this activity.

I would like to invite any man interested in attending our Men's Bible Study. The Bible study meets every Saturday morning at 7:45, ending at approximately at 9:00 AM. We are currently studying the book of Romans, led by



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Women in the Church

By Ginny Bremer

Thank you

Thank you to Nancy Kirkpatrick and Greg Pesce for arranging the trip to the Dali Museum. Everyone enjoyed the diversity of things to see as well as the food and fellowship in the café.

June Events

Our next Sister to Sister will be held on June 25th at Nancy Kirkpatrick's home from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will have a Luau theme with the usual food, games, prayer, and fellowship. (Please see details on page 11).

WIC will meet as usual the second Sunday in June immediately following worship in room 23. Plan to attend to share ideas and help to plan future events.

Looking Ahead

WIC will again support the Pregnancy Care Center through a collection of both new and used clothing, diapers, and money. Be on the lookout for details next month. In the meantime, moms and grandmas can look through outgrown clothing to select items they can donate.

WIC Opportunity

Presently WIC is looking for volunteers to fill leadership vacancies. There is a need for officers as secretary, vice president, and treasurer. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities please contact swflpreswic@gmail.com.



Sharon and Greg Pesce, Vera Rogowski, and Nancy Kirkpatrick enjoy lunch at the Dali Museum



Truth Matters Today

By Joe Burns, TruthMattersToday@tampabay.rr.com

The Origin of Life, Part 6: Information's Implications

So far, the first 150 years of rationalizing Charles Darwin's theory of evolution haven't gone so well. Farces such as the famous Haeckel's Embryos betrayed a lack of actual convincing evidence in favor of Darwin. Moreover, his theory of all of life's origins can't explain all of life's characteristics such as human symmetry, emotions, thoughts or morality's source.

Even more depressing for Darwinians, a century and a half of searching has failed to unearth the scores of transitional fossil forms (i.e. missing links between species) that Darwin predicted would corroborate his idea that humans and all other life descended from a single organism.

Overall, not much to hang your hat on. It's not getting any better either. The last 50 years have brought Darwinists to the point where they may be forced to give up hats altogether.

The turning point came in 1953, when Cambridge researchers James Watson and Francis Crick unveiled the double-helix structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). At that moment, the question of life's origin was essentially recast. The discovery of DNA's structure and function illuminated the enormous complexity within the cell, which in Darwin's time was thought to be nothing more than a blob of jelly-like material called protoplasm.¹

Nineteenth century scientists could easily imagine such an amorphous item to be the product of chemical evolution—the hypothetical pathway from lifeless chemicals to the original organism from which Darwin claimed all life descended. Watson and Crick and their scientific successors, however, put that idea to rest for all time. Modern science has shown the cell to be more like an incredible miniature factory equipped with what is essentially a computer-assisted-design/computer-assisted-manufacturing (CAD/CAM) system very much like those used in aircraft and automobile factories.

All this thanks to the potent and plentiful coded information in DNA that, according to Microsoft® founder Bill Gates, "is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software ever created."

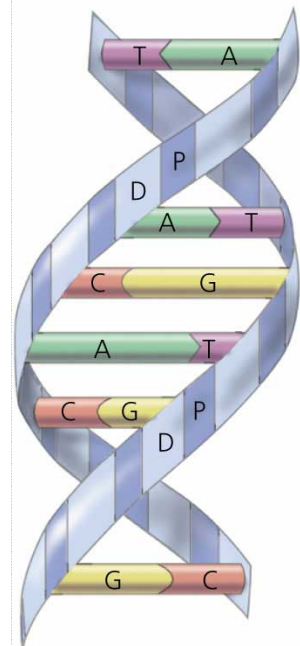
As Dr. Stephen C. Meyer, author of *Signature in the Cell* explains:

*"The chemicals along the spine of the DNA..., which chemists represent with the letters A, T, G and C...function just like alphabetic letters in a written text or like digital characters in a [computer] code...Depending on how they're arranged and sequenced, these chemicals will convey instructions for building the proteins and protein machines the cell needs to stay alive."*²

Going even further, Dr. Meyer draws direct comparisons between processes in the cell and those in modern information-processing systems like home computers.

*"[T]he cell's information-processing system has three key elements: (1) digital storage and encoding of information, (2) machinery for processing that information to produce a functional outcome, and (3) encoding of higher-order (hierarchically arranged) regulatory information. These three key elements for expressing biological information are also found in computer-based information-processing systems. They too (1) encode information digitally, (2) process information with machinery, and (3) use hierarchically organized information to regulate the expression of other information."*³

This is where committed Darwinists start to cringe and squirm, for the high-density, high-tech information in every cell is a stunning contradiction to their aged theory of life's origin. As Richard W. Stevens points out in a recent *Salvo* magazine article:



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"neo-Darwinian mechanisms cannot be the source of the cells' [information-processing] systems because...[n]o known undirected material forces can produce codes...As Dr. Hubert Yockey wrote in a 1981 article in the Journal of Theoretical Biology, "Nothing which even vaguely resembles a code exists in the physio-chemical world."⁴

How do Darwinists explain this compelling evidence of design in nature? Not very well. When asked about it during the documentary *Expelled; No Intelligence Allowed*, Oxford professor and neo-Darwinist Richard Dawkins punted even while acknowledging its basic implications.

"[Design] could come about in the following way. It could be that at some earlier time somewhere in the universe a civilization evolved by probably some kind of Darwinian means to a very, very high level of technology and designed a form of life that they seeded onto...this planet.

...and I suppose it's possible that you might find evidence for that. If you looked at the details of biochemistry and molecular biology you might find a signature of some sort of designer. And that designer could well be a higher intelligence from elsewhere in the universe. But that higher intelligence would itself have had to come about by some...ultimately explicable process. It couldn't have just jumped into existence spontaneously. That's the point."⁵

Actually, as atheist Bertrand Russell once said, the point is this: "What a man believes upon grossly insufficient evidence is an index into his desires...If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts, he will scrutinize it closely, and unless the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it. If, on the other hand, he is offered something which affords a reason for acting in accordance to his instincts, he will accept it even on the slightest evidence. The origin of myths is explained in this way."⁶

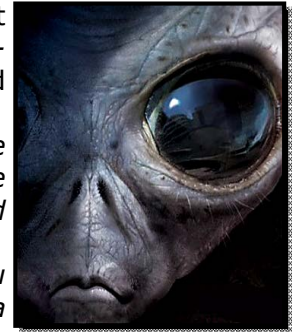
If that's the measure of a myth, Darwinism is headed toward mythology's hall of fame. Notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence of a designer, Professor Dawkins holds fast to the idea that evolution ultimately had to somehow be responsible for the design. Even without "the slightest evidence", he postulates highly evolved aliens as designers of information-rich earth organisms (no comment, however, on how alien life itself originated).

Such unflagging allegiance to a theory so thoroughly beset by contrary evidence highlights a commitment to something more. Might it be the atheist worldview that grows out of Darwin's materialism? Since Darwin's theory—in the minds of its adherents—rendered God unnecessary, deleting Darwin would open the door to the possibility of God...and all His pesky rules.

No true materialist could stomach that result. It's much easier to go hatless.

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The Law of Missions

By Frank van Dalen,
World Witness Executive Director

In Psalm 119:97 the psalmist exclaims: "*Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.*" Further on he writes: "Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart," (Psalm 19:111). These verses are just

two of many which connect a love for the law of God with the joy of living in His presence. As such, it is a central part of the life of every believer. Therefore, it is logical that the Law of God should be central in the ministry of missions. But how?

In Reformed theology, we believe teaching the Law is a very important part of the instruction which should be given by and in the Church. The Law, we are taught, has three important purposes for mankind—providing a moral structure for civil society; providing a mirror for sinful man to measure himself and recognize his need for Christ; and providing a means by which sanctified man is guided along the path of holiness. Thus, the Law is relevant to all mankind—to believer and unbeliever; to both young and mature Christians; to the petty thief as well as the hardened criminal; to those who are exposed to the Gospel on a daily basis as well as to those who have not yet heard it.

But is the Law the best way to approach the task of missions? What about the Gospel? Shouldn't we first focus on that? I guess we should if the Gospel had meaning without the Law of God – His standard of holiness that holds all mankind accountable. But Jesus never treated the Law separate from the Gospel. He taught that the Law and the Gospel are inextricably bound together. "*Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news,'*" (Mark 1:14, 15)! How can one repent without having the standard of the Law to show us our sinfulness?

But we have to be careful that we do not teach the Law as just the negative side of the Gospel. We would be wrong to teach that simply the Law condemns us for our sin while the Gospel restores us to a right relationship with God. There is a truth to that statement, but it is not the whole truth. The psalmist did not love the Law only because it showed him his sin and need of a Savior. ("*Uphold me and I will be delivered; I will always have regard for your decrees,*" Psalm 119:117). Nor did he love the Law only because it showed him how to live once he found the Savior. ("*I will walk about in freedom for I have sought out your precepts,*" Psalm 119:45). The primary reason why the psalmist loved the Law was because he loved the Law-giver. ("*Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees,*" Psalm 119:12).

And, this is the main reason why the Law needs to be taught on the mission field. The Law teaches us about God—especially about Jesus. The Law shows us the perfections and holiness of Jesus. Jesus is the One who fulfills the Law. He is the One whose "*ways are blameless, who [walks] according to the law of the LORD,*" (Psalm 119:1). Jesus is both the Lawgiver and the Law keeper. He is the embodiment of Psalm 119 and other passages of the Word of God that present the Law to us. So, when we teach the Law on the mission field, we present both the Person and teaching of Jesus.

No wonder the psalmist delights in the Law and meditates on it day and night. No wonder he can say, "*I will always obey your law forever and ever,*" (Psalm 119:44). He cannot do this by himself, but he can do it as he puts his faith in the Person of Jesus. He can also "*speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame*" because he speaks with the authority and holiness of Jesus. (Psalm 119:46) It is Jesus who is found in the Law and that is why the Law must be preached on the mission field. The more we tell about the Law, the more we tell about Jesus – Jesus who "*shines forth in beauty.*" (Psalm 50:2)

Please pray that our missionaries would faithfully present this beautiful picture of Jesus as they teach the Law of God on the mission field.

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Missions Committee:

Planning for our Summer Short Term Missions Trip

By Jim Aldrich

On May 12th, the Missions Committee met at Church, and continued their planning of our annual short term Missions Trip. Our Team is going to Cherokee, NC, during the week of July 30 - August 6, to work in the MTW ministry that supports Native American Indians in that area. The Missions Team will be conducting a VBS program in the mornings and working on a light construction project in the afternoons, except for Wednesday afternoon when the Team plans to go "white water rafting"! We have 13 TBPC members on the Missions Trip Team, with several more families determining if they can go.

The Committee also discussed the recent project led by Michele Atkinson to support the Docine Christian School in Haiti through the donation of school uniforms. The Committee wants to thank all of those who donated school uniforms. Michele and her husband Chris will ship the school uniforms to our TBPC missionary Esaie Etienne for further transport to Haiti.

The Committee also continued work on developing "missionary support criteria." It is the endeavor of the Committee to have a more clearly-defined set of criteria so that in the future the Committee can objectively evaluate financial support applications submitted by missionaries desiring support, and then make appropriate recommendations to our Session.

The Missions Committee meeting concluded with prayer for all of our TBPC Missionaries. Please pray for them; there is a list in the Trumpet of our TBPC Missionaries (see column to the left). If you're interested in joining the Missions Committee, see Jim Aldrich.

*"The missionary heart: Care more than some think is wise.
Risk more than some think is safe. Dream more than some
think is practical. Expect more than some think is possible. I
was called not to comfort or success but to obedience....There
is no joy outside of knowing Jesus and serving him."*

--Karen Watson, martyr, March 15, 2004

Join the Centurions*

By Chuck Colson

The Centurions Program is one of the most important and successful undertakings we've ever had at Prison Fellowship and BreakPoint. And our Centurions are very much in the news these days: Like D. Michael Lindsay who was named President of Gordon College. Or Randy Hultgren, elected to Congress from Illinois.

Even the *Washington Post* has taken notice. When we found out the *Post* would do a feature-length article about the Centurions Program, some of my team mates were a little nervous. After all, the secular media aren't very sympathetic to conservative Christians. And the *Post* and I have a long history, dating back to Watergate. I can show you my scars, if you want to see them.

Even though reporter Michelle Boorstein makes my past life sound worse than it was and my Christian life better than it is, overall I have to say I was pleased with the article. We'll provide you a link to it at BreakPoint.org. It's an important explanation of the Centurions.

Boorstein gets a lot right. The name Centurions, she writes, "conjures battle-hardened Roman soldiers. They number 640, and their marching orders from their commander are clear -- to expand Christ's kingdom." And, as Boorstein wrote, I want "Centurions to be able to meet the challenge of religious pluralism, know their own worldview and be able to debate others with different beliefs."

She jokingly says I'm cloning people who can do the job I've been doing. Right!

I do wish she'd given more space to the Centurions themselves, because they are extraordinary people. All of them. Sure, we have congressmen and legislators and big-time executives in the Centurions Program. And that's great.

But what really excites me are the so-called "ordinary" Centurions who are doing extraordinary things. Let me tell you about just a few of them, so that you, too, will consider becoming a Centurion for the class beginning in September.

Take Sandy Perry, ex-prisoner and self-described "country boy with a sixth-grade education." He learned the hard way that without proper discipling, even Christian ex-prisoners have a hard time staying out of trouble. After completing the Centurions Program, Sandy was invited to teach biblical worldview to 30 prisoners.

There's Martha Underwood, who is using her Centurions training to promote racial reconciliation in her North Carolina community.

There's Arlene Tencza -- a housewife and mom whose Centurions experience launched her into ministry to prisoners and the poor in her community.

And Pam Mutz, mother of 12, who organizes one-day conferences for Junior and Senior High students to "equip them to stand strong" in today's over-sexed culture.

Or Deputy Sherriff James Quattrone who started a re-entry program for ex-prisoners. Come to CenturionsProgram.org today and find out how you can apply to the Centurions Program this year. We have tweaked the program to make it a bit easier and more affordable for busy parents and professionals to participate.

Yes, becoming a Centurion is a serious commitment. But the things you will read and watch, the teachers you will learn from, the interaction you will have with other Centurions will deepen your faith in ways you've never imagined -- and will prepare you to go out, as the *Washington Post* wrote, "to expand Christ's Kingdom."

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SISTER TO SISTER LUAU BRUNCH

Saturday June 25th ~ 10 am – noon

At the home of Nancy Kirkpatrick
1206 Riverhills Drive
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

All ladies and teenaged girls are invited to the Luau Brunch by Sister to Sister, a department of WIC. The quarterly social has a Tropical Theme with a casual mood. Dress to have fun. Entertainment will be provided by Bett Correa and Julie Welzien.

Invite another female church member, friend or neighbor, and bring a covered dish. Also, mention this event to someone and ride together.

Directions from TBPC: take I-75 south to Exit 265 (Fowler Ave)
Exit to the right toward Temple Terrace.
At the 2nd red light, turn left onto Riverhills Drive.
Continue 1 mile, to Ranch-type house/blue roof on the right (#1206)

Call Nancy at 988-8601 if you need more information.

Think LUAU ! Wear LUAU! Bring LUAU Food!



VBS 2011 — Gold Rush: Discovering the Rock of Ages

Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School, July 11-15. Children 4 years old to 5th grade will have an exciting adventure: *Gold Rush-Discovering the Rock of Ages*. We need over 50 volunteers to staff and prepare for this program: teachers, group leaders, snack helpers, craft helpers, a drama director, actors, and more. If you would like to volunteer, please use the insert clipped into the Friendship Register and indicate your area of interest, or contact Cheryl Barber (813-494-5380).

The following is a summary of the Gold Rush curriculum provided by Answers In Genesis, available online at <http://answersvbs.com/2011/about/theme/>.

Our children are faced with a multiplicity of gods on a daily basis. In school, from the media, in books, they're taught that all roads lead to heaven; believe what you want and it will be true for you. These dangerous lies are drawing our kids away from the truth—that Jesus, the Rock of Ages, is the way, the truth, and the life! With Gold Rush, kids will learn the answer to that most important question Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" They'll be saturated with the truth as they discover the biblical responses to questions such as:

- ◆ Is Jesus the only way to heaven?
- ◆ Who did Jesus say He is?
- ◆ What was unique about Jesus' birth, life, death, and Resurrection?
- ◆ How can I be saved?
- ◆ How can I share the good news of Jesus' life-changing power?

On **Day 1**, children will be challenged to meet Jesus in a fresh and new way as they learn about the bold claims Jesus made about Himself, including that He is God, He is the only way to heaven, and He can forgive sins. While briefly examining thoughts from famous thinkers and religious founders, children will realize Jesus is unique and superior to all others.

Day 2—Children will learn that Jesus' birth was like no other, from the fulfilled prophecies to the spectacular events. The events surrounding His birth provide further confirmation that He is God. When realizing the wonder of His birth, our response should be to treasure Jesus and treat Him as the King of our lives.

Day 3—The miracles of Jesus are a wonder to behold! Children will learn that no one has ever taught like Jesus or had the power of Jesus. When confronted with His radical teachings and the power He demonstrated as He performed miracles, our response should be to follow Him and let Him be our guide!

Day 4—Children will learn that Jesus' death and resurrection separate Him from all false religions and teachers. False religions have dead leaders and advocate working your way to heaven. Jesus' unique death and resurrection, on the other hand, is the crowning event in all of history, providing us with the opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life apart from works. The children will hear that He did this for them, and He wants them to believe in Him and receive Him as Lord and Savior.

Day 5—Children will learn that, just as God changed the disciples' lives, George Mueller's life, Gladys Aylward's life, and the lives of many others, He wants to change their lives, too. Then He wants them to share the good news of their changed lives with others.

Filled with the rich content you've come to love with previous Answers VBS programs, *Gold Rush* provides the fun and excitement your kids will love! From games to snacks to crafts to Bible time, all parts of this VBS work together to teach your children about the one and only Rock of Ages! Gather your gear and join us for unforgettable discoveries!

Men's Ministry

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our very own Dr. Jeff Beams. Jeff has been faithfully teaching the Bible studies for many years and does a wonderful job. Please consider attending this group on Saturday mornings and discover why the men's Bible study is so popular.

Please remember that a primary goal of men's events is outreach. If you have a friend who would like to attend, by all means invite them. If money is preventing them from attending an event, please contact Brian Carrier by cell phone at 813-841-9146 or by e-mail at brian@bcaflorida.com. I have some money available for these events if you are unable to cover it yourself. We want you to come and enjoy.

We all need to share God's word. Through these events, we can grow in fellowship with our community and offer enjoyable events for men to share.



When Helping Hurts

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(even if unintentionally) convey that I am in some way superior to those I'm aiding, who then are inferior? Do I really trust that God will supply all my needs? I am reminded that those in desperate poverty often have a trust and a "wealth" of faith that I lack.

So, if the obvious answer isn't just to apply a Band-Aid of aid (giving a dollar or sending my monthly donation to my charity of choice), what then, is? Rather than looking at what a community or group lack, the authors compel us to look at what the group or community possess. Referred to as "asset-based assessment," a key to helping is to build on the strengths and gifts of that community. In addition to identifying their strengths, those seeking aid must be active participants in the changes that are being made. A good example is that "one size doesn't fit all," and those in poverty know more about their complex situation and have insights about how best to help than I ever would. I need to use them in solving the problem of poverty in their community.

The remaining chapters help to identify "Practical Strategies without Hurting." I was stunned to find out that we have sent 1.6 billion dollars for short term missions alone in 2006. The authors examine the economic environment found in the Majority World and suggest strategies for churches, missionaries and ministries to partner in alleviating poverty. They have accurately identified obstacles to helping those in need, identifying ways in which we in the North American church are broken, and describe concrete ways in which we can affect change in a Godly manner. Without giving away the ending, I urge any reader who has struggled with the "how's, when's and who's" to give, to read *When Helping Hurts*. The authors sum this up nicely: "*Material Poverty Alleviation: Working to reconcile the four foundational relationships so that people can fulfill their callings of glorifying God by working and supporting themselves and their families with the fruit of that work.*"

Please contact Eileen Fritz if you are interested in purchasing a copy of *When Helping Hurts*. A group discount will be available if we purchase 15 copies of the book.



June Birthdays

- 1—Rick Donaldson
- 1—Grace Weir
- 4—Peyton Egbert
- 6—Joseph Aniel
- 7—Jeanne Higby
- 7—Kevin Nobles
- 9—Joshua Aniel
- 10—Jim Nichols
- 11—Sandy Neal
- 13—Nathan Dale
- 15—Thomas Peterson
- 16—Patty Lugo
- 17—Ed Ousnamer
- 18—Michelle Palacio
- 19—Debi Hensley
- 19—Bill Neal
- 22—Jeff Divoky
- 23—Diane Westbrook
- 24—Pierce Atkinson
- 27—Javier Lugo
- 28—Tony Correa
- 29—Martine Extermann
- 29—Eric Isaac

June Anniversaries

- 5—Steve & Sheri Nies
- 10—Eric and Jennifer Isaac
- 14—Bert and Cheryl Barber
- 15—Garry and Keri Gawrych
- 16—James and Jena Barber
- 23 —Jim and Judy Weir
- 26 —Bob and Dale Moore
- 27 —Brad and Jama Dale



June 2011*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 10:00a Staff Meeting	2	3	4 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group 10:00a Missions Team Car & Dog Wash
5 9:00a -10:15a Children's Sunday School; Adult CE&F 10:00a-10:30a Greeters & Welcome Table ; 10:30a- 11:45a Worship Service; 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	6	7 7:00p VBS Work Party	8	9 7:00p Missions Committee Meet- ing	10	11 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group
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*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

Time	Location	
9:00 AM	Classroom Wing	Sunday School for Children C E & F for Adults
10:30 AM	Sanctuary	Worship Service