What Is Next?

I am reminded of the people of God who had left Egypt and who were on their way to the Promised Land. God had given them directions for the construction of the Tabernacle, and the people were asked to contribute to the Lord for the construction of the Tabernacle. And the congregation brought contributions to be used for the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:20–21). Eventually, more than enough was given, so Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, “Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary” (Exodus 36:6a).

By now, most of you know that we have paid off the entire mortgage for the West Wing. This project began about eight years ago, and by God’s grace, and for his glory, the project is now done! So, no more is needed to complete the project for By His Grace, For His Glory!

Some have asked me, “What is next?”

Excellent question!

First, we will have a “Mortgage Burning Ceremony.” It will most likely follow a Morning Worship Service on Sunday, November 10. This brief ceremony will give thanks to God for enabling us to complete this project by his grace and for his glory.

And second, the Session and Diaconate request that our church family will now direct their giving to the General Fund. Actual giving to the General Fund is significantly below the budgeted giving. So, we would like to see the actual giving match or even exceed the budget for the General Fund. In addition, there are two significant maintenance matters that need attention. One is the partition in the double classroom that needs to be replaced. And the other item that needs attention is a renovation and upgrading to the kitchen. Therefore, the Officers have agreed that as General Fund giving increases, 7% will be set aside into a maintenance object line for the classroom partition and kitchen renovation. If you have any questions about this, please talk with one of your Officers.

I would like to thank you for your generous support to BHG,FHG. The Lord used you to give to a project that will provide ministry to our church family and community for decades to come.
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A Very Big Thank You from BHG/FHG

As the chairperson of the BHG/FHG Stewardship Campaign Committee, I wish to thank all of those families and individuals who contributed generously to the drive that resulted in the expansion of our church facilities. Whether by pledge, designated envelope giving, offering, or cash, you, the communicant members, saw it in your hearts to donate unstintingly to a need that confronted Tampa Bay Presbyterian over a number of years.

The added classrooms for both the Christian Academy and church ministries have helped to alleviate seating capacities. The added storeroom space has also helped to relieve church supplies and equipment storage pressure. The enlargement of office space has been a bonus of the extension. Yes, we all have greatly benefited from the convenience and spaciousness that the "West Wing" has brought. It will hopefully be utilized for many years to come.

While articles were written previously, church body and leadership meeting presentations made, in great measure and in truth, there did not exist a need to urgently press the congregation to give freely and unselfishly. It is to the church's credit that this remained steadfast throughout the entire six and one-half years that the campaign ran.

So it is with sadness that I find myself out of a job. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve the Lord and the church in this capacity, hoping of course, that I can enjoy a brief respite before tackling the next assignment. This last comment is directed at Pastor Freddy specifically.

Earl Myers
BHG/FHG Chairperson

As a postscript: A church celebration will be forthcoming. Stay alert for particulars.
A message from Marianne Cali:

Women’s Ministry Presbytery-Wide Conference: The Gospel Lens

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, seven ladies from TBPC journeyed over to Lakeland to Redeemer PCA for the annual Women’s Ministry Presbytery-wide Conference. What a wonderfully encouraging, uplifting, and informative day we enjoyed! Luchrysta Caswell and Ashley Bennett led us through a presentation they developed from their Parakaleo Ministry titled “The Gospel Lens”. This program helped us see the importance of the Gospel not only for our salvation but also our constant need for it as we work out our sanctification. By focusing on repentance, belief, and going out in love, we learned to dance through our personal daily journeys secure in God’s grace, mercy, and love. This view through Gospel Lens enables us to live the life God created for us to live. This was an edifying experience that I would recommend for every woman in the church to plan on attending next year.
SAVE THE DATES

Diaper Drive for the Oasis Pregnancy Care Centers from October 27 – November 3, 2019. Donated items can be left in the crib that will be in the office hallway during those dates. Contact Karen Cross with questions at Karencross38@hotmail.com.

The Brunch Team’s Potluck Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Suzanne Swenson’s home. It will be a meet and greet where we will get to know the hostesses and other team members, answer your questions, provide setup and menu details, and learn what dishes and utensils the hostesses need to bring. Please contact Suzanne if you would like to sign up to be a table hostess and to let her know if you can attend the meeting so she can add your name to the gate list. She has limited parking so please car pool if you can.

Women’s Ministry Meeting (WM15 Mtg) November 10 in the Youth Room immediately following the worship service. This is the place to be for the latest WM news!

The Annual Women’s Ministry Christmas Brunch will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019 in the Sanctuary at TBPC. Our speaker is Jan Brubaker, Clinical Manager for A Women’s Place, Clearwater. She has a Pregnancy Care Ministry. The theme is: Tamar, a Message of Hope. Jan’s husband, Bob, is Pastor at Christ Community Church (PCA).

Ladies, if you feel led to participate in any of the WM activities, we would love to have you join us at our monthly WM15 meetings on the second Sunday of each month after worship service. There are always projects to work on including making ornaments, hosting a table, or serving as sister-to-sister coordinator. The men are welcome to help us by volunteering to be servers at the Christmas Brunch. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Blessings.
Celebrate new life this Fall!

TBPC Women’s Ministry is collecting baby items to bless the Oasis Pregnancy Center. **October 27 - November 10**

Donations can be put in the crib in the west wing hallway.

**Needed Items:**
- Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, Size 4, Size 5 and Size 6)
- Wipes

Oasis Pregnancy Center provides counseling, material assistance, and limited pre-natal care. The vision is to turn the hearts and minds of all Tampa Bay Area young women and men back to life affirming choices and sexual integrity.

Oasis is committed to serving women experiencing unintended pregnancies. It provides life-affirming counseling and limited medical services. Additionally, they have a “Baby Boutique” to equip and encourage moms and dads with diapers, baby shampoo, clothes and gear for their little ones.

**Questions?** Contact Karen Cross (karencross38@hotmail.com).
The Workshop Ministry has gotten off to a great start!

If you would like to sign up for one of the upcoming workshops, please use this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EADAF2DA2F94-1stquarter1

Upcoming Workshops:

**November 6:**
Financial Focus: “Shopping”; Crochet: Ornament for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

**November 20:**
Financial Focus: “Debt”; BYOP

**December 4:**
Financial Focus: “Benchmarks”; Craft: Mason Jar Luminary

**December 18:**
Financial Focus: “Feelings are a Fact”; BYOP

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Youth Room at TBPC

Please let Melissa Bayley (melbay4@gmail.com or 813-528-2830) or Lesley Schmidt (jrsiks92@yahoo.com or 904-687-7710) know if you have a sewing machine someone can borrow or buy for upcoming sewing classes.
Men’s Ministry Bowling Night

On November 10, 2019, the Men’s Ministry had their second Bowling Night at University Lanes in Tampa. It was an event that the men have done before and enjoyed so the response was a little better. We had 7 bowlers present and two spectators. We were scheduled to bowl for 2 hours and we planned on playing 3 games that day. Those present for the event were Brian Carrier, Anthony Contrata, Pastor Freddy Fritz, Ed Jordan, Joe Markowitz, Ben Palmer (Peters friend), Peter Rotolo & our own cheering section, Joe Kirkpatrick and later on, Alan Polasky.

It was scheduled to start at approximately 7:00 p.m., but we actually started the first game at 7:15 p.m. We decided to split the teams by drawing a number. Numbers one through four was Team One which consisted of Ed Jordan, Ben Palmer, Brian Carrier & Anthony Contrata. Team Two drew numbers five through seven and consisted of Pastor Freddy Fritz, Peter Rotolo and Joe Markowitz. Since Team Two did not have four players; they alternated the fourth spot among the three of them to make up the last bowler. In addition to bowling night, we had pizza and drinks which were provided for all to enjoy. We also watched the American League Division Series baseball game number five, between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Houston Astros, that was being shown on the large screen, but unfortunately the Rays did not advance to the next round. It was a good season otherwise.

Both teams were closely matched for the challenge. The first game was a close one and the two teams were still trying to get comfortable with the lanes. The first game was won by the Team One which prevailed by a margin of 21 pins. The score of 410 to 389 was the difference in the game.

In game two, Team One bowled better than in game one with a lot of spares and an abundance of strikes. Team Two battled but lost by a margin of 62 pins. The score was not as close as the first game, 424 to 362, but Team Two wanted the victory in the third game.
In game three, it was a lot closer going into the final frame when Team One had a strong finish and Team Two also gave a strong challenge as they bowled their best game of the evening. They came up a little short with a score of 431 to 410; a difference of 21 pins. This event was a good time for the men in a great battle for supremacy in bowling. We want to congratulate all the men who participated in our bowling night. We plan on having another bowling night next year. We also want to thank Joe Kirkpatrick and Alan Polaski who provided the cheering section for both teams as the teams battled through the night.

The men’s ministry would like to thank all the people who participated in the Men’s Bowling Night and we hope that the participants will grow next year as we try to have three teams for the bowling night next year.
Men’s Ministry  By Brian S. Carrier

Brian Carrier

Peter Rotolo

Ben Palmer

Freddy Fritz
We are having our next event on November 2, which will be our 4th annual fishing tournament. We have our largest group this year with 11 men and one young man that will be attending this year. If you have any questions about this event or would still like to attend please do not hesitate to contact Brian Carrier as the Men’s Ministry has money for these events if you need us to cover the cost—we do not want anyone who would like to participate to be stopped because of finances. The budget in the Men’s Ministry is for those that would like to come out and enjoy fun and fellowship with the other men of the church.

Please also try to come to our Men’s Bible Study every Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m. It is led by our own Dr. Jeff Beams. We are studying, “The Message of Creation,” by Jack B. Scott, volume two. We will be finishing this new book on November 16, 2019. Thank you again for the support of the Men’s Ministry and Men’s Bible Study.
The ESL Ministry is having a wonderful new year. Approximately 25 registered students are currently attending classes. There are many returning students, as well as students who are new to the program.

We were unable to purchase our old books because they were out of print. We have new classroom material that all the students were happy to purchase; the new material is working out very well. The curriculum is large and as a student progresses in skills, new books can be added at various levels.

The ministry has volunteers that are new to the Program and they are such a great help to us. We have quite a large beginning group of students and because those students are new to the English language, they are sometimes confused while the lead teacher is conducting the lesson. There is a need for more volunteers to sit with the students and help them, one-on-one, follow the teacher and stay in the correct place in the workbook.

There have been student inquiries about having a class in the evenings. Some people work and cannot attend a class during normal work hours. We are discussing and praying about adding a class on Wednesday evenings starting in January. To be able to do this, we would need at least two volunteers that would be willing to teach. If you have been unable to participate in volunteering for ESL because you are not able to be there during daytime classes, please let me know if you would be interested in helping with evening classes.

Some potential students have said they would come to ESL if we could provide childcare for them. We are hopeful we have found someone who is willing to be here. She has small children herself, and there will be times when she is not available. Please pray that a few volunteers will step forward to fill in on short notice if she is not available to be here to provide childcare.

We have been very blessed to have so many in the congregation praying for ESL. The prayers are both greatly needed and a great help to us!

We have a Bible study at the end of the class. We practice reading scripture, listening to Christian music, and have some fun puzzles on the Bible material. Almost all of the students stay for the Bible study.

I am free to talk with anyone interested in joining us! Please feel free to call me anytime at 813-714-9921.
MISSIONS NEWS

By Karen Guest

Connecting TBPC to the mission field, both locally and globally, through prayer, sending, and support

Operation Christmas Child – The last day to bring your monetary and shoebox gifts to church is Sunday, November 10. Our Packing Party at church is Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Our goal of giving 100 shoeboxes to Samaritan’s Purse is almost reached. Thank you for your support of this fall project. The National Collection Week is November 18-25. We will be delivering our shoeboxes to the local church collection location and report on the results next month.

RUF at USF – Rev. Andrew Newman and his wife Meghan have asked our church to provide some dinners for the students meeting on Monday night for Bible study in their home, and for their leadership meetings on Sunday nights. The missions committee provided the dinners on October 21. Meals for the remainder of the semester are already assigned to volunteers. During the four years the Newmans have been at USF, Meghan has been making most of the weekly meals for 10-14 people. With two small children and their third baby due in February, they will appreciate TBPC providing some of the meals for the students and leadership team next semester.

Pastor Freddy’s trip to Haiti – Rev. Esai Etienne postponed the trip scheduled for September 19-20 due to a gas shortage in Haiti. Plans to launch the new Presbytery in Gonaives, Haiti, are underway to do this in December or January. Pastor Freddy will attend the Presbytery Organization meeting and Board meeting, and provide training on how to serve as a Stated Clerk.

Prayer for our missionaries – We would like each ministry at TBPC to “adopt” one of our supported missionaries to pray for. We will be contacting each ministry leader in the near future to firm up the plans for this effort.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Last day to bring donations to church – Sunday, November 10
Packing Party at church – Saturday, November 16

2020 MISSIONS CONFERENCE – February 21-23, 2020
MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Giving Jesus to the World – One Shoebox at a Time

GOAL -- 100 SHOEBOXES

John Piper’s book, Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions, concludes with a passage that helps us put missions in general and projects such as OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD in their proper biblical focus: “The ultimate goal of God in all of history is to uphold and display his glory for the enjoyment of the redeemed from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. God’s goal is the gladness of his people because God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.”

Our OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD project at Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church was launched on Sunday, October 6, and will run for 4 weeks, ending just before the National Collection Week, November 18-25, 2019. Our goal of giving 100 shoeboxes filled with presents for children in faraway places seems like a lot to accomplish.

But we serve a missionary God. We must see ourselves called as people to work for God’s glory through the gospel message being carried to the nations. We must believe that the power of God’s Spirit working in and through his people (us) can achieve mighty things. Considering that, then our goal of giving 100 shoeboxes to Samaritan’s Purse is our church family’s evangelistic outreach event to share the gospel with children who receive the shoeboxes.

Samaritan’s Purse has a five-year campaign to reach a thousand Pacific islands and share the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ with 600,000 children who live there, in the “uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8, KJV). One such place is in the Gilbert Islands, coral atolls along the equator halfway between Hawaii and Australia. They were the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in World War II when U.S. Marines stormed the beaches and defeated the Japanese in the “Battle of Bloody Tarawa” in 1943. A team recently distributed OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes to children living in Tarawa, a place not easy to reach. It is one of more than 30 atolls and reefs that form the little nation of Kiribati. Samaritan’s Purse chartered a ship, the North Star, to deliver shoeboxes to the islands. It sailed overnight and the team handed out shoeboxes during each day.
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Tarawa is a sliver of land that is home to 56,000 people. Palm trees and white beaches look like a tropical paradise, but jobs are scarce, most islanders are poor, and many families live in one room houses with dirt floors and thatched or tin roofs. Upon arrival in Tarawa, the team was greeted by hundreds of excited children singing “Jesus Loves Me” and then they watched them open their shoeboxes in open air churches. One mom told the team “This is the first time I have seen such a great gift given to my children. We can see that you really care about our children here in Kiribati.” One pastor said, “This is the first program that has united the churches on the island and brought us together. We praise God for using Samaritan’s Purse and OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD as a uniting force for discipleship and evangelism around the world.”

Samaritan’s Purse has trained island church leaders to teach The Greatest Journey, its evangelism and discipleship course for children who receive shoebox gifts. The children are then invited to trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They learn how to prayerfully share the gospel with family and friends. When they finish their lessons, they are given a New Testament in the local language. Outreach events are hosted by churches around the world where the Gospel is clearly presented. Another booklet, The Greatest Gift, is given out to help shoebox recipients learn about God’s greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.

Now, you may say, “What can I do? What can my family do? Please visit our OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD display in the Narthex for information and see our “Packing Party Christmas Tree” full of donation envelopes and red gift tags for you to take home and shop for the items. You can also take the red and green shoeboxes home and fill them yourself. Decide if you want to shop for a girl or boy, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Follow the specific packing directions and include $9.00 for each shoebox to cover shipping and expenses. Bring all donations to church by Sunday, November 10.

Our Packing Party is Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please sign up to participate in this event. It will be a lot of fun to work together and it will be a great way to teach our children about evangelism and missions. We will fill shoeboxes with your donated items, give everybody an “I PACKED A SHOEBOX” sticker, take photos, and prepare the shoeboxes for delivery during the National Collection Week.

Do you need more information? Visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Our OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD team leaders are Christy Almonte, Karen Guest, Ron Jorgensen, Lillian Ordahl, and Kristine Wyss. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is sponsored jointly by the missions and children’s ministries. We have prayed that the entire church family and every ministry group would participate. Please contact any team leader to volunteer to help with events and activities.
Friday Family Fun Night at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 1
Friday, December 6
Friday, January 3
Friday, February 7
Friday, March 6
Friday, April 3
Friday, May 1

We are growing! We are excited that in the month of October the Children's Ministry, FFN and Outreach kicked off this season's service project, Operation Christmas Child! We had a record number of attendees—52 to be exact! We invite you to join us for a time of prayer and devotion, to share a meal with friends, or grab a board game or learn a new art activity with Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick.

Join us the first Friday of every month for a meal, prayer, family focused devotional activities, and fun! Open to everyone! Families with children are highly encouraged to attend. Great opportunities for volunteers are available for games, crafts, and food setup. Please write “FFF” on your Welcome Card so we can prepare appropriately. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Christy Almonte (813-484-9771).
Thanksgiving Dinner

Mark your calendars! On November 24 at 5:00 p.m., our TBPC family will share Thanksgiving together.

A covered-dish dinner, worship, and fellowship are all part of the evening’s celebration.

Please sign up on Mealtrain at https://mealtrain.com/n5917o. Contact Lesley with any questions.
Happening in November

Sunday, November 10, 12:00 p.m. Mortgage Burning Celebration. Please join us after the morning worship service as we praise God for our mortgage being paid in full.

Sunday, November 10 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 jrslnks92@yahoo.com, or completing a pew card, by June 2. Please let us know the number of adults and children in your party (kid-friendly options can be made available.)

Sunday, November 10, 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service. Please plan to attend. The sermon title is, “Straining Towards the Goal” (Philippians 3:12-4:1). We would love to see you there. Childcare is provided.

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. Packing Party. Everyone is invited to join us in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. It is not necessary to bring anything other than a servant’s heart. Please sign up in the narthex.

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