



## Summer 2013

### **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:**

- ◆ June 22—Cherokee team departure
- ◆ June 28—Ray's Baseball Game
- ◆ July 4—Patriotic Family Picnic

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

### **Every Member Ministry**

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Most of you have gone through our new member's class (previously called Class 101). During the class I touched on the core values of TBPC. One of our core values is the ministry of every member, which is stated as follows: "Because we value the ministry of every member, we will systematically teach, train, equip, disciple, and mobilize our members to be effective teachers, trainers, equippers, disciplers, and mobilizers of others, under the spiritual authority and loving discipline of the local church." Basically, that means that we want every member to be active in a ministry in the church.

George Gallup once took a survey and discovered that only ten percent of American church members are active in any kind of personal ministry in the church. That means that if one hundred percent of church members were active in personal ministry, the effect would be like having nine additional churches!

We have about fifty percent of members involved in personal ministry at TBPC. Obviously, that is a lot better than the national average. However, our goal is to have an every member ministry at TBPC. That is, I would like to see one hundred percent of our communicant

members actively engaged in ministry. The effect would be like doubling our church size! We would be able to evangelize and disciple people in our community more effectively.

George Barna also discovered that 50 percent of all church members have no interest in serving in any ministry in the church. Beloved, that should not be! I cannot conceive how any Christian would not be involved in some form of church ministry. I know that there are seasons of life that put major restrictions on our commitments. However, even the busiest of believers can find ways to serve meaningfully in a ministry in the church.

In the next few weeks I would like to ask you to consider your active ministry at TBPC. Our elders will be in contact with each member to discuss ways in which members can get involved in ministry, if they are not already involved.

So, if you are not involved in a ministry at TBPC, ask the Lord to help you find a way to serve so that we can see the gospel go forward in and through our church.

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## My Upcoming Summer Study

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Shortly after I began my pastoral ministry in the summer of 1986, I read the two-volume biography of Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, written by one of my favorite biographers, Iain H. Murray. Dr. Lloyd-Jones, who was one of the finest preachers of the last century, used to take two months off from his regular pastoral duties at his church during the summer. During these two months he spent time with his family, attended and spoke at a number of conferences, and read books that he was not able to read during the course of the year due to the pressing weekly needs of a rigorous pastoral ministry schedule.

Over the years I have learned of other, more contemporaneous, pastors who also take an extended time off during the summer away from their regular pastoral duties. Bill Hybels, pastor of Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, and Randy Pope, pastor of Perimeter Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Atlanta, each take six to eight weeks off every summer. Both pastors have said that the purpose for this time away from their regular pastoral duties is to study and prepare for the upcoming ministry year.

As I learned about the way in which these pastors prepared during the summers for their upcoming ministry year, I have always thought that I would also like to have an extended time during the summer to prepare for the upcoming ministry year. Now that we have a full-time, ordained Associate Pastor on staff at the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, it is possible to undertake a summer study opportunity.

### What is "summer study"?

Normal, weekly pastoral duties include such activities as preaching, teaching, administering the sacraments, prayer, visitation, administration, leadership, committee meetings, conflict resolution, and a number of other related duties. Then there are irregular duties such as Presbytery meetings, weddings, funerals, crises, and so on. Although one of the Biblical images for a pastor is "shepherd," a pastor often feels more like a "fireman," running from one fire to the next! Because of the busyness of a weekly pastoral schedule, it is not possible to spend adequate time planning and preparing for upcoming ministry.

So then, "summer study" is a time of concentrated, focused, and undistracted preparation for the upcoming ministry year. It is a time away from regular pastoral duties in order to plan and prepare for the upcoming ministry year.

An example of a different profession may be helpful. A significant portion of pastoral ministry involves education. Teachers are familiar with a weekly schedule of preparation, teaching, grading, and so on. During the school year teachers have very little, if any, time for planning and preparing for the upcoming academic year. That is why for most teachers summer is not a three-month long vacation, but rather is a time to plan and prepare for the upcoming school year. In a similar way, summer study is an opportunity for a pastor to plan and prepare for the upcoming ministry year.

### What "summer study" is not

Summer study is not vacation. While it is true that time away from regular pastoral duties may be rejuvenating, summer study is not a time to do nothing. Summer study is an opportunity to plan and prepare for the upcoming ministry year.

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**Thoughts from the Associate Pastor**

By Rev. James Nichols

The topic of evangelism is such a broad one that many times people get overwhelmed just thinking about it. They feel that they have to memorize things, have all the answers and live perfect lives. It is no wonder so many people get overwhelmed when the idea and topic of evangelism comes up. I have been just as guilty of this. It was far more comfortable for me to not think about evangelism and just admit shame when it came up, than to try to figure out how I could do a better job at it. The fears that we all feel are things that are, and have been, real. Think about Paul. Is he not the greatest, non-Christ, evangelist in history? Yet look at his prayer requests:

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. **(Col. 4:2-4).**

. . . and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel . . . **(Eph. 6:19)**

Paul prays for open doors, clarity of speech, and boldness! Paul knows that without the power of Christ, not only is the message useless, but the messenger will fall prey to all kinds of things.

So what is the purpose of this? Am I seeking to give excuses to evangelism and ministry? To quote Paul: "By no means!" Instead, I want us to recognize our temptations to make excuses, see that Paul was tempted and prayed, and start to move in the right direction. So what is the right direction? We can all start by thinking about our lives. There are many things that we should and need to be doing. However, we can all start somewhere. Let's look at some small things that we can do in order to be on-mission in our day-to-day life.

1. *Eat with non-Christians. Eating together is one of the best ways to understand needs and develop relationships. Do not force the gospel on these people. Answer questions if they have them, but make the focus about getting to know them and how you can serve them. This will give you a chance to find opportunities to serve and to love them better.*
2. *Be a regular. Instead of scattering your business all over the local area, choose a few places to frequent. Examples would be to go to the same few restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, hair places, coffee shops, etc. By being regular and making an effort to get to know the employees. Be an example of love and care to them. Ask questions, find out what they enjoy and how you can relate to them and bless them.*
3. *Hobby with non-Christians. Get to know other people who enjoy your hobbies and spend time with them. Plan a Saturday to hobby together. Make something with people, plant things together, create things together, or enjoy things together. Whatever you enjoy, there are non-Christians who also enjoy it. Get to know them and minister to them in love and through your hobbies.*
4. *Talk to your co-workers. Make an intentional effort to find out about their interests, families, and hurts. Pick 4 and pray for them (4 is an arbitrary number, but it needs to be a few). Go out with them after work and hang*

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## Summer Study

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### Goal and Objectives for Summer Study

I have one goal with a number of accompanying objectives for my summer study.

The overarching goal for summer study is to plan and prepare for the upcoming ministry year.

To accomplish the overarching goal, I plan to undertake the following objectives:

1. To spend an extended time in prayer each day. I pray daily. However, I plan to spend additional time in prayer without the deadline of attending a meeting or accomplishing some other task.

2. To read at least 200 pages each day. I read about 200 pages a week at the present time. Almost all of my reading is related to an upcoming sermon, lecture, or some teaching opportunity. I learn a great deal from my reading, but I would like to read books in the fields of theology, history, and current events so that I can be a better pastor.

3. To prepare preaching and teaching material for the upcoming ministry year. Currently, I feel like I am scrambling just to prepare for the upcoming week's sermon or lecture. For example, I read commentaries and books related to the week's material. However, I would like to spend time during summer study to read more extensively and gain greater familiarity with the upcoming preaching and teaching material. In other words, I would like to get a better overview of what is upcoming so that I can prepare each week's material more effectively.

4. To prepare for LAMP. We are about to conclude the second LAMP Certificate class. During the coming ministry year I plan to do two new LAMP Certificate classes (Bible Doctrine I and II). In addition, I plan to begin the LAMP degree program. I will need to get set up to become a facilitator as well as prepare to lead class discussions. I would like to get a lot of the reading done for the upcoming degree classes.

5. To plan for the upcoming ministry year. Not having done this before, I am not sure exactly what this might look like. However, I would like to take time to think through and pray about the upcoming ministry year.

6. To gain greater familiarity with Logos. I have an outstanding Bible software program (called Logos). However, I am not using it as well as I could because I have not had time to learn it better. Summer study will allow me an hour or two each day to get to know Logos better so that I can utilize its capability better for my ministry of preaching and teaching.

7. To complete re-learning biblical Hebrew. I am currently teaching biblical Hebrew. My goal is to complete Hebrew I and Hebrew II by mid-August. It is difficult to keep up with re-learning Hebrew with my current daily responsibilities.

### Timeline for Summer Study

The Session has approved the following timeline leading up to and including summer study:

June 17 - 21: General Assembly. I plan to attend the Presbyterian Church in America's General Assembly in Greenville, South Carolina.

June 22 - July 7: Vacation. I plan to enjoy vacation with my family.

July 8 - 31: Summer Study. I will complete the summer study in Tampa.

### Benefits of Summer Study

Summer study will benefit everyone in our church. It will benefit me by provid-

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## TBPC Ministries

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Women's Bible Study  
Betty Pothoven

Women in the Church  
Ginny Bremer

Youth  
James Barber

Outreach  
James Nichols

♪ ♪ ♫ **This Little Light of Mine**

Eileen Fritz

Coordinator, Children's Ministry

*Little lights are shining that Jesus has lit in young hearts. They are flamed into brighter flames as our Covenant kids take in the oxygen of the Word of God in Children's Ministry, and the flames are carried into their school classrooms during the week. Let's take a peek inside three classrooms where those lights are shining.*

**Hey, look! There's Zach in his First Grade class!**

*His teacher is musing over something that just touched her heart. She is writing an email to Zach's mom.*

*Hi! Just a quick note...today Zach was super excited about all the things he learned at Sunday school. It was super sweet to hear him tell others with gusto in his voice about how Jesus ripped and ripped loaves and fish apart to feed tons of people. "He kept ripping and ripping fish apart". Others began to get a little grossed out by the idea of all these fish being ripped apart, but a friend of his listened intently. Then Zach sang a song to himself about The Lord and his powers. However, another boy who is Hindu disagreed with some of Zach's ideas. Zach listened to his friend but was still quite pleased that "Jesus has so many powers that he can even walk on water". The other boy agreed that gods had many "superpowers". Eventually, he finished his work and stopped singing. But it was a very cute first grade moment!*

*I wish I could have recorded it for you. Zach's excitement was pure childhood innocence and joy. It made my day!*

**Come, let's just peek in on Lilly's Kindergarten classroom.**

*Sometimes she tells her friends Bible stories in the cafeteria. Once she taught a new Korean girl who did not speak English very well in her class to say, "Jesus loves me" in English. Another time she told an Indian-American girl a story about Paul. But now she is writing a poem...*

*On the first day God created the heavens and the earth  
and it was good.*

*On the second day God created the plants and grass  
and it was good.*

*On the third day God created the animals and people  
and it was good.*

*For all these years, and all these days,  
God's creation is waiting for heaven.*

**Now look again! There's Isabel, pencil in hand, bending over her paper in her Second Grade class. Just peek over her shoulder to see her writing...**

**The Wise Family**

*Do you want to know about a perfect family of 3? I will tell you about the Wise family.*

*First, God the Father, God the Son, and God the holy Spirit make up the Wise family... Next they are the perfect family because they never did anything wrong or sinned against God the Father. They always obeyed and followed the Father. Last the Wise family watches over us. They heal or comfort people that are sick, or are upset.*

*Last but not least, the Wise family is always there when you need them. Isabel's teacher awarded her the "Star of the Week," and wrote her a note.*

*Isabel, thank you for always being a great role model! You amaze me every day! I love that way you think and the effort that you always put into your work! I am so blessed to have you in my class! -*

♡ - Mrs. L.

**Let it shine, kids, let it shine!**

By Joe Burns, [truthmatterstoday@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:truthmatterstoday@tampabay.rr.com)

*"If we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants."<sup>1</sup>  
William Penn*

Eighty years ago this past January, Adolf Hitler was elected chancellor of Germany and began an era of tyrannical, iron-fisted conquest that was ended only by a protracted, bloody world war. Nothing evokes the breadth and scope of Hitler's twelve-year campaign of hatred and domination as clearly as the systematic persecution and murder of 6,000,000 Jews. The Holocaust—an inadequate description of the horror it defines according to survivor and Nobel Prize winner Ellie Wiesel<sup>2</sup>—left an indelible fingerprint on the pages of history. It's history worth considering.



The carnage of the concentration camps did not rest on one evil-and-self-absorbed man's shoulders alone. How could it? Could one man manage the logistics of rousting Jews from their homes and hideouts, march them to cattle cars where they were packed so tightly they couldn't all sit down, and operate the camps where they arrived to be sorted for immediate death or a hellish life based on their captor's perception of whether they could work or not? Could Hitler himself have manned all the crematoria, gas chambers and other execution details tasked with implementing the Reich's Final Solution? No; murder on a seven-digit scale requires innumerable accomplices.

Just as importantly, it requires complicity of a less direct sort. Somewhere between the Nazis' allies and enemies were those who were neither. Either they knew evil was afoot but chose not to confront it, or the evil on display all around ceased to be evil to them. *Macht nichts!* (Makes no difference!). Both derived from a pervasive moral failure and both were keys to the Holocaust. So it was there. So it could be here.

Tyranny thrives best where truth suffers most. Lovers of truth who proclaim it and reveal it are, therefore, the greatest threats to would-be tyrants.

### **Truth Proclaimers**

Historically, Christ's church has been the mainstay of proclaiming truth. Unfortunately, in 1930s and 40s Germany, the German state church (or German Christians, as they were called), chose to exchange the truth for a lie in hope of gaining the glory that Hitler sought for Germany. So much so, they eliminated the entire Old Testament from their Bibles as "obviously too Jewish".<sup>3</sup>

Though American churches have not been subjected to a nationwide movement to make wholesale changes to the Bible, there have been significant and increasing reinterpretations of biblical truths held dear for centuries, especially regarding social issues such as homosexuality. For instance, at least one denomination has elected openly homosexual bishops.<sup>4</sup> The less America's "Christian" churches shine the light of truth, the greater the likelihood the nation will descend into a murkier darkness where truthlessness will be exploited by those with evil intent.

An important note: there were truth proclaimers among Christ's church in Germany who did not bend to the will of the Nazis. Among those unwilling to sacrifice truth was a young pastor, author and seminary professor named Dietrich Bonhoeffer. When it was clear that words alone were not enough to bring an end to the evil his country was propagating, he participated in a plan to kill the Führer and halt his unequivocally evil deeds. Bonhoeffer was ultimately imprisoned and executed by the Nazis after the plan failed. We should pray that Christ's church in our country will have such resolute conviction in proclaiming truth if faced with such assaults against it here.<sup>5</sup>

## **Truth Revealers**

Obscuring and undermining truth were the primary aims of the German propaganda machine during the Nazi era. While a free press is typically at odds with such a goal, Hitler managed to neuter the press via a decree signed into law shortly after his ascension to power. It summarily negated the ability to reveal truth in Germany by restricting "the right of free expression...including freedom of the press".<sup>6</sup>

The press in America has never been subjected to such a comprehensive frontal assault on its first-amendment freedom. Nevertheless, it has of late increasingly imposed a similar fate on itself by remaining silent rather than acting as a revealer of truth (e.g. possible government misconduct during the Benghazi attack<sup>7</sup>).

On the other hand, it's certainly tougher to be a revealer of truth when you're the target of government intimidation. As we learned in May this year, that's exactly what happened in 2009 when the Department of Justice characterized a conservative network's chief Washington correspondent as a co-conspirator in a crime simply for carrying out his duties as an investigative journalist. The DOJ also seized his phone records and obtained a search warrant for his emails.<sup>8</sup>

Ironically, this came to light just weeks after the president counseled graduates at Ohio State University to reject voices telling them "tyranny is always lurking just around the corner."<sup>9</sup> How curious for a U.S. president to encourage young adults in America to drop their guard against the potential approach of tyranny. Our own Declaration of Independence was in response to tyranny and includes these memorable words:

"The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States."<sup>10</sup>

## **Truth and You**

Every lover of truth must stay close to it and keep a sharp eye on events unfolding around them, locally and nationally. When you see things that start your internal truth detector buzzing, speak up for truth, even if only among friends and coworkers. Then seize every opportunity to advocate for truth in ever larger venues that allow you to alert more and more people of potential dangers to Christianity and our republic. The alternative is to be like the German bystanders of 80 years ago who shrugged off the "repeated injuries and usurpations" that ultimately facilitated the Holocaust.

Don't wait for a crisis here that could lead to events like Bonhoeffer faced to begin defending truth. Heed Elie Wiesel's warning: "Those who kept silent yesterday will remain silent tomorrow."<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.ushistory.org/penn/quotes.htm>

<sup>2</sup>Wiesel, E. (1972, 1985). *Night*. New York: Hill and Wang.

<sup>3</sup>Metaxas, E. (2010). *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc.

<sup>4</sup><http://www.npr.org/2013/01/14/169066917/retired-bishop-gene-robinson-on-being-gay-and-loving-god>

<sup>5</sup>Metaxas, E. (2010). *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc.

<sup>6</sup>*Ibid*

<sup>7</sup><http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/05/08/how-did-the-media-cover-important-benghazi-hearings-take-a-look/>

<sup>8</sup><http://tinyurl.com/pbvhwvd>

<sup>9</sup><http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/05/05/remarks-president-ohio-state-university-commencement>

<sup>10</sup>[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration\\_transcript.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html)

<sup>11</sup>Wiesel, E. (1972, 1985). *Night*. New York: Hill and Wang.



# Tuned In

*By: Debi Hensley*

*I've heard and talked about and tried to be more aware of and practice "community" lately. Before the teachers line up at the piano on Sunday to tutor me on grammar, remember two things:*

- 1. I'm from Kentucky, we have our own language of words like you'ns, ya'll and all ya'll, so your task may be huge.*
- 2. Community means different things to different people...sometimes a noun, sometimes a verb. There's a sermon in that statement somewhere, which I'll leave to the good Rev. Nichols.*

*For me, tuning in to Community brings a song or two to mind. Do you remember that Coca Cola commercial with all those people singing "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing?" I remember that the commercial started with one person singing, and then continued until the end of the song, where the camera pans out to show a huge crowd.*

*Do you remember this oldie from The Youngbloods?*

*Come on people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another right now*

*Community is about coming together and one of the most special ways to come together is to worship. One of my favorite church community songs that I grew up singing is "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship." As Pat Smith would say, it is a "spiffy" song and just begs to be sung loud and strong. She's right!*

*We are going to be singing a new song that describes the most exciting community of all...**"Come, People of the Risen King."** How exciting to be included in the group....People of the Risen King. Doesn't*

*that just make you want to smile? Check out some of the lyrics.*

*Come, people of the risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.*

*Written by 3 of my favorite modern hymn writers, Keith and Krystyn Getty and Stuart Townend, they perfectly paint the picture of Christ's Community.*

*Over all the world His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call.  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age;  
"Our God is all in all!"*

*And the Chorus has God's community singing,*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice.  
One heart, one voice;  
O church of Christ rejoice!*

*The community of Christ is a vibrant, exciting place to be, and others should see it in us. As the song says, "**Rejoice!**" It will improve your entire outlook on life.*

## **Name That Tune . . .**

*Give this one a try:*

**Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness  
over me!**

**Underneath me, all around me, is the  
current of Thy love**

**Leading onward, leading homeward to  
Thy glorious rest above!**

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## **Cherokee Missions Trip**

*By Doug Knox*

*As you hopefully know by now, the Cherokee team will depart bright and early on June 22, for a week of serving the Lord and the people of Cherokee. We will spend the following week teaching VBS at two day care centers, completing*



*repairs and light construction for residents of Cherokee, and doing whatever other tasks the Lord assigns to us.*

*On behalf of the team, please accept our sincere thanks for your support of the team this year. We were able to raise over \$3,000 through the Talent Show and car washes. Fundraising was especially important this year in light of the size of the team. Thank you for your financial support.*

*We also appreciate your continued prayer for the team. Please pray for the team's travel mercies and health (and especially for Jena Barber's pregnancy during the trip). Pray that the Lord will glorify and magnify himself in our service, and that he may use us to share the gospel with the people of Cherokee.*

*We look forward to our return and telling about the great things our Lord has planned for us next week!*

## **Summer Study**

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*ing a fresh perspective on what God is doing here at TBPC, a renewed vision for what God wants to do here at TBPC in the coming year. It will also allow me to approach the coming year with a better weekly balance of work and rest.*

*My summer study will benefit James. While I am on summer study, James will learn more fully what is involved in pastoral ministry. He will preach weekly, administer the sacraments, lead the staff, shepherd the congregation (along with the Session), and give oversight to the daily ministry operations. As a result, James will get more fully acquainted with pastoral ministry.*

*Finally, the congregation will benefit in two ways. Beginning with my vacation and continuing on during my summer study, the congregation will benefit from James' regular, weekly ministry. He will have an opportunity to preach six consecutive sermons to our congregation. He will get into a weekly preaching rhythm, which will be a benefit to the congregation. Also, upon my return, I hope to be rejuvenated, which will be an ongoing benefit to the congregation during the upcoming year.*

## **Missionaries Supported by TBPC**

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## **First Annual Update on BHG,FHG**

*By Earl Meyers*

*Our church's current capital stewardship campaign, By His Grace, For His Glory, is progressing well, with almost \$133,000 of the total goal of \$450,000 received through the end of May, 2013, against pledges made by many of you.*

*Individuals, couples, and families who have joined us since the campaign kicked off last spring are invited to join those who are contributing already. Campaign pledge cards are available from the church office.*

*The funds raised by BHG, FHG are essential to our TBPC vision to pursue fulfilling our part in accomplishing the Lord's Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) in our generation.*

*A church is of course not a building but rather a local gathering of saints who worship and work together for the glory of God's Kingdom on earth.*

*However, it is also true that an adequate physical facility is important in supporting worship, pursuing knowledge of biblical truth and its life application through Christian education, and affording a ministry base for Kingdom work in local outreach and world mission. And an upgraded and enlarged building may correlate to future growth in membership, if and as it is God's will to bring that about at TBPC.*

*BHG, FHG is the first step in building out our property's Master Site Plan, to include a future new sanctuary, family life center, larger kitchen, classroom wing, office space for staff, and enlarged fa-*

## **Mea Culpa, and the Changing of the Guard**

*By Doug Knox*

*I want to first apologize that we have not published an issue of The Trumpet since April. I have been challenged recently in time management between work and church responsibilities. As a result, I was unable to finish the newsletter in May. Since there's usually not much on the ministry calendar for July, we will have one summer issue for June and July, which is what you are reading now. Please consult the online calendar for evens scheduled during these months (<http://www.tampabaypresbyterian.org/calendar>). The next issue will be published in August with the start of the new ministry year.*

*The good news is that Melissa McNulty will be taking over as editor of The Trumpet, effective as soon as this issue is published. Melissa, and her husband John, are new members at TBPC and part of the team about to leave for Cherokee. They both have a zeal for serving the Lord, and I'm sure she will do a fine job with the newsletter. Please welcome Melissa to her new role.*

*It has been a pleasure to work on the newsletter over the past few years. Incidentally, I assumed responsibility for the Trumpet in April 2010, around the same time I was starting with a new employer. The Lord has challenged me and he has blessed me during this time. I thank him for letting me get to know some of you better in this role.*

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*out with them. These are people that God has put in your life...how can you serve them and pray for them?*

*Serve your neighbors. Talk to them to find out how you can help, where their needs are, and listen closely for opportunities. Also, you are serving; so do not expect anything in return. Just spend the time to invest in your relationship with them and exemplify Christ's love.*

*Are there only 5 ways to live on-mission in day-to-day life? No. But these are just some ways to start. The basis of everything that we do must be the truth of the gospel and prayer. Make an effort to commit to doing at least one of these things in the month of May, adding more as time goes on. God bless, and have a great day!*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**Spring 2013**

**PRAYER, DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?**

By Karen Guest

*We have just completed our study about prayer using Philip Yancey's guide "**Prayer, does it make any difference?**" This semester we had the most registrants ever – 44, with an average weekly attendance of 31. We are being stretched in our ability to fit everyone into the sanctuary with adequate room for tables and chairs for the study, as well as for our 5 prayer groups. We have been blessed with many women from outside our church who have joined to study God's Word, enjoy fellowship together, and share in our prayers and concerns.*

*At our last meeting on Wednesday, April 17, we had a review and delicious pot luck brunch enjoyed by all. Thanks were given to Chris Christopher for his tireless work to set up the sanctuary for WBS every Wednesday morning. We wrapped up our prayer groups by writing notes of encouragement to Don and Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe Bible Translators missionaries in Papua New Guinea, whom we have been praying for over many years in WBS.*

*We said farewell to Betty Pothoven as she steps down from her position on the WBS leadership team. Thank you, Betty, for working so diligently to guide the selection of our studies, for providing wisdom to the team, and for graciously encouraging the rest of us to pursue holy living through study of the Scriptures.*

*We also want to thank our teachers – Lillian Barquin, Ginny Bremer, Linda Childers, Eileen Fritz, Maggie Gordon, and Betty Pothoven, who will return next semester as a teacher. We pray that your preparation for the classes was a blessing to you.*

*After our brunch, Ginny Bremer provided a concise summary of the concepts brought forth in the study on prayer. She focused on the Trinity and how our prayers should emphasize not just God the Father, but Jesus Christ the Son – our Redeemer – through his blood sacrifice for our sins, and the Holy Spirit – our Counselor and Helper in our weakness. Her exposition of these weighty topics will help all who participated in WBS to have a richer and more intimate relationship with our Holy, living Triune God, so that we may grow in righteousness to the glory of God. Prayer is a significant means to that end. We must key our prayers to God's Holy Word – the Scriptures – rest on His promises, and read and study the Bible on a regular basis.*

*One way to keep doing that during the summer is to register for the Summer Women's Bible Study (SWBS). It starts Monday, June 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, at church. Melissa Bayley will lead the study, "**Prayer, does it make any difference?**" This is the same study WBS conducted this past spring semester, condensed into 6 Sessions. The class will finish on Monday, July 15. Childcare (infants to preschool age) is available by reservation. To sign up for this summer evening study, please write SWBS on the Friendship Register on Sunday.*

**"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet and a Light unto my Path"**  
**Psalm 119:105**



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