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## Keeping Current

“Where is your church?”

“When does your church meet?”

That's a question I often get from people I invite to join us. I know what they mean. They're really asking “Where and what time is Sunday worship?” And that's usually the answer I give. “Sunday morning at 9:45am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Stuart.”

But what I want to say is something very different:

“Where is your church?” *All over the place! We meet in homes across town, in the park, and on mission throughout the world!*

“When does your church meet?” *All the time! Whenever God's people are gathered, the church is there. It's there at a Thursday night Bible study, it's there at Panera on Friday morning men's group, it's at a Community Service event this Saturday. My church is always meeting!*

That's what we want you to see in this newsletter. Sunday morning is a beautiful and significant and important time of worship and fellowship. But it is only one part of all that God is doing in and among his people at Treasure Coast Presbyterian Church. Flip (or scroll... or swipe...) through these pages and see God's work from Stuart to Dallas to the Philippines. Be encouraged, be in prayer, and be ready to get involved in living out the gospel together.

### ARE YOU SUBSCRIBED?

A quarterly newsletter is great for some things, but what it can't do is keep you informed on all the things going on each week. To do that, you need to subscribe to our weekly email. Upcoming events, regular Bible Studies, special announcements, and everything else on our church calendar can all be delivered to your inbox every Tuesday. So if you haven't already, send a quick note to Francie at [admin@treasurecoastopca.org](mailto:admin@treasurecoastopca.org) to subscribe.

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# MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT:



## CHERYL CROCKER

Meet Cheryl Crocker, a missionary with Mission To the World, Medical Department. Cheryl grew up in South Florida and now lives in Thomasville, Georgia. Cheryl joined Mission To the World in 2000, and lived in Manila, Philippines as a medical coordinator for 8 years. Since returning to the US in 2008, she has been planning and leading medical trips to The Philippines, Bulgaria, and Africa. Her initial focus was holding free medical clinics in partnerships with national churches, but as need has arisen, she has also recently developed Woman's Health Seminars in Kenya and Community Health Fairs in Bulgaria. From her recent newsletter:

"We have a team of 11 women departing for Kenya on June 30th, 2019. They will be leading a Ladies Leadership Conference with 25 sisters and also putting on a Women's Health Symposium for almost 200 ladies. We are just about two weeks away!! We do so much appreciate all your prayers for all of us as we prepare to leave families and job responsibilities behind and begin to focus on what the Lord has for us in those next 15 days with our precious sisters, and Lord willing, 'soon-to-be sisters.'"

At the end of her email correspondence, Cheryl has a quote that perfectly sums up her heart:

*"They have served God because, their sins being forgiven, they have wished to share their thankfulness for God's love and to do what Jesus asked, namely to let God's light shine in all the world!"*

-Anne C. Kwantes

This faithful servant (who often refers to herself as a "cracked vessel") sees sharing God's love as a privilege. Her year is packed with travel, often to remote places with long days and crowds of people. Prayers for stamina, health, and grace are greatly appreciated.



Nine of the 11 women leading the Ladies Leadership Conference in Kenya.



## SUMMER SEAQUEST PREPARES TO SET SAIL!

TCPC will be hosting Summer SeaQuest 2019 July 22-26 from 8:45am to 12:00pm each day! Children from age 3 through Grade 5 will be following Jonah's journey to repentance while recognizing their own need for repentance and grace! Children will be engaged in Sea Frolics (games), Cabin Crafts, Probing and Depths (Bible Stories), and documenting their trip in their personal logbooks! Delicious Sea Fare (snacks) will be provided to boost their energy for the voyage! The Sea Explorers (children) will celebrate their arrival in homeport by sharing their songs during the morning worship service on Sunday, July 28th. A pizza lunch for all will follow the service!

Reminder! Sea Explorers should come each day with:

- \*A water bottle with their name on it
- \*Sunscreen (already applied)
- \*Bible
- \*Memorized Bible Verse of the day
- \*Donation money (change is fine) for the mission project, if possible
- \*Sailing clothes—plain colored or white t-shirt, shorts, and sneakers

Please invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to register their children online at [treasurecoastpca.org](http://treasurecoastpca.org) or find us on Facebook! There is a maximum of 15 children per class (ages 3-5, completed Grade K-2, Grade 3-5) so encourage them to sign up quickly!

***Check out our Sea Supplies display in the lobby for some of the following items we still need donated or loaned for Summer SeaQuest!***

### **List of Sea Supplies:**

13 gallon clean trash can

Beach rings

10 foot Ropes

ClamShell cookies (2 doz)

Cream cheese

Fresh finger fruit -grapes etc.

Snacks for helpers

**Did you know?**

*The "Summer SeaQuest" vacation Bible school program was developed by the PCA church.*

*Today, Vacation Bible School remains one of the most popular church programs in America.*



## HELP WANTED!

The worship and ministries of TCPC rely most heavily on the people of the church volunteering their time and using their gifts (or in some cases, developing new gifts!) to make things happen. Here are some of the areas where we currently have the greatest need for volunteers:

**Communion Prep:** We need a few people who would be willing to help prepare our bread and juice for communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This would involve coordinating with Pastor Randy to purchase the items in advance, arrive early, and set up the trays at the front of the sanctuary. If you are interested, please let Pastor Randy know.

**Musicians for Corporate Worship:** If you have skill as a vocalist or instrumentalist, see Randy about helping to lead our music.

**Youth Discipleship Volunteer:** Our youth meet every Tuesday evening for discipleship. Randy is always in need of adults who can join that time, interacting with the kids and serving them.

**Sunday Snacks:** We all enjoy the snacks provided during the fellowship time following the service. Let Pastor Randy know if you would be willing to bring snacks on occasion.

**Graphic Design/Layout:** Are you cringing as you read this letter? Are you looking at it thinking, “Who did this? I could do so much better!” We agree! Let Pastor Rob know—we would love to have help making this newsletter look better.

**Sunday Morning Coffee:** If you are looking for a way to help the church on Sunday mornings, we are hoping to add a few more individuals/families to our coffee set-up schedule. Your turn would come around once every two months on the rotation.

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## COMING THIS FALL IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

*How do I talk to my neighbor about the gospel when she doesn't even believe God exists?*

*My friend says he's not interested in a religion that has been disproven by science.*

*Someone asked me how I can believe the Bible when it's so full of errors and contradictions.*

*I'm finding it harder and harder to believe in God when the world is full of evil and suffering.*

As much as we would like it to be the case, sharing the gospel is seldom as simple as telling about what Jesus has done. For many people there are a deep-rooted assumptions and false beliefs about God and the Bible, and these things form a barrier between the gospel and the unbeliever. When we try to share the message of God's salvation through Jesus Christ, these issues and questions can rise up and consume the conversation.

One great misconception about Christianity is that such questions require us to “turn off” our brains and “just have faith.” But that is never the case. Though there are many things that might be beyond our understanding, there are also a great many things we *can* understand. Something many Christians are surprised to learn is that whatever questions they hear have already been asked – and answered! – many times before. In all my years of ministry, I have never heard a “new” question or objection to the Christian faith.

A crucial part of our vision as a church is to be influencing our neighbors – the people in

our lives – with the good news. In order to do that, we need to grow in our ability to answer the questions people are asking. To help us grow in that area, our adult Sunday School classes from August 11-September 8 will be on the topic of **apologetics**. How do we answer some of the most common concerns raised by unbelievers? As Christians, how can we gain greater confidence and assurance in the truth of God's Word by understanding these things for ourselves?

So come join us, starting Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am, as we learn what it means to *take every thought captive to obey Christ* (2 Cor 10:5) so that we may always be *prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you* (1 Peter 3:15).



## TCPC Youth and Family Schedule

### Summer 2019

June 2019						
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June	
8 <sup>th</sup> from 8-12PM	Church Fishing Outing
Every Sunday @ 9:45AM	Sunday Morning Worship @ TCPC
15 <sup>th</sup> from 2-6PM	It Takes a Community – childcare event
22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00PM	Female Youth Hangout @ Luce Home
29 <sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30AM	Tidy-Up @ Shephard park (free lunch @ TCPC)

July 2019						
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July	
Every Sunday @ 9:45AM	Sunday Morning Worship @ TCPC
12 <sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30PM	Game Night @ TCPC
13 <sup>th</sup> from 10-12PM	Children's Clothing Exchange @ TCPC
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	VBS @ TCPC

August 2019						
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August	
Every Sunday @ 9:45AM	Sunday Morning Worship @ TCPC
Every Sunday @ 11:00AM	Sunday School for youth and adults @ TCPC
10 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM	Back-to-School Beach Day @ Stuart Beach
Tuesdays @ 6:00PM	Youth Discipleship Gathering @ Youth Room

#### Event Type Labels

Fellowship Event
Worship
Service Event
Special Events
Discipleship Gathering

-During the Youth Sunday School hour, Pastor Randy and other adult helpers will focus on the power of prayer, looking at how Jesus, Paul, and others prayed.

-At the Youth Discipleship Gathering, Pastor Randy and other adult helpers will teach what the Bible has to say about God, why the Bible is the way it is, whether or not we can trust the Bible, and so much more.

#### A Look Ahead (Fall 2019):

September – Escape Room  
 October – Progressive Dinner  
 November – Friendsgiving  
 December – It Takes a Community, Part II & Youth Christmas Party

For any questions, please call Pastor Randy at (239) 471-8080  
 or email [randy@treasurecoastpca.org](mailto:randy@treasurecoastpca.org)





## MEMORIAL WEEKEND CHURCH PICNIC

Perfect weather, great food, and the fellowship of believers; what a wonderful time we had! With over 100 hamburgers and hot dogs grilled, and the church community bringing plenty of tasty sides, the only item we managed to run out of were forks! We were able to reach others in the Treasure Coast community with all the food the Lord provided.







In Acts 15, we see a gathering of many elders, who arrived to represent many different churches. They gathered to discuss important questions and to make decisions that they would agree to carry out together. They issued a joint statement, affirming their unity of mind on a topic. It is based on that gathering – a time of debate and compromise and Biblical unity (though not *uniformity*) – that our denomination arranges an annual gathering of representative elders. We call that time the General Assembly, and Pastor Rob represented TCPC at our meeting in Dallas, TX during the last week of June, joining more than 1,600 other teaching and ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The PCA is growing, having added more than 10,000 members and 4 churches this past year. That brings our total to more than 384,000 members (a number that does not include the many people who regularly attend our churches but have not yet joined as members). And those members are spread throughout 1,572 PCA churches in the USA.

During our time at General Assembly, we heard updates from the various ministries that we support and cooperate on. We rejoiced in the planting of new churches, both in the United States and in many countries around the world, hearing of God's amazing provision for his people as they faithfully carry out his work everywhere from Miami to Mongolia to Mozambique.

Many of the ministries of our denomination exist to support and help local churches. For example, if you ever volunteer in children's ministries, there is a podcast called "[Grow](#)" that talks about common issues and questions involved in teaching our children in church. There is even an online training program available for children's ministry leaders!





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The PCA also organizes disaster relief efforts in crisis-stricken communities in the US. Though one small church may not have the resources to send a whole team into a grieving community, the denomination coordinated several efforts this past year, enabling members of our churches to join together in helping one another.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOPICS

A large part of our time at General Assembly is spent in discussion and debate. This year we focused on some important issues, seeking Biblical wisdom and agreement on topics related to human sexuality, sexual abuse, and how our role as spiritual shepherds must be approached with wisdom and great sensitivity on these issues. We considered these topics to be of such importance that we voted to set up two special study committees to guide us on better understanding and applying God's Word in our ministries. The first committee will give "particular attention to the issues of homosexuality, same-sex attraction, and transgenderism" and will present its report at next year's General Assembly. The second committee will "address matters related to domestic abuse, domestic oppression, and sexual assault."



If you would like to hear more about the details of the discussions and actions of this year's General Assembly, feel free to contact pastor Rob directly. Even if you don't know the details, please be assured that at every level of leadership – from your local church all the way to the national gathering of elders – we are seeking to be faithful in applying God's Word and Gospel, in the power of his Holy Spirit, to minister to the needs of his people and of the world where he has called us to be his ambassadors.

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## TCPC NOW HIRING

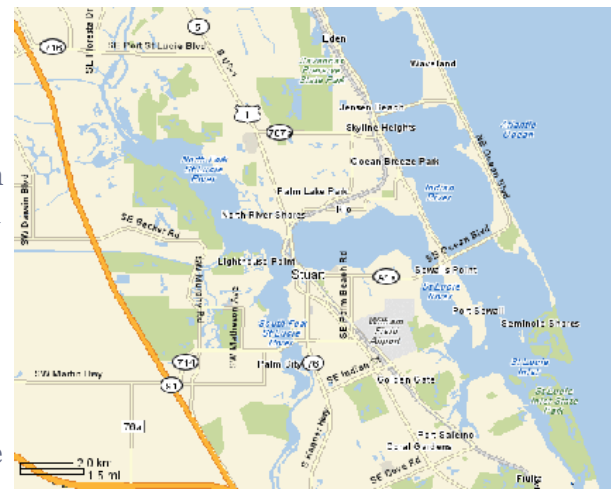
Treasure Coast Presbyterian Church is looking to hire a part-time nursery worker. This position would help relieve the need for volunteers in our nursery and would provide stability in our scheduling and in ensuring the care and safety of our young children. This would be a weekly position, working in the nursery during morning worship, Sunday School, and a few special events during the year.

Because this requires someone to miss worship every week, we are not looking to hire from within the congregation. However, if you know someone who might be available and suitable for this job, please have them contact Pastor Rob for more information, or check out our website for the job description at [www.treasurecoastpca.org](http://www.treasurecoastpca.org).

## HELP TCPC FIND A NEW HOME!

TCPC is looking for a new home. As you may have noticed, things are getting a little crowded on Sunday mornings. That's a good thing—in fact, it's a problem every church prays to be faced with! As much as we love our home on 3rd Street, it is not a sustainable option for us moving forward. So the session of the church has established a relocation committee that is actively seeking a new place for our church to meet and minister out of.

If you have any tips—places you've heard of, signs you've seen, opportunities someone has mentioned—please pass them along to the relocation team via Karl Thonnes. Karl can be reached at [kthonnes@aol.com](mailto:kthonnes@aol.com). And pray for the committee as they seek to serve TCPC in the time of this significant transition!



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