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From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Serving in Haiti

My wife, Eileen, and I just returned from a week in Haiti. I was invited to speak at the 8th anniversary celebration of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Gonaives, Haiti, where the Rev. Esaie Etienne is serving. As you know our church supports him as one of our missionaries.

The Lord is doing an amazing work in Gonaives! In the past 8 years, God has used Esaie to start Trinity Presbyterian Church (which now has about 125 people worshipping each Lord's Day), Docine Presbyterian Church (which has about 50 people worshipping each Lord's Day), and The Truth Presbyterian Church (which also has about 50 people worshipping each Lord's Day). In addition, God has used Esaie to start a Pre-K through 10th grade school, which has an enrolment this year of 395 students!

I spoke on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, as well as on Sunday morning at the main celebration service at which about 175 people were in attendance. In addition, I had the wonderful opportunity to talk to their 10 church officers on the practical working of a Session and Diaconate.

Eileen was also busy during our time there. We learned that Esaie also runs a Reformed Seminary, and they need a building in order to keep their license. So, Eileen worked on a brochure that Esaie could use to help raise funds for the Seminary building.

We are very grateful to God for what he is doing in Haiti. It was such an encouragement to see the gospel working in the lives of so many people. Let us continue to pray for and support our missionary, Esaie Etienne.

Gonaives, Haiti – October 2016



Esaie Etienne, Eileen and Freddy Fritz



The Presbyterian School that has 395 students enrolled, and is also the meeting place for the Docine Presbyterian Church.



The meeting place of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Gonaives, Haiti – October 2016



Construction of The Truth Presbyterian Church.



Esaie Etienne interpreting for me at one of the evening meetings.



Part of the Sunday congregation celebrating the 8th anniversary of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Gonaives, Haiti – October 2016



Teaching the church officers of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Docine Presbyterian Church, and The Truth Presbyterian Church.

Legacy Homeschool Group

By Cheryl Chew cherylm321@gmail.com or (813)340-6761

Greetings! This past August, Legacy Homeschool Group began meeting at TBPC. While many of you are familiar with homeschooling generally, I wanted to share with you a little about the Legacy Group. The group is in its 16th consecutive year. Cheryl Chew leads the group with assistance from Lenny Chew, David & Annette Knecht and others.

All families in the group participate in a program, Keepers of the Faith. The program awards badges for skills learned. The program runs through the school year every other Thursday afternoon for children K-4 through 12th grade. There are 72 children in the program. Additionally, there are college aged students among us who “give back” to the group by teaching and/or assisting.

Each time Legacy meets, there is a Bible lesson highlighting a character trait of Jesus or a person from the Bible. Character traits include integrity, obedience, peacemaking, work ethic, etc. Skills learned vary and include culinary, animals, athletics, and art and are as much hands-on as possible. The group is run as a co-op so children have a parent present each session. Parents are scheduled to take turns teaching Bible or a skill. Each afternoon starts out with assembly for prayer, proceeds to Bible Time, Skill Time and finishes with Snack & Fellowship time. Bible reading and memory is incorporated into the program; the young people are memorizing the Beatitudes, the Fruit of the Spirit passage and will read Romans through Revelation.

Besides the Thursday afternoon program, the group hosts camping trips both in the woods and at the beach, a Daddy Daughter Dance, and service projects. We promote homeschool activities in the community, and many times

attend together. Legacy Homeschool Group is thankful for TBPC’s supportiveness by opening their doors to our group.

A Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Thursday, November 10 from 6-9 p.m. at TBPC. Daughters, in grades 2–12, and their dads are invited to join in the fun. It is a wonderful opportunity for each daughter to get dressed up and make a special memory with dad. If dad is traveling or unable to attend, an older brother or other relative is encouraged to attend in his place. Price per family is \$10 which includes admission, snacks and drinks. Registration is open through Monday, November 7. There will be not be admission “at the door” so pre-registering is necessary.

On Thursday, November 17 from 4:15-5:30 p.m., there will be a Packing Party for **Operation Christmas Child** which is part of Franklin Graham’s ministry, “Samaritan’s Purse.” Shoeboxes will be supplied. The church family is welcome to join in this ministry and brochures are available from Cheryl Chew. If you are new to this ministry, it is straightforward. One selects an age range and gender (example: girl age 5-9) and purchases items that fit in a shoebox that will be shipped overseas to a child in need. \$7 shipping/handling per shoebox is requested, but not required. On November 17, all gather at TBPC with the items to join in making a simple craft and writing a letter to put into the shoebox. This is a great project to do with children to help them “connect the dots” that these items will be a Christmas gift for a child in need in a foreign country. It is a step forward to help children to have a heart for missions.

Happening in November at TBPC

TBPC Ministries

Adult Christian Education & Fellowship
Ed Jordan

Children
Vacant

Emptynesters
Sandy Neal

Greeters & Welcome Table
Ted Jeffries

Growth Groups
Session

Hospitality
Joan Kosanovich

Men's Bible Study
Jeff Beams

Men's Ministry
Brian Carrier

Missions
Vacant

Music
Debi Hensley

NTCA
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Nursery
Marianne Cali

Outreach
Bert Barber

Pacesetters
Randi Mallary

Pastoral Care
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Ushers
Lenny Chew

Women's Bible Study
Melissa Bayley

Women's Ministry
Suzanne Swenson

Youth
Vacant

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. Please use the MTW 30 Days of Prayer Calendar (bulletin insert or download a copy at mtw.org/resources) daily in November to pray for: the work of the gospel, protection for Christians and missionaries in restricted countries, and their relief from persecution. Also, please pray for our TBPC missionaries.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 8:45 A.M.: SESSION INFORMATION MEETING All members are asked to join us for our Bi-Annual Session Information Meeting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 3:00 P.M.: NEW MEMBERS' CLASS Anyone interested in learning more about TBPC is welcome to attend the New Member's Class at 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., which includes dinner. Please write "NMC" on your Welcome Card, contact the Church Office or see Pastor Freddy.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER Save the date! Mark your calendar to join us for our traditional Thanksgiving dinner and enjoy some testimonies of God's faithfulness. If you would like to help, please contact Joan Kosanovich (jmkosanovich@gmail.com).

November Anniversaries		
Albert & Michelle Lok	November 15	3 years
Rick & Deborah Donaldson	November 21	24 years
Bill & Nora Jeffries	November 25	33 years
Wes & Mary Mollard	November 25	64 years

Trumpet Staff

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It is the goal of the *Trumpet* staff to provide articles for learning and growing, news for connecting with our church family, and information on opportunities for service and participation. The views and opinions expressed in the *Trumpet* have not been reviewed or endorsed by the Session.

Please forward articles, ministry reports and calendar items for the next edition of the *Trumpet* to jhigby@dgifirm.com by the 20th of the month.

TBPRES WOMEN

By Suzanne Swenson

The Women's Ministry is busy putting the finishing touches on its 28th Annual Women's Christmas Brunch to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at TBPC from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Our speaker is Ms. Donna Lynam, a staff member of the Geneva Classical Academy in Lakeland. She believes learning is a lifetime gift God gives us so that we can enjoy his creation and reflect him to others. Ms. Lynam comes highly recommended by members of TBPC WM and she is known for her ability to communicate God's Word through lecture and Bible study.

The topic selected for this year's brunch is the *Life and Influence of Elizabeth*. Elizabeth is a descendant of Aaron, wife of Zachariah, mother of John the Baptist and relative of Mary. Elizabeth is referred to as "upright in the sight of God." She is praised for observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations without blame. She is the first to acknowledge Jesus as Lord. *Her sorrow*: To be barren for most of her life. *Her joy*: To give birth to John, later known as John the Baptist, the Messiah's forerunner. His name, divinely assigned, means, "The Lord Is Gracious."

All women, regardless of age are welcome to attend. Tickets will be sold after worship on November 13, 20 and 27. Tickets for young women under the age of 8 are \$8.00, and for adults \$10.00. I look forward to seeing you there. Blessings to all. For questions, email Suzanne at suzswenson@verizon.net.

November Birthdays

Brian Carrier	November 4	Cathy Gartman	November 14
Ryan Gawrych	November 4	Alex Hensley	November 15
Eric Isaac	November 4	Molly Knox	November 15
Cheryl Chew	November 8	Freddy Fritz	November 18
Kinsley Egbert	November 9	James Montoney	November 20
Skye Campbell	November 11	Nora Jeffries	November 21
Ethan Hayman	November 11	Alan Wyss	November 21
Carrol Josephs-Marshall	November 11	Joe Ballard	November 26
Yisha Tan	November 11	Roy Riley	November 26
Penelope-Rose Atkinson	November 12	Laura Davis-Rotolo	November 28
Arianna Nants	November 12	Jerel Tomasello	November 30

Men's Ministry Report By Brian S. Carrier

On October 18, 2016 the Men's Ministry hosted an inshore fishing trip, starting from the docks near Gandy Bridge. It was a beautiful day for fishing, a little overcast, and the temperature, when we left the dock, was approximately 75 degrees. As you can see, the Lord was sure to make it safe by casting a beautiful rainbow before we went out to fish.



Seven men attended the trip and we fished from two boats for four and one-half hours. Captain Woody Gore and Captain George Jonah navigated for us. The Captains were very knowledgeable about the fishing areas and took us to several locations where we were able to catch lots of fish. Everyone caught at least 5 or 6 fish, and some caught more. Julio Lugo caught a catfish and Brian Carrier caught a baby shark. Meanwhile Pastor Freddy caught one of the strangest fish of all: a crab trap with two live crabs in it that were trying to catch our fingers with their claws. Our big fisherman was Craig Tyler on boat # 1 who caught at least 20 fish on this trip. Most of the fish were thrown back, but some of the men

brought home their dinner. The finish to the day was to go to a local restaurant, The Hula Bay Club, where we enjoyed a nice lunch together. The choice of most of the men was seafood which was appropriate for the day. The Men's Ministry would like to thank all the people who participated in the fishing trip, and we

hope we can make it a larger event next year.



We will have a Men's golf tournament in November, and a Men's breakfast in December. We are looking to possibly host a night at the Carrollwood Players Theater for the show *A Christmas Carol*. We also hope that you men can make it to the Men's Bible Study every Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m. led by our own Dr. Jeff Beams. Thank you again for the support of the Men's Ministry & Men's Bible Study.

Pictured (L-R): Senior Pastor Freddy Fritz, Javier Lugo, Gary Smith, Craig Tyler, Dr. Jeff Beams (Bible Study Leader), Peter Rotolo and Brian Carrier.

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