

Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church
Annual Report - 2011
(Addendum)

Building and Grounds

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Another exciting year found Building and Grounds as busy as ever. We started the year with a reroofing of half of the Fellowship hall in mid January. Those of you new to the church may not know that the Fellowship hall was constructed in two phases, resulting in two very different ages of the roof.

A variety of projects were completed throughout the year. We replaced one of fourteen air conditioning units and had major repairs on two other units. In addition we had several minor repairs to various units beyond the \$3200.00 routine maintenance costs. Staying cool in Florida is a big concern.

The kitchen had several updates this year as well. We replaced the refrigerator unit, put in a new ice machine and rewired the kitchen so that each appliance has its own dedicated line of electricity. The new refrigerator had to have a compressor replaced. Fortunately, this was under warranty.

Outside, the Memorial Garden was regrassed, the volleyball court was weeded and the area around the court was pruned. The east side of the Administration wing and the entrance to the sanctuary was relandscaped and the entire campus was mulched. An entrance way to the grass parking lot was constructed and the sprinklers were repaired.

Some of our members came forward to provide needed improvements. The Armstrongs, Lee and Ali, worked and funded the painting and recarpeting of the McDonald conference room. The hallway and reception area were painted at this time as well. The Joneses, Jim and Karen, provided the handyman and the funding to have the vent fan in the men's restroom of the administration wing replaced. Many other members performed tasks throughout the year for which Building and Grounds is truly thankful. We would encourage all members to see a need that they can handle to let us know. Our expertise is meager at best.

Many odd jobs were completed throughout the year by members of the team. Thanks to Dwight Walters, Ray McDonald, Tom Daly, and Phil Searcy for all their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. M. Bouch

Outreach And Membership Team 2011 Annual Report

One of the main responsibilities of the Outreach and Membership Team is to engage the community with activities and events that can connect them to TPC and Jesus Christ. In addition, the Outreach and Membership Team is responsible for matters relating to identifying prospective members, offering the Discovery 101 Class (New Member's Class) and assimilating new members into the TPC Family.

The Outreach and Membership Team's responsibilities reflect the following phrase from the TPC Vision Statement:

"... to be a family whose members are so immersed in Jesus Christ that they are reaching out to our neighbors through fellowship , sharing the Good News of Christ, and inviting them to be part of Christ's family..."

Identifying Prospective Members

The year 2011 was an active year for the team in terms of working with prospective members and new members. One new effort to reach out to prospective members involved the construction of an Excel spreadsheet containing information on church visitors. This effort enlisted the help of the church greeters, Jamie Deger's computer skills, and team members. The data in the spreadsheet is updated each week. The spreadsheet is used to help determine those to be invited to the Discovery 101 Class.

Another new effort to reach out to prospective members involved working with the Director of the Vacation Bible School , Jamie Deger. The registration form for VBS included an opportunity to provide input on church membership and interest in finding out more about TPC. Using this information, a list of those who wanted information about TPC and of those who had no church affiliation was comprised. Information about TPC and the Discovery 101 Class was sent to those on this list.

In addition to these outreach efforts, a letter of invitation to attend the Discovery 101 Classes was given to each of the Preschool families. This effort enlisted the help of the Preschool Director, Debbie Harned.

Discovery 101 Class

The Discovery 101 Class begins with a Pastor's Coffee on a Sunday and then the following week there is a four hour information-packed session where prospective members learn about our congregation, what it means to be a member at TPC and how we can live our lives according to God's purpose for us.

As with all the Outreach and Membership Team events, the Pastor's Coffee is a Team effort. Some team members bring the food for the continental breakfast, some help set up the room and others attend and serve as greeters. At the coffee Pastor Chris answers questions from the prospective members and shares his vision for TPC. Also, Pastor Chris and Pastor Stacy share their "stories".

In 2011, the Discovery 101 Class materials were revised several times. The PowerPoint presentation has been updated to include embedded videos, etc. The written materials have been and continue to be updated to coincide with the PowerPoint presentations.

There is a dinner provided for the Discovery 101 Class. This dinner is another example of Team effort. Along with the Fellowship Team, team members help set up for the dinner, bring food, bring flowers, etc. in an effort to make the prospective members experience a warm, welcoming experience. After the dinner, team members clean up.

On the Sunday following the Discovery Class 101, those who choose to be members are introduced to the congregation. This involves providing corsages, name tags and membership certificates for each new member.

In addition, typically each group of new members and the elders are invited to a dinner hosted by a church member. These dinners have proven to be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

The Outreach and Membership Team conducted three Discovery 101 Classes during 2011. These occurred in January, May and August. In 2011, 16 new members joined our church. Many of these new members have already assumed active roles either in small groups or on the various teams.

Shepherding Program

Assimilating new members into the TPC Family

In the year 2011, the Outreach and Membership Team Shepherding Program has expanded. The program assigns to each new member a Shepherd. The Shepherd helps the new members become part of the TPC family by introducing them to other members, calling them to see if they have questions about TPC, inviting them to events at TPC, helping them find a small group or Sunday school class and other acts of welcoming. Since starting this program in 2010, 41 members of TPC have volunteered to serve as Shepherds. This includes the 16 new Shepherds from 2011.

Stephen Ministry

The year 2011, has been a very active year for the Stephen Ministry Program at TPC. Stephen Ministry offers care and support for people experiencing life difficulties such as death of a loved one, job crisis, aging, long term illness , separation or divorce or for those simply needing the support of a Christian friend.

During Spring 2011, the Stephen Minister Leaders conducted a 50 hour training class for 6 members of TPC . These individuals were; Ron Raby, Dennis Frank, Chuck Neel, Sue Svehla, Susan Brown, and Margie Simmons. In June of 2011, these trainees were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. In addition to conducting the Stephen Minister training class, the Stephen Leaders are coordinating the Supervision Sessions (twice a month) for the present Stephen Ministers.

Due to the current economic situation, the Stephen Ministry Leaders are receiving an increasing number of requests for Stephen Ministers.

Hoedown 2011

Engaging the Community and TPC

Over the past three years, the Annual Hoedown event ,which engages both our community and the congregation, has evolved into what has been referred to as the Biggest Annual Event at TPC. This event reflects true teamwork by both the Outreach and Membership Team and the congregation.

In 2011, Kristi Murphy and Janet Schwartz served as co-chairs of the Hoedown. They along with Bill Harger and Sundi Frank formed the Hoedown Sub-team. The 2011 Hoedown was a huge success with attendance reported at approximately 500. "Trunk or Treat" was a new activity this year. Also new was, the "Basket Raffle" which proved to be a great success , a Ministry Team table, a "prayer site" (Gazebo in Shirley Lee Garden) and the band "Rodeo" which was a big hit.

In providing this event, the Outreach and Membership Team and TPC are certainly reaching out to our neighbors through fellowship and connecting them with TPC.

During 2011, we welcomed six new members to the Outreach and Membership Team. They are: Janet Schwartz, Larry Kirton, Ali Armstrong, Leslie Faith, Jamie Deger and Kristi Murphy.

The Outreach and Membership Team is excited about the year 2012. Several new activities , programs and events for reaching out to our community and for meeting the team's responsibilities are being discussed.

The Outreach and Membership Team appreciates the support received from the congregation, other Teams and the Session during the year 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Armstrong, Chair and Elder

Bill Harger , Co-chair and Elder

Outreach and Membership Team

Donna Ciavoila, Terry and Suzy Schenk, Nora Lopez, Carol Perry, Sundi Frank, Janet Schwartz, Larry Kirton, Ali Armstrong, Leslie Faith, Jamie Deger and Kristi Murphy

2011 Service and Mission Annual Report

Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church's stated mission goal is to give 10% of the annual budget to support local and global mission activities. It is the job of the Service and Mission team to insure that this money is used wisely and is allocated appropriately. The Team is also responsible for providing opportunities for members to actively participate in worshipping God by serving the poor and hungry. It is also our mission to spread God's love in the world.

The 2010 Team members were Ron Raby and Gail Davis, Elders, Virginia Bibliowicz, Dennis Frank, Tom Hullinger, Nicole Mills, Steve Brockman and Lou Cucco.

The Team supported PC (USA) by endorsing the following yearly offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing- 100% goes to the Presbytery and is distributed as follows: 36% to Presbyterian Hunger Program, 32% to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and 32% to Self-Development of the People.

Pentecost Offering – 40% stays locally and the Team designates where it goes. Of the rest, 10% goes toward Child Advocacy at the national level and 50% goes to the General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults. This year's donation went to the Sonshine Food Pantry in Oviedo.

Peacemaking Offering – 25% stays locally with designation by the Team. The rest is divided with 25% going to Presbytery and Synod peacemaking efforts and 50% going to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly Council. This offering went into the local Jail and Prison Ministry.

Christmas Joy Offering- 100% goes to Presbytery to support the Assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and the racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC (USA).

This year TPC provided monthly support to the following:

Organizations We Support – 2011

AIDS Hospice/Bahamas

Christian Service Center

Christian Sharing Center

Duvall Home

Edgewood Children's Ranch

Fresh Start Meals

Fresh Start Ministry

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

International Children's Aid Foundation

Princeton Theological Seminary Library

Reformed Theological Seminary

Russell Home for Atypical Children

Safehouse of Seminole County

Sonshine Center/Hope Foundation

Thornwell Home

TPC Helping Hands Ministry

TPC Missions

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Young Life Ministry

Dan and Elizabeth Turk, Missionaries in Madagascar

(A designated mission gift to Presbyterian Church USA)

Mission is bearing witness to God's love of the world in Jesus Christ by going into the world to serve. Locally our active "missionaries" delivered meals for **Meals on Wheels of Seminole County** every Wednesday and Thursday. Nine members of our church delivered meals on the Casselberry route on Thursdays and four other members delivered meals on TPC's route on Wednesdays. On the 8th of every month we took meals and fellowship to the men at the **Fresh Start Ministries**. There has been a renewed interest in cooking for and delivering the meals to the men of this program. The second Sunday of each month **2 Cents a Meal** donations were collected. These monies plus the revenues from the **newspaper recycling** provided funding to local hunger programs. We send our electronic recycling to **Recycle4Green** and the monies collected from this effort went to local mission programs like the Sonshine Pantry in Oviedo. Members of our church volunteered at **Daily Bread in October** and participated in the **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** on Saturday, December 10. Globally, TPC mission support was earmarked for missionaries in Madagascar through our Presbyterian mission gifts. The **Heifer International** program was kicked off on December 4th and, historically, our congregation has supported it generously.

The Korean Church continued to be an integral part of our Fresh Start mission. They have become faithful partners in our local missions.

This year TPC served the Lord with nineteen other churches and **HopeHelps, Inc's (formerly the Hope Foundation's) Sonshine Pantry and Thrift Store/Resource Center** by participating in the **Christmas in the City Event**. For the 4th year in a row on December 17 at the First Baptist Church of Oviedo, Christmas in the City provided a shared meal, gifts for the children, food to take home including a gift card for a turkey for up to an estimated 500 families. Members of the Service and Mission Team were part of the overall planning team to help this event show God's love to the world. TPC donated over 31 bags of food with turkey gift cards, as many teen gift cards as possible and many toys for younger children as well as socks and underwear. This year **TPS preschool** again joined us in donating socks, underwear and toys to the cause. The HopeHelps, Inc. has identified the following areas to serve: Oviedo, Chuluota, Geneva and parts of Longwood. HopeHelps, Inc coordinated with other Christmas-giving events to be sure that the greatest number of people are given an opportunity to receive gifts.

Our church arranged a backpack drive in the summer for the Back-to-School-Bash hosted by HopeHelps, Inc. A large number of Seminole County Students were able to get a backpack filled with school supplies that each child chose for his/herself as well as haircuts, clothing and other school basics.

TPC, following God's directive to take care of the least of these, also began a relationship with the Families in Transition program of the Seminole County Schools. This program provides food, toiletries, clothing and help with housing to homeless or nearly homeless families in Seminole schools. We have provided volunteers who sort donations, work events and share ideas with the program's staff. The schools are working to have a pantry in every school but until then the FIT office serves as a collection point for items the whole system can access through their social workers.

Our church has become one of many Seminole County churches or business that are part of a countywide effort to care for the homeless, impoverished and needy children in our county. The idea is for churches and businesses to adopt a school and work with them to the benefit of their more impoverished students. Our church has adopted Tuskawilla Middle School that is very close to our site. Initial negotiations have been finalized and a pair of women from the school have taken the lead in developing the school's vision of what our partnership might look like and how it could help TMS specifically. Our first overall planning meeting will be in early 2012. We also have an expressed interest by the members of two other teams to get involved in tutoring of students from TMS and possibly other projects.

In June, an intergenerational team of 20 TPC members and 2 others spent a week at **Ft. Blackmore, Va.** with Mission Discovery serving the needy of that area. The team's primary focus was building a handicap ramp up to the front porch of an elderly couple's house that was set into a steep hill thus creating a way for the wife to leave the house. Our younger team members painted the house and out buildings. We had great fellowship with most of the family as the repairs went on. A firm bond rooted in service was formed on this trip. The evening worship brought the team into closer relationship with God, each other and the purpose of the mission. The **2012 mission trip** will be a return, intergenerational trip to **Ft. Blackmore, Va.** in June, 2012 pending confirmation of accommodations.

Helping Hands has been inactive this year for a variety of reasons but our team hopes to revive it in the coming year.

We attempted to go gleaning but the farmers who work with the **St. Andrew's Society** canceled our date. The team is still committed to having gleaning activities that attract intergenerational volunteers

Service and Mission team helped the congregation become more aware of the work of **Wycliffe Bible Translations** by inviting Ruth Hubbard, a missionary and Wycliffe vice-president to speak to the congregation. In addition, Ruth held a smaller, more detailed meeting about Wycliffe's mission of translating the bible into all the languages on earth.

TPC has started planning the adoption of an orphanage in Lagos, Nigeria called Lil Saints Orphanage. The plan is to develop a network of churches in our area that will collect donations for this orphanage. Because of his ties to the shipping industry and his contact with a reliable professional person who splits his time between the US and Nigeria, we have a leader who can expedite and oversee the shipping of the donations to the orphanage with fewer problems than otherwise might be expected. An exploratory trip to Nigeria will be initiated by a few individuals next year. Secondly, the connections to the orphanage could well provide an opportunity for a global mission trip to Lagos in 2013.

The Service and Mission Team is excited about the new plans for the future and welcomes anyone interested in any part of TPC's service/mission work. We are God's people doing God's work through financial support, mission and prayer.

Team Members:

Ron Raby, Elder

Gail Davis, Elder

Virginia Bibliowicz, Dennis Frank, Tom Hullinger, Steve Brockman, Lou Cucco

TPC Worship Team

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2011 was a wonderful year for the worship team, one full of excitement, learning, exploring, growth, challenge and expectation. Our year began with the end of the Christmas season and Epiphany, a time to reflect on the amazing gift we have been given by God, the gift of his only Son as a sacrifice for our sins and the source of our salvation.

All through the year, our two Sunday worship services, the contemporary service at 9 a.m. and the traditional service at 11 a.m., kept us in tune with God's grace, mercy and will through the insightful preaching of Pastor Chris. The contemporary worship service continued to grow and explore new ways to experience God's presence through music, the spoken word and other meaningful vehicles. And the traditional worship service continued refine and present the music and liturgy that holds so much meaning for that segment of the congregation.

The following are some of the events the marked the year 2011:

In February, the congregation met to begin a process of planning for the future that continues today and will shape what we do for some time to come. Out of this process came several projects for the Worship Team: (1) We began video recording the sermon portion of our worship service and posting links to those videos on our website so they can be viewed by anyone with a computer at any time; (2) We installed an A/V projector and screen at the rear of the sanctuary to complement the two already installed at the front and to allow those in the choir loft and others in the chancel area to view the text, video and other visual aids along with the rest of the congregation; (3) We began a process that will, at some point, renovate the sound system in the sanctuary; (4) We began a systematic review of how we worship with the object of implementing the concept of true worship (or emergent worship) that engages all the senses and allows our congregation to worship God, not just on Sunday mornings, but at all times and in all places; (5) We began to be more conscious of and to provide opportunities for inter-generational worship whenever possible.

In February and March, TPC embarked on an adventure known as "40 Days of Community" during which, we began to learn how to use the power of small groups to help others in our community and strengthen our individual faith at the same time.

In April, we ended the season of Lent with three of the most meaningful worship experiences of the year. On Maundy Thursday, we presented the "Living Last Supper" which brings to life those common men, Jesus' disciples, who took part in the most uncommon series of events the world has ever known. Then on Good Friday, we had the experience of the Tenebrae (or service of shadows) that demonstrates the incredible suffering and sacrifice that was endured for us.

Between the these two worship services, a prayer vigil was held giving the members of the congregation an opportunity to spend time alone in prayer and quiet contemplation of the events just witnessed. Then Sunday morning brought the amazing contrast of joy, sunlight and thanksgiving.

In May, members of the music, dance and other arts programs had an opportunity, in the Music Explosion, to let go with a wonderful display of how God's gifts of talent can be put to use, all the His glory.

In June, we said goodbye to our beloved Alice Ann Nilsen who retired after 16 years of faithful service to TPC as music director. No list can contain the accomplishments and contributions made by Alice Ann during those years to the praise and worship of God in our congregation and to individual members of it in variety of behind-the-scenes ways. Following a period of travel, the people of TPC got an opportunity, at a reception in November, to express to Alice Ann just how much she has meant to them.

Not long after Alice Ann's retirement, we welcomed Jim Jones and Lisa Langston as our interim music directors. Jim and Lisa were able to hit the ground running as they have been a vital part of the music program at TPC for many years.

In July, we were reminded of where our future lies as the VBS program filled the halls with joy and laughter and culminated in a joyous worship service on Sunday morning.

Advent was begun in the best possible way with the Hanging of the Greens in which our families, including the young, the old, and the middle came together to express all the joy and expectation of the season.

Christmas Eve was a special time with two services of lessons and carols, one at 5 p.m. led by Pastor Chris and Stacy and the Praise Band and one at 7:30 p.m. led by Pastor Chris, Pastor Kuh, the TPC Chancel Choir and the Bansok Church Choir and featuring a string quartet. Then, the next day, we had a blended worship service on a Sunday Christmas Day.

As part of the CPR planning process, each team was asked to state its dream for the future. The Worship team's annual report will close with our dream:

Our dream for TPC is to be able to offer for all the components of our congregation and our community an opportunity to engage in the praise and worship of the one true God in the manner most meaningful to the individual and to grow in his/her faith. These opportunities can range from the traditional and contemporary worship settings offered currently to experiences that employ forms of the arts not normally associated with worship and involve all the senses. We want to also make available opportunities for multiple generations to come together in a natural, relaxed setting and experience the presence of God through the active participation of each constituent group.

Finally, it is our goal to make disciples of each member and guest such that the time, place and manner of worship becomes meaningless because it will be practiced at ALL times, in EVERY place and in EVERY way by those disciples as they live their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Clement & Lynn Frazier

Elders

Youth Team
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2011 was the start of Andrew's second year as youth director.

Andrew has a parent connect meeting three times a year to inform the parents of the schedule for the spring, the summer and the fall and special events. He sends out a weekly blurb to the parents and youth as a reminder and to keep them informed.

The schedule for youth groups on Sunday nights is 5:00-6:00 middle school youth meet, 6:00-6:30 shared dinner, and 6:30-7:30 high school youth meet. Tijuana Flats afterwards to socialize.

Wednesday night schedule is 4:30-5:00 liturgical dance, 5:00-5:30 choir, 5:30-6:00 dinner, 6:00-6:30 soccer and 6:30-7:00 bible study. In January bible study became small groups divided into middle school girls, high school girls and a boys group.

Four times during the year there was combined youth group – February 13th Princesses and Pirates, April 17th Superhero Smash, September 18th Decades Dash and November 27th Robot Invasion.

D-Now was March 4th-6th with 11 middle school girls, 3 high school girls and 4 boys participating. It was a weekend retreat with the youth staying at church members homes.

March 20th the youth participated in the CROP walk, walk for hunger. The youth helped with VBS the week of June 20-24 and the Hoedown on Saturday, October 29th. They went Christmas caroling with the choir members to the homebound in December.

June 12-18 the youth went on the mission trip to Blackmore Virginia. July 10-16 was Student Life, the high school summer camp in Daytona and July 17-23 was Great Escape, the middle school summer camp in Mississippi.

Summer Schedule was get out of town events were on Mondays, youth group Wednesday nights and Soul Food on Thursdays 11-1. They studied the whole book of James for Soul Food. The youth started the summer off with an out of school pool party bash at the Murphy's on June 8th. Get out of town events on Mondays were as follows: June 20- water afternoon at the church, June 27- Fun Spot, July 4- Beach Day, July 25- Bowling, CiCis and Rebounderz and August 1- Blizzard Beach.

The youth participated in Disney's Night of Joy on September 9th.

Sunday September 18th was Youth Sunday. Youth did an awesome job and we enjoyed hearing Andrew preach.

In the fall the youth participated in Southwind, middle school weekend retreat, October 21-23rd in Ocala and the Getaway, high school weekend retreat, November 11-13, in Tampa.

Andrew started a young adult ministry. Several of the young adults have been serving the youth as leaders.

We have a youth and a young adult from the Korean Church participating in our programs.

Thank you to all the parents for your support, making dinners and driving the youth to events.

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 God, GROW in their spiritual maturity and SERVE as Jesus did.

Susan Baccus