

Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church
Annual Report - 2010
(Addendum)

Discipleship (Christian Education) Team

2010 Annual Report

During the past year we realized encouraging, yet numerous changes, in all our programs, classes and events. However, it has been a great year for meeting the growing needs of Discipleship/ Christian Education ministries within our church for adults, youth and children. We wish to share with you the following goals and visions gained from the past 12 months:

- We began the year by consolidating our team, reducing it to those who chair events and/or standing committees. This made it easier to schedule monthly meetings. We have since considered meeting during the eleven o'clock service since all team members attend the first service, and are involved in Sunday School. This change was approved by Session during their December meeting. We are considering this change for the coming year.
- Sixty-five people attended the May Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Colorful invitations were mailed to each person who taught or volunteered during the past year. Pastor Chris presented each one with a Certificate of Appreciation during the catered gourmet luncheon. Janet Schwartz and Audrey Burckhalter co-chaired this event.
- Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success with 190 children in attendance. A large group of volunteers helped with classes, snacks and playground activities. Feedback was very positive; follow-up letters were sent to all those families who did not have a church affiliation. We have had some response from these contacts. Debbie Harned and Ester Brockman were co-directors for this annual June ministry.
- Jennifer Ward coordinated our Children's Summer Sunday School. She utilized different volunteers each week for the various activities. For the special Fourth of July Sunday celebration, she invited a military officer who spoke to the children. Her planning for this program was clever, varied and appealing for the summer attendees.
- Ed Peterson began a monthly update on current series offered in the adult Sunday School classes. This will appear in the bulletin on the first Sunday of each month.

Wondrous Wednesdays fall adult Bible Study was led by Ed Peterson.

- Three adult classes were relocated to larger, more comfortable rooms during the year.

- A new Sunday School class, Younger Generation and New Believers, began in the late fall. They were assigned to meet in the MacDonald room. An off-campus college group began meeting with Andrew Mills.
- The annual Rally Day/Open House, held on August 15th, was well attended with a breakfast fellowship between services and a noon luncheon for the pre-school parents and church members. Displays/Exhibits and Information materials promoting the adult Sunday School classes and small groups were available.
- Small groups continue to meet in members' homes. Ed Peterson is available to assist with resource materials for study series.
- Due to an increased need for more volunteer help with children's classes on Sunday, as well as overall programs, we needed to consider hiring a part-time Sunday School Director. This job description was to oversee the three hours of all Sunday activities from nine o'clock to twelve o'clock, which involves Children's Time. Since our finances could not cover these expenses, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a monetary gift of \$1,500.00, to pay the three hours each Sunday for a year, beginning in September. This allowed us to reorganize, expand certain scheduled children's activities and better cover their classes. Nicole Coppinger Mills accepted the offer and began in September. She is doing an impressive job with these varied, yet essential, responsibilities. We are so blessed to have her!
- Because we assist with the Hanging of the Greens each Christmas season, Ester Brockman was able to secure many volunteers with the decorating and planning of this festive, annual event. We work with the Worship Team each year on this event.
- In closing, we rejoice that God has blessed us with so much! We continue to keep an Attitude of Gratitude; looking forward to another year in service to Him and His Gospel message.

Ester Brockman, Elder
Audrey Burckhalter, Elder

OUTREACH AND MEMBERSHIP TEAM

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The Year 2010 has been an incredible year for your Outreach and Membership Team. The team's focus continues to be on **"The Great Commandment"**, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind."*³⁸ *This is the first and greatest commandment.*³⁹ *And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:37-39) and **"The Great Commission,"** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Each member of our team shares the basic principles that have guided our endeavors throughout the year, which, in the simplest terms are, that God requires all of His people to be His witnesses, telling them about Him everywhere—throughout our community, and to the ends of the earth. The Outreach Team embraces this requirement and, though progress often seems slow, we do our best to relay information about our beliefs in Jesus Christ to others who do not hold those same beliefs. We are infants, taking our first steps, but we are gaining our balance as we move forward. We do this by reaching out to the community around us through Christ and in love and respect, offering pertinent programs and events which are meaningful, as well as directly beneficial, to the people in our community while, at the same time, exposing them to the absolute and unquestioned love of Jesus Christ and the love and respect which flows to them from our team as well as the congregation as a whole. In this way, not only are we reaching out to the community, we are helping to empower the entire congregation to reach out as well.

In an effort to give you an idea of some of the activities which the Outreach Team has been directly involved with during the year 2010, take a brief ride down memory lane as we recap our year together as a team.

The team worked hard to develop "Movie Night at TPC" which was to have been an evening out for adults and kids; an outreach to the community. In our excitement for the program, we no doubt failed to realize how difficult it is for busy parents, working perhaps two jobs, to finally get home, taking a deep breath, getting dinner over with and still make it to TPC for a free night at the movies. Oh well, a little more thought next time.

We had a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" card mailed to families who had recently moved into the 32765/32766 zip codes. The card not only welcomed them into the community, but invited them to visit with us at Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church. While it is difficult, if not impossible, to quantify the results of such an undertaking, we are pleased to know that the invitation was extended to perhaps a thousand families in our area.

In the fall of this year, and on an experimental basis, we taught our first Crown Financial Ministries class. The class is a worldwide, nondenominational, Christian ministry with the mission of equipping Christians around the world to learn and apply the financial principles

which are based on Biblical principles. We recognize that our society is surrounded by consumerism and we are bombarded by the message that more is always better. We are taught from a young age to strive for more, better, best. We hear the message loud and clear - your life would be so much better if you only had "this" or "that." God's Word teaches us that if we are longing for more of anything more than our longing for God, we will experience lack of contentment (see Philippians 4:11-12 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9). Though the class was small, those who attended were very pleased. We hope to continue these classes in 2011 with additional emphases on marketing to the surrounding community and further evaluating both the Crown ministries and the Davis Ramsey programs. We would love to hear from you as to your preference.

As our beloved friends Annie Ruth and Barney have moved on in their lives, we have been left with the seemingly insurmountable task of filling the shoes of Annie Ruth as "Greeter Extraordinaire." What can be said about this extraordinary lady? She was and is, a friend to us all. She was and is, a friend to every new person entering the doors of TPC. She knew their names; the names of their children; where they sat in the sanctuary; where they lived and how to get in touch with them. We can only hope to fill those shoes at some time in the future. We have asked Sheryl Stevenson to join forces with Lynn Frazier in this endeavor. Lynn has led the charge for quite a few months and is doing an exemplary job. Both of these ladies have the heart, the love, the desire and the dedication to make it work. As we move forward in this activity, we were asked to develop a "Visitor Information Brochure" which will be timely in its contents, attractive in its presentation as well as informative as to who we are, what we do and when we do it. The contents of this brochure have been completed and the Communication Team is adding the beautification touches as we write this report.

In the middle of the year, our team made a recommendation to Session that the name of the team be changed from "Evangelism and Membership" to "Outreach and Membership." This change was approved without a dissenting vote.

Stephen Ministry is a long established ministry offering care and support for people experiencing life difficulties such as the death of a loved one, job crisis, aging, separation or divorce, long-term illness, or for those simply needing the support of a Christian friend. It is a completely confidential ministry and those receiving care can be sure their identity and care relationship will remain private. This ministry is lead by Sue Peterson and Lee Armstrong. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry or perhaps even becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Sue Peterson, Lee Armstrong, or Mary Lou Winkleman.

Perhaps the team's biggest event in the life of the church is the Annual Hoe-Down. The vast majority of the congregation has been directly or indirectly involved with this free community wide Hoe-Down/BBQ, starring the Twirl 'n Whirl Square Dancers, Country Line Dancing, Live Bluegrass Bands, Climbing Wall, Bouncy House, Kids Slide, Horse Shoes, FREE Child Care. For a small church such as ours to have 61 members of the congregation sign up as volunteers in varying capacities, is more than incredible, it's a "God thing."

Our New Member classes are, to a great extent, the culmination of all our team's activities. Perhaps more than any other activity, it continues to evolve. We now begin our New Member class on a Sunday with "Coffee with the Pastor" followed by following Sunday with the actual class meeting at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. which includes a nice dinner which is provided by the team. Toward the end of that meeting they are interviewed by the elders and recommendations are voted on for membership. The following Sunday, the new members are introduced to the congregation. This is followed by a dinner a week or so later in a member's home in which all the families of the new members, elders and their families get together, break bread and truly get to know one another.

During the year 2010, 25 new members joined our church, many of whom have already assumed active roles either in small groups or on the various teams.

We all look forward to a busy, fruitful New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Harger, Chair

Lee Armstrong, Co-Chair

Outreach and Membership Team

Donna Ciavola, Terry and Suzy Schenk, Sheryl and Bob Stevenson, Nora Lopez, Carol Perry, Sundi Frank,

TPC SCHOOL
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The Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Program of Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church celebrates its 28th year of operation. We closely follow Seminole County's school calendar. The program is licensed with DCF, and complies with all applicable DCF, Seminole County, and State of Florida regulations. We are also participants in the state Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) program.

We are a staff of 28 dedicated professionals. We are blessed to be at capacity with 166 preschool children. We work conscientiously to achieve the overall goal and focus of our mission statement while introducing each child to Christian principles in a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment.

We encompass a planned academic curriculum that fosters independence, encourages respect for others, values creative play and promotes a positive approach to learning. Under the guidelines from the state that all VPK providers have an approved curriculum, we use The Creative Curriculum. Weekly Chapel (with Pastor Stacy) continues to be a special time, as does music, Spanish, and PE.

The school continues under the direction of the School Advisory Board. The Board reports to the Discipleship (Christian Education) Team, which has responsibility of the school to the Session. By directive of the Session, the school program is totally self-sufficient and makes a yearly contribution of to the Church.

We wish to thank the congregation, Pastor Chris, Pastor Stacy, Karen Gray, and Alice Ann Nilsen for the continued support, prayers, and encouragement of the program.

Debbie Harned

Director

TREASURERS' 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Operating Fund

We began 2010 with much optimism after a very successful pledge season. Pledges for 2010 amounted to \$427,061, and we budgeted contributions from members at \$432,287. Total receipts budgeted were \$500,292, including loose offerings, the preschool's contribution, and facility contributions.

Total collections during 2010 (excluding designated and special gifts) were **\$498,496**, an increase of \$41,244 from 2009. During the year, we were faced with a cash shortage which necessitated taking \$15,000 from the endowment account. (This was in addition to the \$20,000 that we withdrew to start the year.) The Session Teams responded, and reduced their expenditures to help get us through without taking any additional funds from the endowment.

The congregation has responded in a wonderful way in a difficult economic environment, resulting in the very good report below:

2010 Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Receipts	\$498,496	\$500,292	\$(1,796)	\$457,252
Expenditures	<u>\$483,173</u>	<u>501,067</u>	<u>\$ 17,894</u>	<u>\$491,494</u>
	<u>\$ 15,323</u>	\$ (775)	\$16,098	<u>\$(34,242)</u>

As of December 31, 2010, TPC owes approximately \$772,000 to Wachovia Bank on its mortgage. During 2010, principal payments totaling \$40,890 reduced the amount owed.

Designated Funds

Designated funds include the preschool, reserves, mission related items and other unbudgeted church-related activities like flowers, Presbyterian Women, Youth Funds, Shirley Lee Garden, church repairs, etc.

During, 2010, Mission giving was about \$19,000. Other church activities generated gifts and proceeds of about \$21,000.

The Preschool has an annual budget of about \$400,000.

Endowment Funds

In 2002, a gift to TPC was partially used to set up a permanent endowment for the church. Generally, only the investment earnings from the endowment may be spent. During 2005, Session designated \$73,000 from another special gift for investment in the Fund. After this year's withdrawals, the fund is at approximately the same level as it was at the end of 2009. The value on December 31, 2010 was \$267,279.

Thanks to Lee Arnold and Midge Black who have contributed their time to aid in counting and recording the weekly receipts. Many thanks are also due to Daun Cooper who serves as our very competent bookkeeper.

Respectfully submitted by your Treasurers,

Tammy Neel and Marilyn Salter

WORSHIP TEAM

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The Worship Team is responsible for all matters that relate to the worship of God by the congregation, including the use of the sanctuary for any event.

2010 was an exciting year for the team, starting with preparations for Holy Week. Once again, the TPC family came together and produced the Living Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, which was followed by a prayer vigil in the Sanctuary. Good Friday featured a reenactment of Jesus' carrying the cross to his final sacrifice and ended with members of the congregation nailing their sins to the cross. These special services were complemented by lighting provided by Murphy Lighting, Inc. and a number of audio/visual enhancements to both services. The services culminated with the Easter celebration, which was worshipful and meaningful to all.

Our wedding coordinator, Nancy Harger, oversaw several weddings held in our beautiful sanctuary. We appreciate the dedication Nancy brings to these special events.

In July, Rev. Stacy Chandler and Alice Ann Nilsen attended the National Worship Leader Conference in Kansas City. They returned with a wealth of information and a renewed vision to enhance the worship experience at TPC. We now see the results of the knowledge they gained and the contacts they made.

The 9:00 a.m. service continued to bloom. Rev. Stacy Chandler has expanded the repertoire of music to include pop, rock, jazz, blues, blue grass/country, and classical renditions of hymns with a contemporary flare. We are blessed to have Pastor Stacy as our leader. Our worship services reflect her continued pursuit of excellence in Christ.

In November of 2010, the Worship Team and a host of volunteers decorated the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas with garlands, lights, banners, and a 14 ft. Christmas tree. Once again, we held an unforgettable Hanging of the Greens service at the beginning of Advent and celebrated the love and joy of the season with a great potluck dinner. Advent was filled with a number of musical genres, special presentations, sermons to bring true meaning to Christ's birth.

As 2010 concludes, Dan Purcell concludes his two-year term as leader of the Worship team. He will remain on the team as a member as the Worship Team welcomes Jerry Clement as chair.

Worship Team members for 2010 included Senior Pastor Chris Chandler, Rev. Stacy Chandler, Alice Ann Nilsen, Lee Arnold, Jane Abernathy, Nancy Harger, Bill Harger, Dan Purcell, Lynn Frazier, Donna Ciavola, Tom Hullinger, and Benita Meyer. Countless others made weekly worship and special events possible. We are grateful to everyone who ushered, prepared communion, operated the audio/visual equipment, prepared the sanctuary for special events and participated in any of the ministries that make worship at TPC a meaningful experience.

Blessing in Christ,

Dan Purcell Chair & Lynn Frazier

Co-Chairs of the Worship Team

YOUTH/STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM

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2010 brought us Andrew Mills as the part time youth director. January 10 was his first official day.

In January, youth group meetings were from 5:00-6:30 with ice breaker games, music, worship, dinner and a short bible study.

In February, the youth sponsored Souper Bowl of Caring and sorted supplies for Haiti at Harvest Time International.

In March, the youth sponsored the Crop Walk and sold Hug Bugs. Camping trip was rained out and moved to May.

April 23-25 was Acquire the Fire conference in Tampa.

In May, Andrew and the youth put together a video for the ymiLIVE video contest. The youth went camping and had a service project at the HOPE foundation. The youth were servers at Kyle and Jena's wedding at the church.

Wednesday nights the youth have liturgical dance 4:30-5:00, choir, 5:00-5:30, dinner 5:30-6:00, bible study 6:00-7:00.

The summer schedule was: Mondays were "get out of town events;" youth group meetings were Wednesday nights; and Thursdays were "soul food" from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There was a pool party the end of June and one the end of July. "Get out of town events" were Rock Springs; bowling, Cicis Pizza, and Rebounderz; beach; Fun Spot; airboat rides; and Blizzard Beach.

The youth helped with VBS in June.

Great Escape, middle school summer camp was July 19-24. High school youth went as work crew.

In August we split the youth for youth group. From 5:00-6:00 p.m., middle school meets, dinner is at 6:00 p.m. together and 6:30-7:30 p.m. the high school meets. After youth group Andrew and the high school youth go over to Tijuana Flats to hang out.

September 15 was Youth Sunday. The youth did an awesome job and Andrew did a great job preaching. That night was Mustache Mayhem, combined youth group.

Andrew and Nicole were married October 2. October 23-25, the middle school youth went to a conference at Southwind. The end of October the youth had a service project at Wycliffe.

The youth helped with the hoedown by putting door hangers on doors and staffing the bounce houses and slide. November 7, Rock Star Romp, combined middle school and high school youth group. Hanging of the Greens was November 21st.

December 5 was caroling for the homebound and December 11 another trip to Rebounderz.

We enjoyed the liturgical dancers and youth choir several times through the year.

Mission Statement:

The Tuskawilla Student Ministry exists to REACH the lost and CONNECT them with

believers in a community where they can learn to GLORIFY Christ, GROW in their spiritual maturity and are moved to ACTION.

We look towards 2011 with excited anticipation to see where God and Andrew will lead the youth.

Susan Baccus

Elder