Reformation 500

Five hundred years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther (1483-1546) nailed a document that has come to be known as “Ninety-Five Theses” on the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. While it may seem odd to us today, that was in fact the way in which theological dialogue was conducted in the 16th century. These Ninety-Five Theses were actually a call for reform in the Roman Catholic Church. The Ninety-Five Theses was translated from Latin into German, copied and distributed throughout Germany. Soon, the distribution of the Ninety-Five Theses spread throughout Europe, and Martin Luther became the leader of a revolution, known as the Protestant Reformation. Eventually, Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church, but the work of reform had begun, which continues to this very day.

Coming this Fall, we plan as a church to commemorate the Protestant Reformation. Beginning on Labor Day with our Worldview Sunday, Dr. Stephen Clark, will kick off with a message about the way in which the Reformation has shaped our worldview today. I plan to preach a series of messages in September and October on “The Solas of the Reformation.” During the Protestant Reformation, there were five cries of sola (“alone” or “only”) which served as rallying-cries for their generation, and continue to serve as vitally important gospel principles for us today. These solas are sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), sola Christo (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo Gloria (God’s glory alone).

In addition, we plan to have an adult Christian Education & Fellowship Class that will explore in greater detail the application of Reformation principles to us today. If we are able to find suitable curriculum, we hope that our youth and also our children might learn about the Reformation.

We also plan to have a number of worship services that will be ones that were used by various Reformers. I think we will see how it is that our own Worship Services follow the historic pattern of the Reformers. The climax of these Worship Services will take place on Reformation Sunday when all the PCA churches in the Tampa Bay area join together for an evening Worship Service on October 29, 2017 (probably at Holy Trinity PCA).

There should be a number of other events and activities that will be announced as the plans are made.

So, as we learn about our heritage and how it applies to us today, I invite you to participate in our Reformation 500 celebration this fall.
**HAPPENING IN AUGUST**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 8:00 AM: PLAYGROUND MULCHING FOR NTCA**
Volunteers needed! You bring the shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and a little muscle and time, and we’ll bring the coffee and bagels! Please sign up by writing “Mulch” on your Welcome Card. For questions, please call or text Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457, or email at EileenFritz@verizon.net.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 8:00 AM: HELP INSTALL A BIKE PATH FOR NTCA**
Hopefully, this will also provide an opportunity for our TBPC men to forge some good cross-cultural friendships with some of our NTCA dads. We’ll have coffee and bagels ready for you! Please sign up by writing “Path” on your Welcome Card. For questions, please call or text Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457, or email at EileenFritz@verizon.net.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 7:00 PM: MUSIC SIGHT READING WORKSHOPS**
If you have an interest in learning how to sight-read music, Millie Myers is offering another workshop this summer. Join her on Wednesday, August 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m. Please write “SR Workshop” on your Welcome Card or contact Millie Myers at milliemusic2@yahoo.com.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 12:15 PM: STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS, LUNCH AND CHILDCARE**
Our annual State of the Church Address will follow lunch at 1:00 p.m. All communicant members are expected to attend. We will receive ministry reports, adopt the 2017-2018 budget, and learn what we believe God is leading us to accomplish for the expansion of his kingdom.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS FALL TERM WEEK OF AUGUST 28**
Mark your calendar now to join the Women’s Bible Study's (WBS) 12-week study of the Gospel of John. From John’s first sentences revealing Jesus’ cosmic identity as being with the Father “in the beginning,” to the record of Jesus’s resurrection, John portrays Jesus in breath-taking dimensions, encouraging us to worship Jesus as Lord. The study is offered at two times beginning the week of August 28th. You may choose to attend Monday evenings at 6:30 PM or Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact WBS Coordinators: Debbie Jordan at 813-368-7513 or Debbiejordan1@gmail.com; or Eileen Fritz at 813-731-0457 or EileenFritz@verizon.net.

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What is the TBPC Women’s Ministry All About?

Our purpose is to encourage women in their spiritual growth by providing opportunities for prayer, fellowship, devotional experiences, and service. We are multi-generational and strive to enhance each woman’s gift, to glorify God, and to build harmony within Christ’s church. Our events that offer a pathway for accomplishing these goals include:

**Monthly WM15 Meetings:** These are held on the second Sunday of each month where we review our calendar and events, discuss issues, and finalize the activity. Our next meeting will be on **August 13** right after worship service in the Youth Room. This will be our kick off for the remainder of 2017.

**Sister-To-Sister:** Our next quarterly event will be at the home of Linda Childers in September. Join us for a potluck luncheon, devotional and prayer, followed by a craft project - making more of the Christian Christmas tree ornaments, chrismons, to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree.

**Service and Support:** This fall we are planning a Diaper Drive to support the Assure Women’s Center. Their services include free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes and counseling (www.14-6.com).

**Hanging of the Greens:** On Saturday, November 25, we will decorate the church for Christmas. WM is also responsible for ordering and arranging the Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias.

**29th Annual Christmas Brunch:** This major tradition focuses on the start of the Advent season with a delicious brunch and program designed to prepare our hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas. We encourage our women to invite their women friends and family. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2.

**How can you get involved in the Women’s Ministry?** Join us at the WM15 meeting immediately following the worship service on the second Sunday of the month. We discuss plans and events of interest to our women of all ages. All of our events are advertised in the worship bulletin; postcard size handouts are available to share with friends and serve as a reminder. Notices are also posted on the WM bulletin board. If you have questions, I may be reached at suzswenson@verizon.net. Blessings to all.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE?

BibleStudyTools.com has compiled a list of the 25 most visited and read Bible verses on their website so far this year. Below is the list for you to compare with your favorites. The Trumpet would like to for you to submit your favorite verse by email to TBPTrumpet@gmail.com. Once we have received enough responses, we will publish a list of the favorite Bible verses of TBPC.

1. Jeremiah 29:11 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

2. Psalm 23 1-6 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

3. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

4. Philippians 4:13 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

5. John 3:16 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

6. Romans 8:28 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

7. Isaiah 41:10 10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

8. Proverbs 3:5-6 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

9. Psalm 46:1 1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

10. Galatians 5:22-23 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

11. Hebrews 11:1 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

12. 2 Timothy 1:7 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

13. 1 Corinthians 10:13 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

14. Proverbs 22:6 6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

15. Isaiah 40:31 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

16. Joshua 1:9 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

17. Philippians 4:6 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

18. Hebrews 12:2 2 fixed our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

19. John 10:10 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

20. Zephaniah 3:17 17 The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

21. 2 Corinthians 5:17 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

22. James 5:16 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

23. Deuteronomy 31:6 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

24. 1 Corinthians 16:13 13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

25. Matthew 11:28 28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Welcome to the TBPRES KIDS Newsletter! My hope is that this newsletter will help parents, visitors, and the general church body know more about what our Children’s Ministry offers and to get to know some of the wonderful volunteers that make it all happen! If you have questions or suggestions, we would love to hear them!

Ministry Spotlight

School is just around the corner and that means our children’s programs are getting ready to start up again! Sunday School resumes on September 10th and Pioneer Clubs will kick-off on September 20th.

Pioneer Clubs is a Christ-centered program that integrates spiritual and personal development while helping children build relationships with caring Christian leaders, their peers and Christ. Each weekly meeting includes age-appropriate activities in:

- **Bible Exploration**: learn how to read and study the Bible and how to apply it to life
- **Bible Memory**: Memory verses relate to Bible Exploration and include fun memory games
- **Activity Awards**: Children earn badge awards for skill-building activities in a variety of life skills, such as art, sports, music, nature, etc.
- **Other activities dependent on age include outdoor games, snacks and songs.**

Kids age 4 by August 31, 2017 through Grade 8 may join the excitement every Wednesday, except for school breaks, starting September 20th through early May! Registration forms will be available at the Welcome Desk starting August 6th.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for both Children’s Sunday School and Pioneer Clubs starting in September. This is a great opportunity to share the gospel with the next generation!

Please see Kristine Wyss or Bill Campbell for more information.

Upcoming Dates

- **September 10th** — Sunday School Resumes
- **September 20th** — Pioneer Clubs Kick-Off

Children’s Ministry Contacts

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VBS 2017 WRAP-UP

BY HOLLY HAWKES

VBS volunteers and children stopped for a picture before Campers arrived on Day 3.

July 10-14, 2017, Tampa Bay Presbyterian was transformed into base camp for an Upward Bound camping-themed VBS. The verse of the week was Philippians 2:5-11 (age-graded portions). Young “Backpackers” engaged the truths of God’s Word through:

- Bible lessons
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Games
- Memory work
- Assemblies & Songs of praise

Sixty volunteers from Tampa Bay Presbyterian and other churches were on-site the week of Vacation Bible School, investing in the lives of our “campers.” Most were first time volunteers and they readily took on the challenge. It was a blessed week, start to finish with no major injuries, illnesses or bad weather.

Vacation Bible School is only 15 hours for participants. But II Peter 3:8 demonstrates that our concept of time is unimportant. “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day, II Peter 3:8.”

Our prayer request would be to ask for God to continue to work on the hearts of the boys and girls he is calling to himself. Many prayers of thanksgiving for rich blessings on Vacation Bible School. Thank you all for the part you played in making it a success!
August Anniversaries

Jonathan & Averil Massey August 1 18 years
Larry & Barbara Hess August 6 51 years
Bob & LeeAnn DeStefano August 14 46 years
Ken & Betty Pothoven August 14 53 years
Bill & Sandy Neal August 16
John & Bonnie Hutton August 21 46 years
Bob & Betty McQueen August 21 62 years
Craig & Jane Tyler August 21 13 years
Jim & Linda Childers August 31 46 years

August Birthdays

Jason Skopp August 1
Joanne Campbell August 6
Lillian Ordahl August 7
John Dixon August 8
Lilly Porter August 9
Verity Hawkes August 10
Averil Massie August 10
Emily Connell August 11
Reid Donaldson August 11
Kyrsteen Webster August 14
Lenny Chew August 15
Olivia Chew August 15
Kim Cozzolino August 15
Billy Jeffries August 21
Chanjun Ju August 23
Wicke Egbert August 24
Wes Mollard August 25
Mary Ann Peterson August 26
Don Vander Ploeg August 26
Peter Wu August 26
Joe Burns August 27
Bert Barber August 29
Miles Webster August 30
George Noel August 31
Suzanne Swenson August 31

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