Thanksgiving

A favorite holiday for many Americans is Thanksgiving. This holiday occurs on the fourth Thursday in November.

In preparing to write for this month’s Trumpet, I came across a book by Ken Anderson titled, Where to Find It in the Bible. This book helps one locate specific Bible references to over 3,700 different real-life contemporary subjects, one of which is “Thanksgiving.” Let me list some of the topics that are covered under the subject of “Thanksgiving,” along with an appropriate Bible passage:

- **Thanksgiving for God’s provision**: Proverbs 3:9–10, “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

- **Prayer after meal**: Deuteronomy 8:10, “And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless [thank] the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.”

- **Songs of thanksgiving**: Psalms 33:2, “Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!”

- **Thanking God for enduring love**: Psalm 106:1, “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”
• **Thanksgiving leads to witnessing**: Psalm 107:1–3, “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”

• **Prayer of thanks before eating**: John 6:11, “Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.”

• **Key to answered prayer**: Philippians 4:6, “…do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

• **Overflow with thankfulness**: Colossians 2:6–7, “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

• **Thankful for everything**: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

If you are ever struggling to find ways to thank God, here are a number of ways in which you can give thanks to God this coming (and every) Thanksgiving.
Happy Happenings

Acts 2:42: “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Band of Merry Bakers: The BOMBers have been doing an excellent job of providing goodies for Sunday mornings. Sadly, members of the male persuasion are underrepresented in the rolls. If you’d care to join the group, male or female, young or old, you’d be very welcome. We have 8 BOMBers, and would like to augment the squad to 12 to achieve a three-month rotation. See Lesley Schmidt in church, or send an email to jrslks92@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Simple Soup Supper for Sunday Seconds: Our kick-off dinner on October 14 was a great start to our latest fellowship endeavor. 20 members of the TBPC family joined to share a delicious meal of minestrone (thanks to Randi), chicken noodle (thanks to Kim) and potato-cheese soups. Bread and dessert (thanks to Chris and the tea party ladies) rounded out the victuals. Plan on joining us on November 11 for the next installment of SSS4SS. RSVP on the pew cards with the number of adults and children (who will be eating) by November 4.

Thanksgiving Service and Covered Dish Dinner: On November 18, starting at 5:00 pm, we will once again be able to share Thanksgiving with our brothers and sisters at TBPC. The evening will include a message by Dr. Stephen Clark, a sufficiency of delicious food, a time of praise through song, and a chance to recount this year’s blessings. A sign-up board is available in the narthex. Please sign up, or send an email to Lesley, by November 11.

Meet & Greet Café: If you are an early riser, we have a job for you! The morning set up for Adult Bible Fellowship and Meet & Greet Café starts at 8:00 am on Sundays. Additional adult or teenage helpers would be much appreciated. Not much early-morning thought is required, just willing hands.

Paper Products: In the near future, our Styrofoam “paper” products will be transformed into actual paper products. This will allow us to be better stewards of God’s creation by reducing our non-biodegradable garbage. As an added blessing, since there are fewer vessel-size options in paper, this will also allow us to be better stewards of storeroom space.

2 Cor 13:14: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
On October 13, 2018, the Women’s Ministry held its fourth Sister-to-Sister event of the year. It was a tea party held in the TBPC sanctuary. Nancy Kirkpatrick set up a lovely tea station so we could have a “spot of tea.” Twenty-one ladies attended including 3 party crashers: Pastor Freddy, Jeff Montoney, and Diane Cunningham’s grandson.

We received a lot of wonderful feedback that I want to share with you regarding our Sister-to-Sister program:

“God is a relational being. He created us to be in a relationship with him and in community with each other. The part that warms my heart the most about the Sister-to-Sister events is when we gather compassionately together we are doing what the Lord has created and called us to do. I pray God continues to bless all of us as we learn more about him and learn how to graciously live together in community.” Coleen Knecht.

“The fellowship was so much deeper than events we have had together. I was able to get to know my two sisters that I sat next to so much better. I had much more insight into their lives and what they do on an everyday basis. I feel so much closer to them.” Nancy Kirkpatrick

“The Sister-to-Sister event was a real blessing! In a small group setting I was able to get to know a lady I had not known before. It was a time of great sisterhood. The ladies reached out to others who they had not gotten to know really well. It was a great devotional time too.” Janice Thompson.

“I really enjoyed the Sister-to-Sister meeting. It was a nice and humble God time. I felt like sisters loved one another. It was very open and down to earth. We got to know each other better and I hope we continue to do so.” Deborah Osibodu.

“What I enjoy about Sister-to-Sister is spending time with women of all ages and seasons of life, something we rarely can do on Sunday morning. I love to see how the women share parts of their lives that I would never know but for this time of fellowship and sharing a meal together. The testimonies are especially sweet that are shared by whoever leads the devotion. Lillian’s referral to a John McArthur sermon about God’s glory in our suffering particularly resonated with me; to know that our measure of suffering is directly connected to the level of worship we will give him in Heaven. This is a great encouragement to me!” Karen Guest.
“Sister-to-Sister Tea was a beautiful example of Christian fellowship. I was especially moved by how God grouped us randomly with the prayer partners we most needed to be with.” Debbie Jordan.

“What a wonderful time of celebrating our sisterhood! I think that in addition to all the comments posted, a favorite part for me is to see the generations coming together. We had three different families represented that were either two or three generations, they are: Gertrude and Michelle Hunter, mother and daughter-in-law; Nancy and Nancy Jo, mother and daughter; and Diane Cunningham with daughter and grandson. It brought back fond memories of my mother and me attending events together. Happy thoughts.” Suzanne Swenson.

Thank you to all who made this event such a success. Mark your calendars for our next three Women’s Ministry events.

Save the Dates and come join us!

1. Women’s Ministry (WM15) meeting is November 11 right after the Worship service
2. The annual Christmas Brunch will be held Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary. Tickets will go on sale after worship service at the Welcome Center, November 4, 11, and 18. They are $10.00.

Blessings to all,
Suzanne Swenson
The following new members were introduced during the worship service on Sunday, July 22:

By Certificate of Transfer

Richard and Ginny Becker

From Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA)

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. Ephesians 2:19-21 (NKJV)

Taken from “Discovering Church Membership, Class 101” by Rev. Freddy Fritz -
Key truths:

The Church is a family;
God expects us to be members of a family;
A Christian without a family is an orphan.
For the remainder of the 2018-2019 school calendar year, The ESL Program will be led and administered by a fully-staffed committee. The ESL Program currently has 3 classes: beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Each class currently has a lead teacher and an assistant. There is still a need for some additional volunteers in the following capacity:

1. Assistant at each level. Lesson plans and instruction will be coordinated by the lead teacher. The assistant will serve as a class helper.

2. Substitutes that do not attend weekly but can be available to contact in case of a teacher absence or emergency.

Please prayerfully consider joining our team and mission to assist those who need to learn or improve their English speaking and reading capabilities. The Program is a wonderful blessing to all who participate!

If you are interested in joining the ESL Program, please contact Karen Cross via email at karencross38@hotmail.com or by phone at 813-714-9921.
Our current ESL coordinator has moved and we are now in need of a new coordinator. Information about this position has been in our Sunday bulletins. Note that you must be a church communicant member to be a team lead / coordinator.

Contact Pastor Freddy Fritz: freddyfritz@tampabaypresbyterian.org

There are other ministries that always need more help, so if any of the above do not fit your “gifts,” please let me know and I am sure we can find a fit for you.

*God has provided us all with a spiritual gift, let us help you find yours.*

With God’s Blessing,

Leeann Destefano
Ministry Deployment
The Music Ministry needs personnel at several different positions.

1. The adult choir – Ages 15 and up. This would require you to attend practice sessions every Wednesday evening. NO experience is necessary, just a desire to praise the Lord through song. – contact Millie Myers or Pat Smith: milliemusic2@yahoo.com or pas7745@aol.com

2. Instrumentalist – Do you play an instrument? NO matter your age, we would be glad to have you as part of our music team. – contact Millie Myers or Pat Smith: milliemusic2@yahoo.com or pas7745@aol.com

3. Sound Board – Ages 15 and up. NO experience necessary, we will train you. The sound board team rotates one Sunday per month, but would also accept someone every other month. – contact Anthony Contrata: acontrata@yahoo.com

4. Slide presenter – Ages 15 and up. NO experience necessary. It only involves advancing the slides during the Sunday service. How often you do it, is up to you. Contact Leeann Destefano: desleea@hotmail.com

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Ministry Deployment
Join us the first Friday of every month at Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church for a meal, prayer, family focused devotional activities, and fun! Open to all church members and attendees! Families with children are highly encouraged to attend. Great opportunities for volunteers are available for games, crafts, and food setup.

*Dates: Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, April 5, May 3*

What to expect...

Please RSVP so we can prepare appropriately.
If you are interested in helping please contact:
Christy Almonte 813-484-9771.
Happening in November

Friday, November 2, 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Friday Family Fun Night
See page 10 for details.

Sunday, November 4, 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. New Member’s Class
Anyone interested in learning more about TBPC is welcome to attend. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Saturday, November 10, 8:30 A.M. to 3: P.M. Ladies Get-Away
SW Florida Presbytery Get-Away conference at Covenant Presbyterian Church with Paula Miles. Explore the Biblical truths of covenant, church, womanhood, and discipleship. Enjoy a continental breakfast and lunch. Take home workbooks will be provided. Register with Eileen Fritz by email at EileenMFritz@icloud.com or call or text her at 813-731-0457. You will also find a registration form in the bulletin and at the Welcome Center on Sundays.

Saturday, November 10, 7:00 A.M. Third Annual Men’s Fishing Trip
Meet at the church at 7:00 A.M. The trip will last approximately 4 hours with lunch to follow at Hula Bay Club. RSVP by writing fishing on a welcome card. Cost is $75.00.

Sunday, November 11. Honor Veterans Sunday
We would like to honor all of our veterans and immediate family members who are veterans. Please complete the information form found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday, November 11, 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 jrlks92@yahoo.com, or completing a pew card, by November 4. Please let us know the number of adults and children in your party.

Sunday, November 11, 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service
Please plan to attend. We would love to see you there. Childcare is provided.

Sunday, November 18, 5:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Service and Supper
Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church will be celebrating Thanksgiving with worship and fellowship. A sign-up board is available in the narthex. Please sign up, or send an email to Lesley at jrlks92@yahoo.com by November 11.
November Birthdays

Brian Carrier  November 04
Cheryl Chew  November 08
Kinsley Egbert  November 09
Skye Campbell  November 11
Carrol Josephs-Marshall  November 11
Craig Nickoloff  November 11
Cathy Gartman  November 14
Lesley Schmidt  November 17
Freddy Fritz  November 18
David Karibi-Whyte  November 18
James Montoney  November 20
Nora Jeffries  November 21
Alan Wyss  November 21
Jason Knecht  November 22
Roy Riley  November 26
Laura Davis-Rotolo  November 28
Diane Cunningham  November 29

November Anniversaries

Gil & Lynn Steile  November 03, 1979  39 Years
Bill & Nora Jeffries  November 25, 1983  35 Years
Wes & Mary Mollard  November 25, 1952  66 Years
Ted & Mia Jeffries  November 29, 2008  10 Years