

**February 2013**

***From the Pastor's Desk***

***Pray! Give! Go!***

**Our Mission**

To bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name.

**Special Events:**

- ◆ Feb. 3—Quarterly Informational Meeting
- ◆ Feb. 10—Baby Shower for Trina Jeffries
- ◆ Feb. 21—Mission's Conference Day of Prayer
- ◆ Feb. 22—Mission's Conference Movie & Dessert Night
- ◆ Feb. 23—Mission's Conference Fajita Dinner
- ◆ Feb. 24—Missions' Conference Farewell Lunch

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

The Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church has been involved in local evangelism and world missions from the first day that Rev. James Saxon set foot in Tampa to plant this church. One of my favorite memories of our church's long-term commitment to reaching the lost with the good news of the gospel took place at the dedication service prior to the construction of the sanctuary. Several church members came to the place where the pulpit now stands and planted a seed to represent the spreading of the gospel to every part of the world. That commitment to world outreach continues to this day.

Our annual Missions Conference is scheduled for the weekend of February 22 - 24. We will be honored to have one of our own missionaries, Ken Matlack, serve as the Missions Conference speaker. Ken is the International Director for Europe with Mission to the World. Some of the other missionaries we support will be here as well.

One of the reasons we have an annual Missions Conference is to keep missions at the forefront of our thinking. There are three ways to do so. We can (1) pray, (2) give, and (3) go! Let's look at each one

briefly.

*First, we can pray!* There are lots of different opportunities to pray for world outreach. Certainly, we can do so in our personal devotions. We pray for missions during the Worship Services. All ministries have "adopted" a missionary and pray regularly for them. We also have a time of focused prayer prior to the Missions Conference itself. Let us continue to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest, and also that he will use the missionaries we support to draw the elect to himself.

*Second, we can give!* Each February, in conjunction with our Missions Conference, we ask our members to make a financial pledge of support to the Missions Fund. This fund is separate from the General Fund. I would like every member of our church family to make a pledge of financial support for the Missions Fund. You may not have much to give, but even \$1 per month will make a difference.

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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.

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*And third, we can go!* We are planning a one-week missions trip to Cherokee, NC on June 22 – 29, 2013. This is a great opportunity to serve the people of Cherokee. Unlike many short-term missions trips, families are encouraged to go on this trip. I have gone on several trips with my entire family, and they have been wonderful opportunities to serve God together. Doug Knox will be leading this trip, and I encourage you to talk to him if you have any questions.

Let us continue our involvement in world outreach. Everyone can participate in some way in world outreach. My prayer is that every one of us will pray, give, and go!

### Session News

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

The Session of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce that three men have been nominated to serve as officers of our church. Doug Knox has been nominated to serve as a Ruling Elder, while Garry Gawrych and John Ausmus have been nominated to serve as Deacons. They will serve as trainees for 2013. In December 2013 they will each undergo a rigorous oral examination by the Session. (They have all passed a written examination.) If they sustain their oral examination, they will be presented to the congregation in early 2014 for election to their respective Office. Shortly after their election we will schedule a service for their ordination and installation into Office.

Pray for each man and his family. Pray for him to learn well, and to continue discerning God's will for his life.

### The Purpose of Short-Term Missions Trips

By Jim Aldrich

Jesus Christ tells us to pray for laborers because the fields are "white unto harvest." Many think the problem is we don't have enough money, or we don't have the proper strategy to fulfill the Great Commission.

Jesus Christ is telling us that the shortage for 2000 years remains the same. It is not resources, it is people. We need people who will give up their lives so others can find eternal life.

The PCA, through MTW and local churches such as ours, advances the work of the body of Christ worldwide through a wide variety of word and deed ministries by identifying, selecting, training and sending men and women on short term missions trips, as well as supporting church-planting movements. We minister among unreached people groups in world-class cities as well as remote areas, partnering with national churches and indigenous leaders whenever possible. MTW also partners with local PCA churches to glorify God through the discovery and engagement of their unique potential, purpose, and passion for cross-cultural ministry.

### Reformed and Covenantal

MTW upholds the doctrines of sovereign grace and the truth that God saves His people as described in the Westminster Standards. The Holy Scriptures are inerrant and authoritative, relating the reliable history of God's covenantal relationship with His children. In regard to that relationship, it is clear that missions is a divine enterprise in which God commands and graciously accepts the obedience of His children. Our foundation for missions is the dual truth that

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*Teaching Elder—*Rev. Freddy Fritz  
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## Thoughts from the Intern

By James Nichols

*Garage Doors. Screened patios. Front doors.**Shyness. Fear. Ignorance.*

All of these are barriers.

In this article we are going to talk about breaking down the walls between the gospel and your neighbors. The two sets of barriers above represent the two main types of barriers that prevent the gospel's movement: external barriers and internal barriers. We will take a quick look at each with the purpose of getting each of us thinking about ways that we either intentionally or unintentionally block the spread of the gospel.

### External Barriers

External barriers are ways that we take advantage of our situations to avoid the spread of the gospel. Think about your house. The typical pattern, of which I am just as guilty, is to drive towards your house, open the garage door remotely, pull in, and shut the garage door. This requires zero interaction with anyone and hardly even a chance of being seen. Think about screened patios. While they are great for enjoying the outside without the bugs, they are also a way that we keep ourselves separate from the outside world. Finally, our front doors: how often do they open to let guests in and how often do they serve as a barrier to our homes. These are just a few of the ways that we keep our distance from our neighbors. Instead, we should be outside as families or individuals, enjoying the day in the front. Or maybe we should make an effort to have each of our closest 10 neighbors over at least once this year. What about a patio barbeque where we invite all of our neighbors over to enjoy our patio? Saturdays are great days to get to know people around you. If you go for a walk or do some yard work, or just enjoy the sunshine, you will inevitably see neighbors. These are just a few simple ways to make sure that we are not hiding from our neighbors.

### Internal Barriers

Now ask yourself, "What do I do when I see my neighbors?" You have taken steps to be more visible and available, but what happens when they come over and talk? Is there ever any spiritual talk or an invitation to church? This is where our internal barriers often come up. We feel shy about our faith. We fear their reaction and the loss of their friendship. We think that we do not have enough information or knowledge to make a difference. If we believe these excuses, then the effort that we made to get over our external barriers will ultimately mean nothing. I do not have a fix-all formula for your shyness, fear, or knowledge, but I will encourage you. We are children of the true and living God, who knows all things, has chosen us from before time and will sustain us to completion (Philippians 1:6). We can take confidence that he is in sovereign control. The Bible tells us to evangelize (Matthew 28:18-20), not because it promises success, but because it is one of the ways that we are obedient. God is sovereign, God is great, God is amazing, and God has commanded us to obey. Ultimately, the devil will always be bringing up both the external and the internal barriers. However, by holding onto the promises of God and the truth of his word, we can be assured that even if our neighbors never come to church after we invite them or never come to Christ after we evangelize, we are being obedient and loving God. If you have questions about evangelism or want to think more about methods and ideas for evangelism, please see me at any time. God bless and may your efforts to spread the gospel be bountiful!

**Women's Ministry**

By Ginny Bremer

**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our January events.

There were 19 ladies at our "Soup's On" Sister-to-Sister. A special thank you to Nancy Kirkpatrick, who led the game. We played a great fellowship game that allowed us to find out some interesting facts about our sisters in Christ. Thank you also to the ladies who shared a meaningful Bible verse and to everyone who contributed to the buffet table. Everything was delicious! Remember to pray for your prayer partner and get together with them for fellowship if you can arrange it.



*Eileen Fritz, Mary Mollard, Margaret Yearsley and Wendy Compton*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Pregnancy Care Center collection. Your generosity has made this collection a giant step toward saving the lives of innocent babies and bringing women to Christ. Please continue to keep the Center in your prayers and consider volunteering your time in an effort to further this important ministry.

**February Events**

We are blessed to be able to celebrate the recent births of two covenant children. What a joy to have these two precious little girls with us. Due to time constraints, we were unable to arrange a shower for Meredith Plunkett, but the Women's Ministry will send a lot of love, prayers, good wishes, and a card and gift certificate for Vivienne.

We are having a baby celebration for Trina Jeffries on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Jena Barber's home from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You won't want to miss this unique shower as the guest of honor, baby Ruth Anne Jeffries, may be in attendance. Share the joy and thanksgiving and keep this family in your prayers.



*Sheri Nies and Bonnie Hutton at the January 2013, Sister-to-Sister. For additional photos of the January Sister-to-Sister, see page 10.*

*Adult Christian Education & Fellowship*  
Bob Guest

*Children*  
Eileen Fritz

*Emptynesters*  
Sandy Neal

*Greeters & Welcome Table*  
Bill & Nora Jeffries

*Growth Groups Session*

*Hospitality*  
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*Men's Bible Study*  
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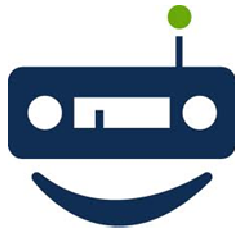
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James Barber

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Bert Barber

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# Tuned In

By: *Debi Hensley*

So here we are – by the time you read this January 2013 will be history as time marches on through another year. The Christmas glow has dimmed and life and work is no longer full of joy and good cheer. We are in the thick of work, school, home and life challenges and stresses. Some of our strong “resolve” from the beginning of the year has begun to fade.

Last week, New Release Tuesday brought us an incredible gift – **Casting Crowns – The Acoustic Sessions**. I’ve long been a fan of Casting Crowns – fame as Christian artists kind of fell into their lap and they have remained active in their local church, doing the “star thing” on their terms. Mark Hall remains the Youth Director at his church and they have chosen to use their concerts as a platform for Compassion International.

One of my favorite Casting Crowns’ songs happened to be the first song I heard on the new Acoustic album – **Praise You in the Storm**. The great thing about an acoustic setting is that the lyrics take center stage. These particular lyrics I hadn’t heard in a very long time, and they came to me fresh and new and very relevant.

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**I’ll praise You in this storm  
And I will lift my hands  
For You are who You are  
No matter where I am  
Every tear I’ve cried  
You hold in Your hand  
You never left my side  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise You in this storm**

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As we face life’s storms, we generally pray for relief or different circumstances and “praising” may be the furthest thing from our minds. But praising and worshipping and glorifying Him is our instruction. Not just when times are good, but also during the storms. This song is perfect to help pull you “out of yourself” in times of challenge and stress and, as the lyrics say, “praise You in **this** storm.” It’s good for any storm and a good reminder...

***My help comes from the Lord  
The Maker of Heaven and Earth***

If you are a Crowns fan, you will find a whole new approach to some of your favorites. If you aren’t really into the whole “contemporary Christian” music scene, have a listen and enjoy the rich lyrics – stripped of the electronics and production enhancements.

When the stress of life is overwhelming you, stop whatever you are doing for 5 minutes and have a little Praise & Worship Party. You can do it in your car, at your desk or the breakfast table. Pick your favorite tune, your favorite scripture and turn your total attention to PRAISING HIM.

Name That Tune . . .

December’s challenge was *Go Tell It On the Mountain*.

Now, try this one

**...thou my best thought, by day or by  
night waking or sleeping, thy presence  
my light**

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# Truth Matters Today

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## *The Seeds of Sandy Hook; the Fruits of Roe*

*"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."  
Galatians 6:7 (English Standard Version)*

The most unthinkable nightmare for any parent instantly became the most unbearable reality for twenty sets of Newtown Connecticut moms and dads last December 14th. People everywhere grieved with them as the waves of emotion from Sandy Hook Elementary School rippled ever wider.

Despite Aurora and Virginia Tech, Columbine and so many other mass shootings that have served to cauterize our collective consciences, our emotional callouses are not yet impervious to senseless tragedy. Indeed, this event shocked the nation more than any other in recent memory. Why? What about Newtown horrifies and traumatizes us so?

Without doubt, it's the children. An emotional President Obama captured this reality well the day they died:

*"They had their entire lives ahead of them--birthdays, graduations, weddings, kids of their own....So our hearts are broken today..."<sup>1</sup>*

Indeed, and with the children, a longtime sanctuary was lost as well. Before Sandy Hook, first-grade classrooms had long been places of discovery and joy where giggly young voices echoed through hallways and pint-sized eyebrows rose in amazement at each new revelation. When a classroom door was unexpectedly opened, it was a moment of curiosity or excitement, never of fear. And why not? The idea that someone would take advantage of a place defended only by fundamental morality to slaughter helpless children en masse was too far-fetched to imagine.

### **What to Do?**

Naturally, nobody wants to see this happen again; no argument about that. No; the arguments post-Newtown are about which freedoms should be forsaken to prevent the next Sandy Hook. Many believe the only answer is to make firearms harder to get. Unfortunately, history shows this approach often has a negative effect."<sup>2</sup> In the end, greater gun control usually serves only to render potential victims more defenseless. Besides, there are other weapons—improvised explosive devices like car bombs, for example—that are not so easily controlled.

Some say the solution is to appoint armed guards at our nation's schools to create parity between attackers and attacked. Others who believe Newtown gunman Adam Lanza was prompted by illness rather than rage suggest that mental-health screening and treatment are the keys.

### **What's the Root Cause?**

As horrific as it was, December 14, 2012 doesn't mark the greatest slaughter of children whose entire lives were still before them. Indeed, 20 is far, far, far below America's highest one-day loss of children. In fact, it was just yesterday that 3,288 children were killed in America...and about that same number will be murdered tomorrow. That's because there are an average of 3,288 surgical and medical abortions every day in America. <sup>3</sup>

All told, more than 55,000,000 innocent, helpless, tiny children have been violently killed and removed from the sanctuary of their mothers' wombs in the 40 years since the Roe v. Wade ruling legalized abortion in 1973.<sup>4</sup> 55 million!

If a deadly virus spread from Key West and killed every person in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina before it was eradicated,



it would kill about the same number of Americans as legal abortion has since 1973.<sup>5</sup> Most people would call that a tragedy. In America, many call it “choice.”

What does this have to do with Newtown? Sandy Hook represents one individual’s complete disregard for the sanctity of human life. For more than half a century, the idea that human life is more important than any other life has been in rapid decline. It’s not hard to see why in a land where human babies are killed in-utero at nearly the same rate as animals are euthanized.<sup>6</sup> Who could expect human life to be regarded as somehow sacred in a culture where people held a vigil to eulogize a slain elk less than a month after funeral services for 20 children whose death shook the nation?<sup>7</sup>

Equally concerning is that many children are now brought into the world specifically and solely because babies born of surrogates are hot commodities, especially for couples whose sexual relationships can’t produce children. In fact, the demand by same-sex couples to have ‘children of their own’ has spawned a surrogate industry in America. In India, surrogacy has grown into a \$2.3 billion industry that principally serves western nations like the United States.<sup>8</sup> Pause for a moment and take that in: industries marketing human lives as if a baby is just another possession.

### ***Escaping the Whirlpool***

Our downward slide grows steeper thanks to a pop culture incessantly proclaiming that every creature arose by pure chance from a common ancestor which emerged out of a primordial soup, that God is a fairytale for simple minds—despite considerable scientific evidence of a creator, and that the Bible is a fiction that is at best just an outdated guide to morality.<sup>9</sup> This is a worldview cultivated by those who prefer not to have their behavior constrained by rules that oppose their hearts’ desires. Aldous Huxley, social critic and author of Brave New World put it this way:

*“I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning...The philosopher who finds no meaning for this world is...concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to...”<sup>10</sup>*

Of course, this implies you must also acquiesce to whatever manner others choose to live. No complaints allowed no matter how disruptive their unbridled behavior may be to maintaining good order in a free society. If your idea of an uncreated universe ultimately leads to a conclusion that human life is nothing special, don’t be shocked or judgmental if your neighbor decides to end the lives of others, even lots of others. How is that different in your economy to slaying elk, after all?

During his remarks announcing measures to curb gun violence in the wake of Newtown, President Obama declared “...when it comes to protecting the most vulnerable among us, we must act now...”<sup>11</sup> Of course, he was referring to future victims of gun violence rather than the 55 million unborn babies killed over the past four decades. And yet, weren’t they truly “the most vulnerable among us”?

There will more and more gruesome Newtowns along with other unspeakable acts against man if we don’t stop treating human life as a disposable commodity rather than a creation in the image of God.

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## Annual Missions Conference

By Jim Aldrich

In his Overview of the Bible, *Dust to Glory*, R. C. Sproul speaks clearly and pointedly about our Missions Conference theme when he covers *The Covenant with Abraham* and *The Patriarchal Blessing*. R. C. Sproul tells us that at the beginning of Chapter 12 of Genesis, God tells Abraham to go to a land that God will show him, God will make him a great nation, God will bless him and make his name great, and that Abraham will be a blessing. R. C. Sproul explains that this can all be summed up by the words, "Blessed to be a Blessing." God is not simply blessing Abraham as an individual for his own benefit, but rather he is blessing Abraham that he might be a vehicle of blessing to a multitude of other peoples. In other words, Abraham was blessed to be a blessing. That motif is carried out through the Old and New Testaments, which means when God blesses us, He blesses us that we might become a blessing to those around us. In keeping with that idea, our Missions Conference theme this year is "Blessed to be a Blessing," specifically from Genesis 12:3.

This year's Annual Missions Conference will be the weekend of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 22-24, 2013. We'll have 3 exciting days of "missions emphasis," prayer, and information about what God is doing on the mission field.

**Ken Matlack, Mission to the World International Director for Europe**, will be our Keynote Speaker. Ken's wife Tammie will be with him. A number of TBPC supported missionaries will be with us, as well. Don't miss any of these events! Please use the Sign-Up Form in the Worship Bulletins to sign up for these events.

Wednesday evening (Feb. 20): "**A Day of Prayer.**" begins for the Missions Conference, starting February 20th, at the Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, and going through Thursday evening (Feb 21st). On February 10th and on February 17th, a "sign up" board will be in the Narthex to make a commitment to pray during the Day of Prayer for our missionaries and our Missions Conference.

Friday evening, 7-9 PM at the Church (Feb. 22): "**Movie & Dessert Night.**" We'll have the introduction of all Missionaries, followed by a short missions movie. Ken Matlack will provide a short message. We will host a separate children's program, and childcare is available. Desserts will be available before and during this program!

Saturday morning, 9-11:30 AM (Feb. 23): "**Breakfast & Prayer.**" The TBPC Session and Missions Committee Members will have breakfast at church with all of our missionaries, followed by a time of prayer for our missionaries and their needs. (Men's Bible Study will not be held that Saturday.)

Saturday evening, 6-9 PM, at the Church (Feb. 23): "**Fajitas Dinner.**" Following dinner, there will be a panel discussion (participating missionaries having 3-4 minutes to speak about their ministry, followed by 20 minutes of Q & A), Dare 2 Declare to sing, and Ken Matlack to speak. Childcare will be available. Tickets for the dinner will be sold ahead of time in the Narthex on February 10th and February 17th.

Sunday, CE&F, at Church (Feb. 24): "**Meet Our Missionaries.**" Our missionaries will "rotate" between 3 classrooms (Adults, Youth, and Children), talking and answering your questions.

Sunday Worship (Feb. 24): "**Ken Matlack Sermon.**" Our TBPC Choir will sing a special missions song. The Congregation will submit their Missions Fund Pledge cards.

Farewell Luncheon (Feb. 24): Following the worship service, the Congregation will have a **Farewell Potluck Luncheon** at the church for the departing missionaries.

So, please be sure to sign up for these events:

**SIGN UP for our Day of Prayer for the Missions Conference** in the Narthex on Sunday, February 10th and Sunday February 17th.



## **Missionaries Supported by TBPC**

### *Mission to the World*

Esaie & Natacha  
Etienne  
Ken & Tammie  
Matlack  
Carla Stevens

### *Reformed University Fellowship*

Jeff & Jenny Lee

### *New Harvest Missions International*

Nathaniel & Cherita  
Adawonu

### *Serving In Missions*

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The Meyers  
Kevin & Gertrude  
Nicholas

### *Ven Con Nosotros Church*

Dr. Oscar & Elizabeth  
Alvarez

### *Chamberlain-Hunt Academy*

Pam Johnston

**Buy your tickets for the Fajitas Dinner (Saturday Night, FEB. 23rd).** You will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Fajitas Dinner in the Narthex on Sunday, February 10th and Sunday February 17th. Your Fajitas Dinner tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children, and \$20 for a family.

**SIGN UP for our POTLUCK Farewell Luncheon.** The Church Bulleting will have our normal "alphabetical list" to guide everyone as to what kind of dish to bring.

The TBPC Missions Committee has set the following **Goals for our 2013 Missions Conference:**

1) 100% participation by Communicant Members in the TBPC Missions Program, supporting our missionaries in accomplishing the Great Commission. Participation could include prayer, missions work, and/or giving to our Missions Fund (all Communicant Members are urged submit a Pledge Card, even if it is only for \$1).

2) Fully fund the Missions budget (about \$45,000) through pledges to the Missions Fund. Giving to Missions Fund this 12 months is expected to be \$40,000, compared to pledged amount of \$40,145.

3) Send a strong Missions Team to Cherokee, NC for 1 week - June 22-29, 2013. See Doug Knox on how you can support this project; how you can be a blessing to others.

**Missions Fund Pledge Cards** will be in the Worship Bulletins on Sunday February 24th, during our Missions Conference, and Sunday, March 3rd. As you remember, a separate Missions Fund was started 4 years ago. Our goal is to fully fund TBPC's missions work through this fund, and not TBPC's General Fund. Our current Missions budget is approximately \$45,000 per year. Last year, \$40,145 was pledged to the Missions Fund during the 2012 Missions Conference. We are delighted to report that we are projecting that approximately \$40,000 will be contributed to the Missions Fund by the end of February! Please be in prayer about pledging to the Missions Fund. Our ultimate goal is to attain pledges equal to our Missions Fund requirement of \$45,000. Thanks so much for your support of the Missions Fund during the past 12 months!

## ***The Purpose of Short-Term Mission Trips***

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God chose in eternity those who will be saved and that He also uses us as instruments in the process of saving them.

### **Word And Deed**

Word: the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in all of its fullness.

Deed: the demonstration of the gospel of Jesus Christ through meeting physical, emotional, social, or cultural needs, in the context of missions trips and church planting.

***"To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him."***

- John Piper

## Women's Ministry

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### Looking Ahead

There are no March events planned at this time. I will be away with the Israel group, so our WM 15 will not be on the second Sunday. Keep on the lookout for an announcement in the bulletin as to when we will meet.

We have already planned for the Spring Sister to Sister. It will be held at the home of Stevie Riley on Saturday, April 13. More information will follow as it becomes available.



*Ginny Bremer, Stevie Riley and granddaughter Adriana at the January Sister-to-Sister.*



*Nancy Kirkpatrick and Betty Pothoven*



### February Birthdays

2—Phil Lear	15—Diana Weinel
5—Sherrie Kaw	16—Brad Dale
5—Rock Roque	16—Maragaret Mitton
6—Jason Carrier	17—Alisa Carrier
12—Grace Nobles	17—Melissa Noel
14—Elizabeth Ausmus	19—Rai Gualbance
14—Luana Isaac	21—Jimmy Barber, Jr.
14—Josiah Massie	21—Todd Bayley
15—Caroline Coffey	21—LeeAnn DeStefano
16—Jessica Hunter	21—Charlotte Page
20—Chris Atkinson	25—John Fritz
20—Paul Foltz	27—Mac Burchfield
	28—Marianne Cali
	28—Sunny Park

### February Anniversaries

14—Fred & Maggie Gordan
15—Brad & Alisha Collier
19—Chet & Mi Hong Witkowski

# February 2013\*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; LAMP Discipleship
<b>3</b> 8:45a Sunday School/Adult CEF; 10:30a Worship Service; 6:00p PHOS and Nichols' Growth Group Super Bowl Party	<b>4</b> 9:15a NTCA Chapel; 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:15a NTCA Chapel; 7:00p NTCA Board Meeting; 7:00p Outreach Team Meeting; Pothoven Growth Group	<b>6</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15 Dare 2 Declare; 6:30 Kids of the King; Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15 Adult Choir practice	<b>7</b> 10:30a ESL Bible Study 7:00p Worship Team Meeting	<b>8</b> 12:30p NTCA Staff Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; LAMP Discipleship;
<b>10</b> 8:45a Sunday School/Adult CEF; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS; 5p Nichols/ Nobles Growth Groups; 6:00p Kirkpatrick/Aldrich/ Knox Growth Groups	<b>11</b> 9:15 NTCA Chapel; 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:15a NTCA Chapel; 10:00a Memory Morning 7:00p NTCA Board Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15 Dare 2 Declare; 6:30 Kids of the King; Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15 Adult Choir practice	<b>14</b> 10:30a ESL Bible Study 7:00p Missions Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:00p PHOS Babysitting Night	<b>16</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; LAMP Discipleship 10:30a Trina Jeffries Baby Shower
<b>17</b> 8:45a Sunday School/Adult CEF; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS	<b>18</b> NTCA Day Off; President's Day; 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:15a NTCA Chapel; 10:00a Memory Morning 7:00p Pothoven Growth Group	<b>20</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15 Dare 2 Declare; 6:30 Kids of the King; Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15 Adult Choir practice	<b>21</b> 10:30a ESL Bible Study; 6:30p Missions Conference Day of Prayer; 7:00p Session & Diaconate Meeting	<b>22</b> 7:00p Missions Conference Movie and Dessert Night	<b>23</b> 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; LAMP Discipleship; 9:00a Session-Committee Meeting with Missionaries; 7:00p Fajitas Dinner
<b>24</b> 8:45a Sunday School/Adult CEF; 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p PHOS; Nichols/ Nobles Growth Groups; 6:00p Kirkpatrick/Aldrich/ Knox Growth Grps.	<b>25</b> 9:15a NTCA Chapel; 10:00a Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 9:15a NTCA Chapel Morning; 10:00a Memory Morning	<b>27</b> 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15 Dare 2 Declare; 6:30 Kids of the King; Prayer Meeting; 7:00p Pioneer Clubs; 7:15 Adult Choir practice	<b>28</b> 10:30a ESL Bible Study		

\*Due to the number of events scheduled, we cannot fit all Sunday activities on the monthly newsletter calendar. Please consult the online calendar at <http://prem.calendars.net/tbpc> for the complete schedule of activities on Sundays in April.



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## The Sunday Schedule

Time	Location	
8:45 AM	Classroom Wing	Sunday School for Children C. E. & F. for Adults
10:30 AM	Sanctuary	Worship Service