Rest

By the time you read this, we will be well into summer. For most of us, that means an opportunity to get some rest.

The *Lexham Theological Wordbook* defines rest as “a restorative break from labor and worldly striving. In the Bible it is an essential feature of the Sabbath—a day of rest on which no work was to be done. As a time of peace and calm, free from work, rest comes to symbolize salvation itself.” Rest represents a break from physical labor. It also provides a time for mental and spiritual restoration. When Jesus and his disciples were extremely busy, so busy that they had no leisure even to eat, Jesus said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31).

The central Hebrew root word for the concept of rest is “shabbat,” from which we get the English word “Sabbath.” The main Greek word for rest is “sabbaton,” and it has been borrowed from the Hebrew word.

The Bible teaches that God rested on the seventh day after having created the world in the first six days (Genesis 2:2-3). Of course, God was not physically drained and therefore needed to rest and recuperate from his creative activity. Rather, God ceased from his creative work on the seventh day. The Fourth Commandment requires us to observe the Sabbath, a day of rest, because God rested on seventh day (Exodus 20:8-11). Observing a Sabbath day of rest was a sign of the covenant God established on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 31:13-17).
Jesus affirmed the importance of the Sabbath. But he disagreed with the religious leaders of his day regarding the restrictive and legalistic ways in which they enforced observance of the Sabbath rest (Matthew 12:1-8). In fact, Jesus often healed on the Sabbath (e.g., Matthew 12:9-14; John 7:22-23), and explained, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27).

Jesus also promised rest to all who followed him. In a beautiful promise, Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29). According to the writer to the Hebrews in Hebrews 3-4, the rest God provides through Jesus is the fulfillment of the Sabbath and the ultimate fulfillment of God’s promises in the Old Testament to provide rest for his people.

Well, I pray that you will get some rest this summer from your physical labors. But, more importantly, I also pray that you will rest in Christ and get refreshed spiritually so that you may continue to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.
On Saturday, June 8, 2019, Women’s Ministry held a baby shower for Rachel Contrata. Kristine Wyss coordinated the event and Karen Guest was the hostess. The theme was “Think pink” as Rachel and Anthony are expecting a girl. There were games, lots of pink presents, lively conversation, and a beautiful cake.
Karen Guest gave the devotion and shared with us her own personal testimony entitled, “Mothers are Missionaries.” Karen agreed to share her message:

Why aren’t more people in our churches involved in missions? I often said to Bob that for most folks, the mission field is their children. Aren’t Christians supposed to share the Gospel? Missions is and has been my passion, not that I would serve for years on the mission field in a far away place, but that God could use me and whatever gifts I have to serve him. You can do the same; the mission field is in your workplace, your church, and your home with family and especially with your children. Here is my testimony:

How I fell in love with my Savior Jesus Christ begins when I was a child raised in a Christian home. We went to church and Sunday school every Sunday. I loved Jesus with a child-like understanding, trusting that what I heard was true about him—especially that he loved me. When I married my first husband we were not walking with the Lord. Our son, Edwin, was born in 1972. He was a total delight. I’m ashamed to say now that we did not set foot in a church for over 12 years. When my father-in-law passed away, his Catholic funeral was a huge affair. I thought it odd because most in my husband’s family never attended mass. At the internment, all the kids and cousins sat together in the back and I sat with my husband and mother-in-law in the front row. Driving home my 11-year-old son, Edwin, asked a ton of questions about the service, and then he said something that blew me away. He said, “Mom, well, what was that paragraph the priest said at the end?” I couldn’t figure out what he was talking about. Then the blow hit me—that “paragraph” was the Lord’s Prayer.
Edwin had never heard it; he actually referred to our Lord’s Prayer as a “paragraph!” My heart broke right in two. It really hurt and I was convicted. I asked God to forgive me for my terrible sins. I knew instantly I had broken all 10 commandments, especially the first 4. I repented quietly, but my heart was pounding. I vowed to take Edwin to church from then on and to share Jesus with him. I was on a mission to share my Savior Jesus Christ with Edwin. We attended a Presbyterian church in Hollywood, MD, which was an hour away, but I knew I was at home. I started reading the Bible and it suddenly made a lot of sense to me. And I prayed. We moved to Fairfax, VA, and found another Presbyterian church. It was very close to our house. Edwin loved that church and as a matter of fact his mentor, an elementary school principal, verified to me that Edwin made a creditable profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Over the years, together Edwin and I grew spiritually. It was a very sweet time with him. As for me, my heart settled down because I felt God’s presence with me.

Fast forward to 1992, Edwin was a freshman at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. A chaplain called me one night to inform me that Edwin was killed in a motorcycle accident. This is a terrible thing for a mother to hear. My pastor asked me what kind of funeral I wanted for Edwin. I said, “Well, please share the Gospel, and lay it on thick. There will be many young people and children that need to hear it, maybe for the first time.” Almost 500 people attended the funeral service and heard the Gospel as we laid Edwin to rest in Christ.

As a Mother, I know with firm conviction that the most important thing you can do for your children is to tell them about God loving them so much that he gave up his Son Jesus to die on the cross for them and pay the penalty for their sins; that Jesus sits at God’s right hand and watches over them until he takes them home to be with him in heaven forever. This Truth matters. The richness and power of God’s Word continues to sustain me over some rough terrain. But God gave me a most precious gift—the gift of knowing Edwin is in heaven, which has given me a taste of joy over the years. This can only happen for those who have faith in Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior.

What does this have to do with Missions? I mentioned before that I was on a mission to share Christ with my son. As you raise your children, and Rachel as you guide your daughter in the way she should go, you will be a missionary. And our church family is delighted to help you. You don’t have to go to a faraway land to be a missionary, the universe is right in your home.

When I married Bob, we immersed ourselves in studying about world missions. Twenty years ago, our church in McLean, VA, hosted Don Richardson, a missionary, teacher, translator, anthropologist, builder, and author. He and his wife had worked in evangelizing and preserving the culture of primitive tribes in Irian Jaya since 1962. We have three of his books that enhanced our understanding of God’s love for His people:

1. *Lords of the Earth*. This is a story about the labor and sacrifice of pioneer missionaries among clashing cultures. The Yali live in Irian Jaya’s Snow Mountains. They are naked cannibals who call themselves “lords of the earth.” In terror and bondage, they serve women-hating, child-despising gods. The story of thousands of tribesmen all swept together in a maelstrom of agony and blood climaxes in a dramatic, unexpected ending.
2. *Peace Child.* This is another story about headhunting cannibals, slaughter, and treachery. The Sawi people of New Guinea seemed to be living in the Stone Age, but God had already provided for the evangelization of these people by means of redemptive analogies in their own culture. The missionaries in these stories discovered that God went before them; the redemptive analogies were stepping stones to the Gospel.

3. *Eternity in their Hearts.* Missionaries are astounded by the way God prepared people for one of the greatest mass conversions in history. A supreme god has existed for centuries in hundreds of cultures throughout the world.

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end” (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Ladies, we know something of eternity, enough at least to compare the “fleeting” with the “forever.” We see enough to recognize something of its quality; but the grand design escapes us for we can never stand back far enough to view it as its creator does—whole and entire, from the beginning to the end. As believers this isn’t incomprehensible. This eternity is a gift from God, an allotted portion in life, whose purpose is known to the giver and is part of his everlasting, work for God does nothing in vain. The “forever” matches the eternity put into man’s mind.¹

So, Rachel, you are a missionary as you guide your daughter in the way she should go. Remember that God has already placed eternity in her tiny heart. God did the same for my Edwin and everyone in this room.

¹Reference: *The Message of Ecclesiastes,* by Derek Kidner
Women’s Ministry Calendar

We do not have any S2S events on the calendar as the Sister-to-Sister Coordinator position is still vacant.

July:

We will not have a WM15 meeting on Sunday, July 14.

August:

WM15 meeting on August 11, right after worship service. This will be the Kickoff Meeting for the Christmas brunch. Please plan to attend, ladies, as this is when the planning begins.

September:

WM will announce the speaker and theme for the 2019 Christmas brunch.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer holiday. Safe travels.
Nursery Ministry  
Marianne Cali

Reasons to Volunteer in The Nursery

❤️ It is fun, it is rewarding, and you get lots of hugs and wet kisses!

❤️ You will not miss worship—your act of service to God’s people is an act of worshipping God.

❤️ You will plant seeds of God’s love, and care for his children, that will bear fruit that you may never see.

❤️ It is the only place in church where you can sit in a rocker and read cardboard books during the service!

❤️ You will be helping babies and toddlers learn that their parents always return; that they can trust others to take care of them, just as God takes care of and loves us; and help them begin their socializing skills.

❤️ If you are over 40, you will mentor young parents and share your wisdom.

❤️ If you are under 40, you will meet others in the same place in life as you and will be able to share stories, make play dates, and make friends.
If you are a youth, you will gain life skills; such as understanding small children, interacting with adults, and developing a servant's heart, that will always be of benefit to you.

You will influence a life for God.

You will be able to play with all those cute baby toys without looking silly!

No one will look at you funny for eating animal crackers!

Most of all, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have served God by serving his church in the following ways:

- Providing loving and safe care for our children under four years old during the service.
- Allowing that frazzled mom and dad an opportunity to worship God.
- Allowing the congregation a quiet and non-distracting place to be ministered to and refueled.
Summer is Growing Season!

You have 7 more 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…

7 More

Each of the three more 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 four more 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
Eileen Fritz
and Debbie Jordan

Monday Evenings ~ 6:30 p.m.
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.
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

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward” (Matthew 10:40-42).

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.

High Chairs: Four high chairs are now available in the kitchen area. Feel free to use them as needed. Two booster seats are stored in the nursery for your larger wiggle worms.

Hospitality Sub-Committee for Sanctuary Décor: The committee has submitted its thoughts to the diaconate for review. The final paint colors have yet to be determined.

Money Stuff: The cost of a cup of coffee and/or tea at church: 9 cents for the cup, 5 cents for 12 ounces of coffee, 7 cents for 12 ounces of decaf coffee, 3 cents for a regular tea bag, 10 cents for a “fancy” tea bag, 5 cents per packet of sugar, 2 cents per packet of Splenda, 1 cent per tablespoon of honey, 6 cents per creamer, and 1 cent per stirrer. For most of our congregation, that works out to about 20 cents for a cup of regular coffee.


We will not have SSS4SS in July and August.

SOCA Luncheon: Please mark your calendars for the State of the Church Address and Luncheon on August 25.

Summer Picnic: TBPC gathered together on June 15 at 11:30 a.m. to share BBQ, games, music, crafts, and each other’s company. Thank you to everyone who brought yummy food, to Ted Jeffries for his mad grill master skills, and Nancy Kirkpatrick for leading the crafts. In case you were wondering, Ed Jordan and Wes Mollard/Daniel Kemp won this year’s corn hole competition.
Recipe of The Month

This month’s recipe is brought to us by Randi Mallary. Randi recently treated us to this dessert at our June SSS4SS.

Apple Dump Cake

Cake:
2 c flour
2 c sugar
2 eggs
½ c vegetable oil
2 tsp baking soda
½ c chopped walnuts
1 can apple pie filling
½ tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix by hand.

Pour into greased 9’ x 13’ pan. Bake at 350°F for approximately 1 hour.

Allow cake to cool completely before frosting.

Frosting:
1 pkg instant vanilla pudding mix
1 small can crushed pineapple
1 8 oz carton Cool Whip

Frost cake and store in refrigerator until serving.

Feel free to email your frequently-requested recipes or ideas to Lesley Schmidt at jrsiks92@yahoo.com for inclusion in future columns.
Our ESL Mission Program meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We meet during the NTCA school calendar year. We are currently on summer break and will begin again in late August. The mornings are divided into two parts: The first part is devoted to learning English speaking, reading, and comprehension skills. The second part is devoted to Bible study. Those involved with this program are very devoted to the students and the mission and they are excited about the upcoming year.

We praise God for the following needs that have been met:

- There are three levels of ESL classes: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. We have three teachers who can be the lead teacher in each class. There are two Bible study classes: Beginner/Intermediate and a separate Advanced Bible Study class. We have lead teachers for the Bible study classes.
- Two helpers, and a third who will be available beginning in January.
- Two substitutes to fill in when lead teachers are absent.
- A volunteer to market the class to potential students.

We ask your help with the following needs:

- We need at least two to three more helpers. Helpers assist the lead teacher and do not need to do advanced preparation.
- We need at least two more substitutes to be available in case a lead teacher is absent.

We need your prayers as we plan the following:

- More team members are needed to help with our community mission.
- Replacing our student workbooks. We found new material, but will need to approach the students to pay for a new book.
- Replacing our existing Bible Study material with new Bible study material. This is particularly a need for the Beginner/Intermediate Bible Study class. It is a challenge to find material that students can read and understand. We have a contact in the PCA who will be providing us with ideas.
- To find ways to reach new students. If you have any community bulletin boards, association newsletters, publications, or on-line postings that we can send information to, please let us know! Then we can get the information into places where potential students can see it.
- God’s guidance to help us provide a valuable tool to help those in our community in need of English skills but most importantly, God’s guidance in helping us share the Gospel to our students.
Intercessory Prayer Workshop

Westminster Presbyterian Church
402 East Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL
Saturday, July 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ken and Tammie Matlack from Mission To the World will be training participants for a lifestyle of intercession for Kingdom advancement.

Participants will gain an understanding in:

- God’s purpose for intercession;
- The place of relational intimacy with Father-Son-Holy Spirit in carrying out God’s purposes;
- The spiritual nature and context of the Christian’s life in God’s advancing Kingdom;
- The nature of the spiritual battle in which we find ourselves.

Participants will gain skills in:

- Prioritizing prayer in Kingdom work;
- Engaging in prolonged prayer for people, communities, and the world;
- Using scripture in prayer;
- Creative practices for individual and group prayer;
- Praying according to the purposes of God;
- Appropriate engagement in spiritual warfare;
- Organizing prayer for groups and churches.

The teaching content brought by Ken and Tammie is interspersed with breakouts for personal reflection and group implementation of prayer practices. We will begin the day with a light breakfast. Lunch will be provided. Snacks will also be available throughout the day.

The cost of this full day event including meals is $10 per person, which can be paid the day of the workshop. You may register by emailing office@wpcbrandon.org or calling 813-689-6541. All questions may be directed through them as well.
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How To Get Started
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 members, etc. I could not do it without her.

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

- Craig Nickoloff—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 July**

**Sunday, July 7, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.** Dr. James Saxon will preach to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination. He is the founding pastor of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. Child Protective Training Session.** We are offering this training session for anyone who is involved in Children’s Ministries and has not yet been through CPT. Please write CPT on your welcome card or contact Todd Bayley at toddbay4gmail.com or 813-215-9005.

**Sunday, July 14, 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service.** Please join us for the evening service, Joe DeNitto will be preaching. The sermon title is “Only Through Christ Can We Be Saved.” Childcare is provided.

**Saturday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. NTCA needs your help!** There is mulch to do before the arrival of our new students for the 2019-2020 school year! Please bring your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and a little muscle to help us make our playground a safe place for the kids to play! You can sign up by writing “Mulch” on your Welcome Card, calling our NTCA office at 813-972-2443, or emailing Morgan Uhl at director@ntcafamily.org. We will have drinks and refreshments for you! Thank you for helping make NTCA a wonderful place to share Jesus in our community!
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