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Why Less Can Often be More

by Brian Dembowczyk

When it comes to certain things like coffee, chocolate, Baltimore Orioles wins, and vacation days more is always better. But is more always better? Not necessarily. Sometimes more is just...well, less.

You will notice that the issue of **connections** that you hold in your hand looks quite different from previous issues. You may have been immediately drawn to the new magazine format or you may be wondering why we changed it and wish it was like before. I sure hope you're in the former group, but regardless, let me try to explain the format change:

Less is more.

Take that sentence for example. I can almost guarantee you that it caught your attention. Why? Because sometimes less has an easier time standing out than more. Put those same three words in the midst of a fifty word paragraph though and see if they stand out. And that's why we have shifted formats. We believe that if we do the hard work of focusing more narrowly what we communicate through **connections** then we will probably do a better job of fulfilling its name—connecting each member to the various ministries of the church. Take this issue's cover for example...you probably don't have to look back at it to recall what it was and what it was communicating. While we lost space for text on the cover, we should find that we can do a better job of communicating visually with the new format. Less is more.

By the way, you may have noticed that we have taken the same approach with the weekly worship folder as well. The big picture has us positioning a redesigned website as the primary source of information dissemination with the worship folder and **connections** playing important supporting roles.

I really hope that you find this new magazine format engaging and more informative than the newsletter format. Feel free to email me with any of your comments or suggestions (brian@fbctampa.org).

Speaking of email...we are in the process of moving away from mailing the newsletter to homes and instead will distribute it primarily electronically and in printed form at the church. We simply want to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us. In May we will give you a chance to indicate whether you would like to be on an email distribution list or still have it mailed to your home if it is not possible for you to pick-up one at the church. Otherwise, you will be able to pick-up a copy of June's **connections** at the church.

Until then, enjoy the copy you hold in your hands. Be sure not to miss the first of a new monthly feature called *1st Person* where church members will have a chance to have a voice in sharing what God is doing in their lives as part of First Baptist Church of Tampa.

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You have to eat... You have to pray...

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday
May 12
8 a.m.

Potbellies Restaurant, 3826 S. Himes

this and that...

Average BIBLE
STUDY Attendance
to Date

241

Average WORSHIP
Attendance to Date

358

GIVING to Date
\$280,108³¹

Over/(Under) Need
(\$17,553⁴⁹)

nursery schedule

Preschool Coordinator

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Sunday, May 1

Desk: Connie Nathan

Infants: Emily Jones; Linda Watts

1s & 2s: Erin DeLoach; Trudy Dodson;
Linda Pittman

3s & 4s: Dianne & Whitney Hutchin-
son; Wendy & Danielle Heagey

Kg: Jackie & Nikki LaMay; Alex Kiester

Sunday, May 8

Desk: Liz McCarthy

Infants: Susan & Caitlin Beran

1s & 2s: Cynthia Monroe; Meagan
Suarez; Emily Roman

3s & 4s: Alex Jones; Debbie &
Danielle Lail

Kg: David & DeeDee Adetutu

Sunday, May 15

Desk: Susan Hoffstetter

Infants: Kim Bell

1s & 2s: Paul & Diane Meyers

3s & 4s: Caroline Brinson; Sandy
Jorgensen; Kathy Kelly

Kg: Joe & Stephanie Teasley

Sunday, May 22

Desk: Jan Burns

Infants: Kelly Pruitt; Darleen Block

1s & 2s: Mary & Jamesha Lawrence

3s & 4s: Chris & Jackie Haight

Kg: Doug & Lynn Jones

PM: Connie Nathan; Ann Rose;
Robin Kurian

Sunday, May 29

Desk: Lisa Sanders

Infants: Susan & Caitlin Beran

1s & 2s: Paul & Diane Meyers

3s & 4s: Kimberly & Justin Evans

Kg: Jackie & Nikki LaMay;
Alex Kiester

Senior Adult Recognition

Across our convention, May 1 has been set aside as Senior Adult Sunday. We will gladly take a few moments in our morning worship service that morning to recognize and honor our church's senior adults as well. Known as the Joy Club, our senior adults are a group who are on mission in our church to be *Growing... Glowing... and Going for the Lord*. Many of our senior adults grow, glow, and go by serving on a number of our church committees, assuming leadership in Sunday School, investing in the nursery, singing in the choir, serving in our office volunteer ministry, going around the world on mission trips, working in all the construction around our church, and doing much, much more.

Our seniors also serve as a great source of inspiration for many of us because of the long tenure of both walking with the Lord and serving Him. Scripture tells us they are also a great source of godly wisdom for us all as well and we know that to be the case.

We are excited about the new level of activity on the part of our senior adults in and around our church. They are truly a great treasure for us all, and we look forward to honoring them all on this special day on May 1. For more information about how you can be involved in the Senior Adult Ministry, contact Mike Horton at mike@fbctampa.org.

Q & A with the Staff

Why are there so many different Bible versions and which would be the best to use?

This can be a rather confusing topic for many people and skeptics even use the variety of versions to attack faith in Christ! But the answer is actually pretty simple and understandable. I'll try to explain briefly and then interact with a few of the more common versions.

If you've ever studied a foreign language you learned that translating from one language to another can be difficult at times. Some words in one language cannot be translated straight into another and languages are full of idioms and figures of speech that are challenging to translate. Let me offer an illustration: suppose I gave you an English sentence to translate into German. The sentence is, "Frank is bad." Now most of us would find a German word for "not good" *except* the children from the 80s who might find a German word for "really cool."

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The Safest Life Possible

By Brenda Kocher

I vividly remember when 9-11 happened, including the first Sunday after that awful Tuesday. The people of my church filed silently into the worship service that Sunday morning. The usual chatter of Christian fellowship was replaced by a dazed and frightened silence. We all wondered what our pastor would preach on. How would he minister to his flock after such an awful tragedy? Most Americans had been deluded into thinking that because we live in America we were one hundred percent safe. The American public had expected our government to somehow guarantee our safety and now the carpet had been pulled out from beneath us. Our pastor wisely preached that the only true place of safety is to be found in the center of God's will. It was a good message then; it's a good message today. But not just in terms of terrorism. Being in the center of God's will is so important for every aspect of our lives.

Not long ago, I felt myself getting increasingly restless in my spiritual walk. I had served in the church in just about every capacity imaginable but increasingly felt like I was being called to go "out there." I felt that God was calling me into community service but I didn't know what kind or any other details. This restlessness continued to build. As I continued to search for my place of service the advise someone had once given me echoed again inside my mind: "Find out what makes your blood boil when you hear it on the news and that's your task."

The thing that makes my blood boil is when people hurt children. Both my mom and a college buddy had been bugging me for years to become a Guardian ad Litem (a fancy term for a court-appointed advocate for children in the care of the state). However, I consistently ignored their pleas, largely out of *fears of safety*. In my mind I imagined that surely if I volunteered I would be in dangerous situations and I didn't want to risk my safety, no matter how upset I am about people hurting children. (By the way, all of the ideas I had about what a volunteer's work entailed were all wrong and my concern for safety was unfounded.)

When we stand before the Holy Judge, how will He score our performance? Will we be applauded for living the safest life possible or for taking risks for God?

Then it happened. Someone sent me a YouTube video of Francis Chan speaking called the *Balance Beam* (go to YouTube and type in Francis Chan – Balance Beam). He talks about how so many people in the church seek to live "the safest life possible" and won't take risks for God. And then he asks, when we stand before the Holy Judge, how will He score our performance? Will we be applauded for living the safest life possible or for taking risks for God? I knew then that I had to find a ministry where I was forced outside my comfort zone and into a position of trust and reliance on God. In that moment, the many pleas of my mother and friend came flooding back and I visited the Guardian ad Litem website. Within five minutes I was signed up for the next training session.

This has been an amazing journey of learning about so many things. I've learned about the legal world and the foster care world, but mostly I've learned what God can do when we trust Him to accomplish through us what only He can do!

Not everyone is called to the work of Guardian ad Litem. But, as Palmer Chinchin says, God's people are all called to "bring pieces of heaven to places of hell on earth." Ask God how He wants to use you to be the hands and feet of Christ to a lost world. Ask Him how to show you the center of His will for you personally. Then, you too can truly enjoy the safest life possible!

For more information on Guardian ad Litem, call Brenda Kocher at 545-5882 or Kimberly Evans at 466-8554.

Fast Facts

Children in Hillsborough County Dependency System

~2,500

Children Needing a Guardian

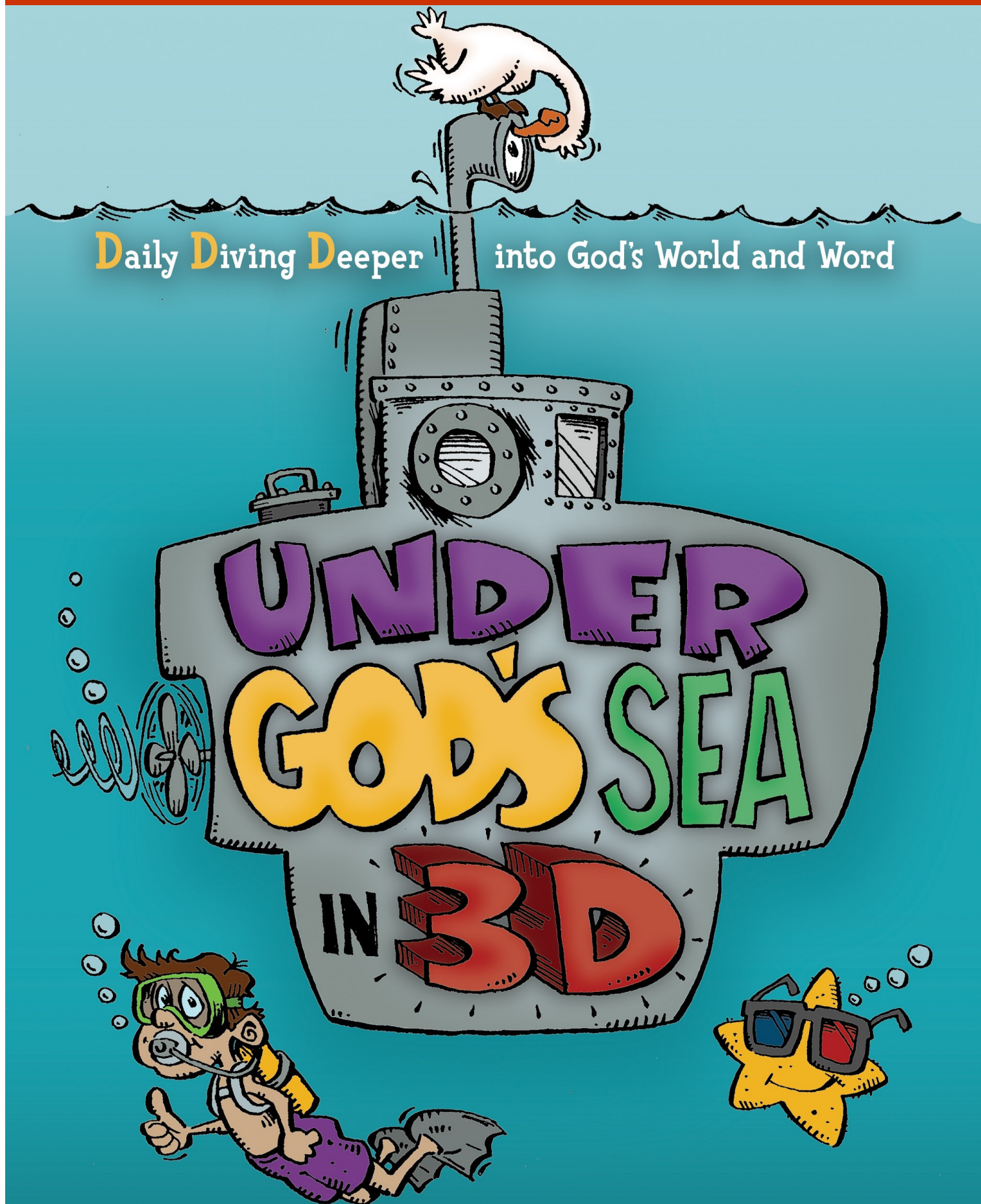
~1,000

Websites

gal.fl.gov

guardianadlitem.org

Daily Diving Deeper into God's World and Word



Children's Choirs to Perform Two Musicals on Sunday, May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Mark Sunday, May 22 on your calendar and guard that date because you will not want to miss the Kids' Praise choirs perform not one, but two musicals that evening starting at 6 p.m. The evening will kick-off with the Joy Bells Choir (Pre-K 3s and 4s) singing songs from *The PJ Party* as a program opener. (PJ stands for Prayer to Jesus.) They will then be followed by the K-5th graders presentation of *Under God's Sea in 3-D*.

During *Under God's Sea in 3-D* you will have the opportunity to join Jonas Joppa and the rest of the God Squad from Alleluia Aquatic Academy as they venture out in a submarine to learn more about God through His underwater world. Under Professor Gill's direction, the students learn to navigate the sometimes murky waters of life by seeking God's Word daily. Once they ask God to open their eyes, ears, and hearts, they begin to realize the depth of God's love for them. One of the songs, "Joyful Noise," features innovative 3-D animation (complete with 3-D glasses) and is bound to make a big splash. Other songs include:

"Goin' Under the Sea," "The Test," "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Joyful Noise," "Daily Divin' Deeper," "A Whale of a Tale," "S.O.S.," and "Call on Jesus."

The children have been working hard since January so plan on coming and experiencing *Under God's Sea in 3-D* featuring the Kids' Praise choirs, but don't come alone! Invite someone you know to join you. Your friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member may be more prone to accept an invitation to watch a children's program than a regular worship service. God's Word will be clearly expressed through the lips of the children in this musical and the gospel message will go out loud and clear.

For more information about this special night of worship led by our children contact the church office.

Fast Facts

Rehearsal Date
Saturday,
May 21
10-3 p.m.

Performance Date
Sunday,
May 22
6 p.m.

Regular
Rehearsal Time
Wednesdays
6:15 p.m.
4th Floor

Ministry Notes

Preschool Ministry

■ Study Theme

This month your preschooler will learn lessons on how Jesus was a friend to others. Jesus was a perfect example of a true friend and through interactive lessons that draw your child in, he or she will see how treating others the way Jesus did results in strong friendships that please God.

■ Renovations Coming

We are excited to see big changes to our Preschool area in the Carlton Building coming soon. Work is about to get underway that will make the building easier to navigate and that will also put the Children's Ministry in the same area, making it easier to drop-off and pick-up all of your children. If you have questions or concerns you can contact Kimberly Evans at kime@fbctampa.org.

missions moment

Steve & Marilee
Flook

Missionaries to
Dominican Republic

The Flocks including
their seven children
are home on leave and
may be able to visit
FBC Tampa sometime
this month.

Prayer suggestions:
Good health; rest and
relaxation; positive
speaking engage-
ments.

■ Ministry Opportunities

With growth comes increased opportunities to serve. There is especially a need for those who do *not* want to work with children. That's right; we need people who will man the Front Desk during regular activities. The purpose of this role is to greet children and families and to help them check-in. Volunteer can commit to serving weekly or monthly.

Of course there are still plenty of opportunities for people who *do* want to work with preschoolers. There are presently four opportunities for Sunday School teachers and several openings for extended care workers. Contact Kimberly Evans (kime@fbctampa.org).

■ Volunteer of the Month

This month's volunteer is someone who is compassionate, loving, and kind and who remembers every birthday. She cares about the preschool ministry and is a blessing to it. She even just recruited her husband to help out! A great big thanks to **Stephanie Teasley!**

Children's Ministry

■ Study Theme

We will start May by celebrating that *Jesus is Alive!* and then get back into G-Force with lessons on *Super Heroes for God* as we study Noah, Ruth, David and Jonathan, and Nehemiah.

■ Sunday Evening Schedule

Children will be joining with their parents' adult Sunday School class activities on May 1 and then spoil their mothers on Mother's Day, May 8. We'll be back together at church for Bible skills and drills on May 15. The Children's musical is on May 22 and then we enjoy Memorial Day with our families on May 29.

■ Summer Camp

We're thrilled to have fifteen of our 2nd-5th graders registered for Summer Camp scheduled for the week of June 20.

Student Ministry

■ Ultimate Frisbee Night

For high school students on Sunday, May 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

■ High School Lock-In/Out

May 6 from 9 a.m. until 7 a.m. Students should bring \$35, a pair of socks (really!), a 2-liter bottle of soda, and a signed permission form for *Boing* (available at weare-transparent.org).

■ Graduation Recognition

All upcoming high school and college graduates plan on wearing your cap and gown on Sunday, June 5 for graduation recognition during morning worship. Contact the church office to register.

Collegiate Ministry

■ May Paramount Schedule

We will continue to meet on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. but here are a few upcoming highlights:

May 1: Breakfast for Dinner

May 8: Games, food, and fun

May 15: Missional Series Begins

May 29: Final Feast

■ New Missional Life Series

We will begin a new five-week series on May 15 that will help us understand what it means to live missionally in our individual life context. Paramount will continue throughout the summer.

■ Spontaneous Canoeing?

There is a possibility of an impromptu canoe or camping trip in May, but you have to come to Paramount to find out.

Singles Ministry

■ Sunday Lunch

Join the other singles for lunch on Sunday, May 1. Contact Greg Bentley at greg@fbctampa.org for details.

■ S.A.L.T. BLOCK Cafe

Mark Friday, May 20 on your calendars. Details will be shared soon. Contact Greg Bentley at greg@fbctampa.org for info.

Senior Adult Ministry

■ Gulf Coast Trip

The Gulf Coast Trip begins after morning worship on Sunday, May 1, which also happens to be Senior Adult Sunday. Contact Mike Horton at mike@fbctampa.org for information.

■ JOY Club

The monthly Joy Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10. The cost is \$5 per person to cover the meal. Contact Mike Horton at mike@fbctampa.org for details.

Children's Athletics

■ Upward Basketball

Are you interested in helping to develop and run an Upward Basketball league for children? Upward Basketball was developed to give boys and girls an opportunity to play basketball, learn teamwork, and learn about Christ as well. Upward Cheerleading may also be offered.

If you are interested, please contact Brian Dembowczyk at brian@fbctampa.org for info. You can learn more about Upward at upward.org. An Upward training session will be held on Tuesday, May 24 in Orlando for those who might want to attend.

Evangelism Ministry

■ Evangelism Training

Many of the participants of the recent *Conversational Evangelism* CrossTraining course expressed a desire to learn more about sharing their faith. In light of this request, and the general need to train and equip all church members to share the gospel, the Evangelism Committee will be investigating the best way to provide training in the upcoming months. If you would like more information about this training, or want to learn of ways to be involved in the work of the Great Commission, contact Chris Haight at chris.i.haight@gmail.com.

Discipleship Ministry

■ Panel Discussions

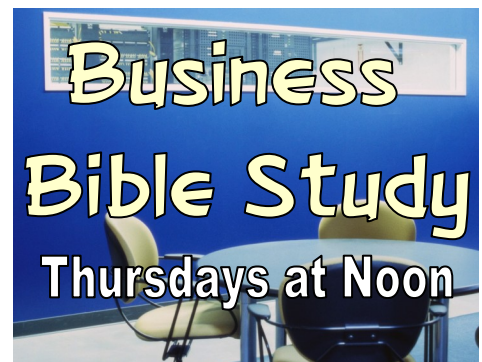
We will be conducting a series of evening panel discussions (featuring staff and members) on Sunday, June 5, 12, and 26. These discussions will address current social and biblical topics and issues. We are looking for input concerning what topics you would like to hear addressed. Email Brian Dembowczyk at brian@fbctampa.org with ideas.

■ Art of Marriage

Unfortunately, because of logistics the Art of Marriage conference has been cancelled. Look for this resource to be offered in another format perhaps this Fall.

■ CrossTraining

The summer semester of CrossTraining is slated to begin on Sunday, July 10 and run through Sunday, August 21. Classes are currently being lined up but will at least include a course for all Sunday School leadership and most likely one that Pastor Bob leads. Stay tuned for details.



new members

Kevin & Emily
Roman
By Letter

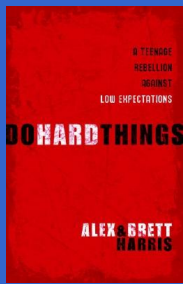
Ben Block
By Baptism

Elijah Haight
By Baptism

Jordan Hill
By Baptism

Elizabeth Hill
By Letter

check these books out...



Do Hard Things
by Alex & Brett
Harris

Combating the idea of adolescence as a vacation from responsibility, the authors weave together biblical insights, history, and modern examples to redefine the teen years as the launching pad of life and map a clear trajectory for long-term fulfillment and eternal impact.

The Shelter of God's Promises
by Sheila Walsh

Gain a trust in God that will sustain you for life! Women of Faith speaker Walsh unveils 10 foundational promises of God that safeguard our lives during the most difficult times. Discover how encounters with Christ are the eternal fulfillment of his unrelenting commitment to us.



The Big Red Tractor
by Francis Chan

The villagers in a small farming community are looking forward to using their newfangled tractor during the growing season. But it turns out to be difficult to use-until someone discovers a long-forgotten instruction book. Could it reveal the tractor's secrets?

These books, and more, are available at the church library.

Memorial Day Observance

We are very pleased to announce our special Memorial Day Observance schedule for Memorial Day, May 30, from 2-4 p.m. at the Curtis Hixon Park in downtown Tampa. The event will be sponsored by our church, American Legion Post 248, and Bay Stage Lighting with First Baptist Church as the host organization.

Featured activities will include performances by Derric Johnson's Liberty Voices and the Steinbrenner High School Band as well as special renditions of *Taps* and the *National Anthem*. A number of other special guests will also be part of the Memorial Day commemoration.

The purpose of the event will be to honor veterans, both those who died in the service of their country as well as those who are still living, with special tributes. Additionally the event will honor the men and women currently serving as well as the families of those presently deployed overseas.

There will be bounce houses for the children of service families present as well as information booths from our church as well as from both Veterans' and Families of Active Duty service organizations. This provides a great opportunity for our Church to be in the public eye in a very special way as we reach out to these families. We need many people to serve as hosts for this event so make your plans now to be a part of this special time! Contact Mike Horton at mike@fbctampa.org for more information.

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See the problem? Now, often the context around the word or phrase helps, but not always. And this is why there are different versions; they are attempts at translating the text as best as possible.

Beyond that we have to understand two techniques for translating: dynamic equivalence, which tries to translate thought-for-thought and formal equivalence, which tries to translate word-for-word. Versions that use dynamic equivalence will be much easier to read and lively while those that use formal equivalence will be more accurate in their precise wording.

My recommendation is to use a version that employs formal equivalence (word-for-word) for serious study and reserve dynamic equivalence versions for devotional reading.

Two good word-for-word versions are the *New American Standard Bible* (NASB) and the *English Standard Version* (ESV). Two good middle of the road versions are the *Holman Christian Standard Bible* (HCSB), and the *New International Version* (NIV). Two good thought-for-thought versions are the *New Living Translation* (NLT) and *The Message*. If you're interested, Pastor Bob preaches from the NASB.

For Your Calendar

Happy Birthday

- 5.1 Maxine Elliott; Benjamin Torres
- 5.2 Abby Lucas
- 5.3 Rafaela Melendez; Dianne Hutchinson; Braxton Giltner; Blaise Walker
- 5.4 Mike Blair; Brent Crosswhite
- 5.5 Nancy Bishop
- 5.6 Judy Bales; Chris Horton; Emily Jones
- 5.7 Susie Williams; Emily Roman
- 5.8 Chelle Grooms; Ryan Pilcher; Dylan Evans
- 5.9 Alfredo Escandon; Carl Agresta
- 5.10 Tony Pupello; Robbie Vincent
- 5.11 Susan Beran; Nyla Barnett
- 5.12 David Williams; Judy Stephens; Madelyn Llewellyn
- 5.13 Annie Forsyth; Rebekah Holk

- 5.14 Eda Lawrence; Al Suarez; Cameron Bertron
- 5.15 Mary Dodge; Richard Bucksot; Melissa Grimes
- 5.16 Lisa Clark; Julia Shchekleina; Justin Evans
- 5.17 Reva Bodden; Jessica Ayers; Susanna Foster
- 5.18 Kimberly Evans; Shana-Ray Coombs; Caroline Brinson
- 5.19 Annette Alderson
- 5.20 Niki Helton; Jacolynn Georgianni; Nicholas Jungers II
- 5.21 Eugenia Parish; Melissa Kalamaras
- 5.22 Hammond Powers; Scott LaMay; Tony Suarez
- 5.23 Kathryn Valdes; Abby Stanford
- 5.24 Henry Eagan; Ben Rustrian; Timothy Jones

- 5.25 Betty Stanley; Marjorie Gabriel; Sonny Grooms; Ted Worsham
- 5.26 Meredith Stanford
- 5.27 Cam Mergens; Izzy Haight
- 5.28 Janet Holk; Meredith Giltner
- 5.29 Gordon Finch
- 5.31 Donna Hignite

Happy Anniversary

- 5.6 Paul & Diane Meyer, 44 yrs
- 5.6 Anthony & Ruby Pupello, 50 yrs
- 5.8 Steven & Linda Watts, 18 yrs
- 5.19 Brian & Tara Dembowczyk, 10 yrs
- 5.25 Travis & Kimberly Bell, 7 yrs
- 5.25 Ted & Shirley Worsham, 26 yrs
- 5.27 Brad & Victoria Hertenstein, 9 yrs
- 5.27 Sean & Elizabeth McCarthy, 16 yrs
- 5.29 Ralph & Elba Kelly, 31 yrs

Bible Reading Plan

May

- 5.1 1 Chronicles 3-5
- 5.2 1 Chronicles 6
- 5.3 1 Chronicles 7-8
- 5.4 1 Chronicles 9-11
- 5.5 1 Chronicles 12-14
- 5.6 1 Chronicles 15-17
- 5.7 1 Chronicles 18-21
- 5.8 1 Chronicles 22-24
- 5.9 1 Chronicles 25-27
- 5.10 1 Chronicles 28-2 Chronicles 1
- 5.11 2 Chronicles 2-5
- 5.12 2 Chronicles 6-8
- 5.13 2 Chronicles 9-12
- 5.14 2 Chronicles 13-17
- 5.15 2 Chronicles 18-20
- 5.16 2 Chronicles 21-24
- 5.17 2 Chronicles 25-27
- 5.18 2 Chronicles 28-31
- 5.19 2 Chronicles 32-24
- 5.20 2 Chronicles 35-36
- 5.21 Ezra 1-3
- 5.22 Ezra 4-7
- 5.23 Ezra 8-10
- 5.24 Nehemiah 1-3
- 5.25 Nehemiah 4-6
- 5.26 Nehemiah 7
- 5.27 Nehemiah 8-9
- 5.28 Nehemiah 10-11
- 5.29 Nehemiah 12-13
- 5.30 Esther 1-5
- 5.31 Esther 6-10

Looking Ahead

June

- 5 Graduate Recognition
- 9 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 13-17 Vacation Bible School
- 14 Women on Mission
- 18 Singles Ministry Trip
- 19 Father's Day
- 20-24 Children's Camp
- 27 Paramount to *Amazing Love Min*

July

- 8-9 Single Women's Conference
- 10 Online Sunday School Training
- 11-15 Student Camp
- 12 Women on Mission
- 14 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 25 Paramount to *Amazing Love Min*

August

- 8 Senior Adult VBS
- 9 Women on Mission
- 11 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 20 Block Party
- 21 Promotion Sunday
- 26 SALT Block Café
- 29 Paramount to *Amazing Love Min*

Dinner Menu

May 4

Italian Meatballs in a Hearty Meat Sauce served with Caesar Salad, Italian bread and choice of upside down apple pie or chef's choice cheesecake.

Light options: Hotdog, chips, and cookie or Peanut Butter & Jelly, grapes, and a cookie.

May 11

Smoked Ham served with baked macaroni and cheese, cheese-covered broccoli, carrot/raisin salad, dinner roll and choice of butter pound cake or chef's choice cheesecake.

Light options: Hamburger, chips, and cookie or Peanut Butter & Jelly, grapes, and a cookie.

May 18

Roast Beef in Mushroom Gravy served with southern lima beans, scalloped potatoes, fresh green salad, dinner roll, and choice of blueberry pie or chef's choice cheesecake.

Light options: Chicken Nuggets, chips, and cookie or Peanut Butter & Jelly, grapes, and a cookie.

May 25

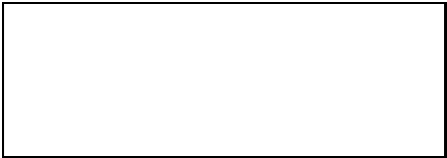
Barbeque Chicken served with sweet corn on the cob, baked beans, crisp mixed salad, dinner roll, and choice of lemon pie or chef's choice cheesecake.

Light options: Corn Dog, chips, and cookie or Peanut Butter & Jelly, grapes, and a cookie.

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