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For the members and friends of TPC

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Help Our Youth Win a \$25,000 Grant

Our youth have created an amazing video for a competition sponsored by the Youth Mission Initiative of the Presbyterian Foundation Group. Youth groups from all over the country are competing and we need your vote! It takes just a few minutes to log in and vote, so if you haven't already, please do it now.

[Click here](#) to vote!

After you've voted, please ask all your friends to vote for our video as well.



Pastor's Message

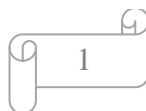
Greetings!

Friends, as we reflect on the events of Easter, the Ascension, and Pentecost, I believe it is time we remember the mission of the church. In both the Old and New Testaments we encounter a God who is on a redemptive mission in the world. In fact we are astounded at the great lengths to which God will go in pursuit of his mission to redeem his people. The decisive act of the New Testament is the divine intervention of God into human history to liberate his people from oppression and slavery. Jesus takes on sin, death, and Satan to effect deliverance of his people. Many miss an all-important parallel in the two great testamental stories of God's intervention. From Moses to Jesus, God has a purpose and an assignment for those who have been liberated. On Sinai, God revealed to Moses his heart for his people. It involved a purpose and a mission.

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." (Ex 19:3-6)

Yahweh rescued the Hebrews so they could partner with him in his redemptive mission in the world. They were chosen to be the priests of God, representing him to the whole earth. Unfortunately, Israel never quite grasped that their "chosen" status was for the sake of the mission. It incurred responsibility, not just secured the enjoyment of the privileged position.

In the New Testament the apostle Peter reaches back to this episode to educate the new followers of Jesus about what it means to be in relationship with God through Jesus. "You are a chosen people, a royal



June Calendar Highlights

Steeple People Lunch Bunch - June 13

New Member Reception - June 13

Out of School Bash (Youth) - June 14

Rock Springs (Youth) - June 21

Vacation Bible School - June 21-26

Bowling, Pizza (Youth) - June 28

Coffee Connection for Women - June 22

For details and to see the complete church calendar, visit the [Calendar](#) page on our website

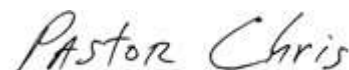
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priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9) The salvation secured by Jesus had come to them so they could pass it on to others. The Church had inherited the purposes of God for Israel-to tell the story of the redemption as proof of God's love for all.

Unfortunately, over time, the North American church has lost its way. We are suffering from severe missional amnesia. The church has forgotten why it exists. God has not called us to join a religious institution or even a theo-philosophical club. Contrary to the cultural tide in our congregations, the church's function is not to preserve an institution or, dare I say, even a denomination. The church exists because there is a mission in the world and God is still inviting us to join him in this global movement.*

A challenging word for a challenging time.

Your Friend and Pastor,



*Major excerpts drawn from *The Present Future* by Reggie McNeal, Prof. of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 6

A reminder: Our 2010 summer worship schedule begins June 6.

From June 6 through August 8, the Sunday morning schedule will be:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Discipleship (Sunday School)
11:15 a.m. - 12: 15 p.m. - Traditional Worship



Youth News

I am so excited about all the things that we have planned for this summer. Every Monday starting on June 14, we will have an event called Get Out of Town. In June we'll have an Out of School bash at the church, we will go to Rock Springs, bowling and Rebounderz. Check the church website for a

Kudos to ...

Nancy Harger, for her fabulous job of directing the wedding of Kyle & Jena Myers

Everyone who helped with the wonderful wedding reception for Kyle & Jena Myers, including: **Tom Baccus, Steve Brockman, Dennis Morris, Jacqueline Daly, Brooke Morris, Luke Baccus, Monica Reusche, Sally Pasley, Layla Nassar, Maya Nassar, Kaitlyn Kendrick, Philip Daly, Laura Hullinger, Winnie Meyer, Catalina Reusche, Lisa Hullinger, and Joyce Reusche**

Barbara Lantz for helping with Steeple People membership and **Susan Haasis** for coordinating the Steeple People Lunch Bunch

Tom Baccus for all the work involved in reconstructing our systems when the server crashed

Daun Cooper and **Jena Myers** for a beautiful flute duet on May 23

Audrey Burckhalter for organizing a fabulous Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

complete list of events.

Over the summer we will have youth group on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. instead of on Sundays. This is so that we can have four days of contact rather than three. On Thursdays, starting on June 17, we will have Soul Food. At 11:00 a.m. we will have a time of worship and then the students will go through a devotional on their own. I will go over it with them and then we will walk across the street to either Dickey's or Tijuana Flats for lunch.

The Great Escape is a camp experience you won't want your youth to miss. It's an amazing camp geared toward middle school students but our high school students are invited to come to help out with work crew. We will be leaving from First Presbyterian Church of Orlando at 5:00 p.m. on July 18 and will return at 11:00 a.m. on July 24.

I am very blessed to be able to lead such an incredible group of young men and women, and I know that it's the parents' hard work that has really developed the character that I've seen in the youth. I thank you for your hard work and for entrusting them to my care during our youth events.

God bless,



Andrew Mills
Youth Director

Stephen Ministers Commissioned May 23, 2010



From left: Pastor Chris Chandler, Jerry Clement, Pam Allison, Steve Allison, Jennifer Hook, Lee Armstrong, Ali Armstrong, Sharyn Meert, Tammy Hill, Geri Dixon, Craig Tacloff

Jamie Deger for organizing the summer play group to help keep our families connected over the summer

Want to recognize members of our congregation for their service? Use the form on the website at www.mytpc.org to submit your Kudos! Click on "Submit Joys, Thank You Messages, and Kudos" in the navigation bar on every page.

TPC Book Club

The TPC Book club meets monthly at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the library.

Photo Gallery

Check out the photo gallery on our website at www.mytpc.org.



From the Music Director

This is the time of year when our musical ensembles get a chance to worship with their families and have a small break. Thanks to all who have helped with the music ministry this year. There are singers, dancers, instrumentalists, actors and actresses, computer specialists, sound technicians, lighting technicians, costume makers, and those who prepare food for the groups. My special thanks to these individuals who assist me as musical leaders: Sylvia Gray, Jim Jones, and Lisa Langston.

During the summer months we are blessed with individuals and ensembles who supply special music.

Here are a few notes for our choirs about the schedules for the next few months.

Youth Liturgical Dancers will have rehearsals on Wednesdays, June 2 and 9 at 4:30 p.m. They will dance at both services on June 13. The dancers are to be in the sanctuary by 8:15 a.m. in their attire. After this, they will be on vacation until September 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Choir will have rehearsals on Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 5:15 p.m. They will sing during both worship services on June 27. The singers are to be in the sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. After this date they will be on vacation until September 15 at 5:00 p.m..

Children Liturgical Dancers are on vacation until September 16.

Children's Choir is on vacation until September 15.

Handbells will be on vacation until further notice.

Joyful Sound will be on vacation until September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir will sing at the traditional service through the end of June. The rehearsal will be at 11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will be on vacation from Sunday services July 4 through August 8. They will return to singing for Sunday morning service on August 15. There won't be any rehearsals the entire month of July. Rehearsals will resume on August 4 at 7:30 p.m.

We will be fortunate to have some free concerts during the fall and spring seasons. In next month's issue we will have the fall schedule finalized for you.

Love in Jesus Christ,

Vacation Bible School June 21-25

This summer, we are going to the Son Quest Rainforest! For a course description, visit our website at www.mytpc.org and follow the link on the home page.

Registration continues until Sunday, June 20. Registration forms are available at the church office and the preschool office, or you can sign up at church on Sunday mornings.

**Submit Your Joys,
Kudos, Praise
Reports, and Thank
You Messages
Online.**

Visit www.mytpc.org and look for the link in the navigation bar on the left side of every page. Items submitted through this online form will be disseminated to the congregation via e-mail and/or the TPC newsletter.

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All children completing preschool 3 through 4th grade are invited to attend. Children of volunteering moms under the age of preschool 3 are welcome to join the nursery or preschool 2s class.

We need volunteers and would love to have you join our adventure. Just contact one of us through the church office and we will happily place you where you feel you can best serve!

For both young and old, VBS is always a very exciting week! We are blessed to lead it and excited to share it with you.

*Ester Brockman and Debbie Harned*

## Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School commences on Sunday, June 6, with grades preschool through 5 combined. The children will be focusing on two stories the entire summer, The Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, exploring them in a variety of ways. Volunteers are still needed. Listed below are the Sundays where help is needed and the activity planned for that day.

**June 20: Story Telling.** Reading a book with accompanying coloring pages and a provided snack in the 4th & 5th grade room.

**July 4: Patriotic Day.** We will have a visiting military member in Fellowship Hall with an activity and patriotic food prepared in the kitchen.

**July 11: Video.** Showing a video about the Good Samaritan in the Children's Time room with a provided snack.

**July 25: Story Telling.** Reading a book with accompanying coloring pages and a provided snack in the Children's Time room followed by a relay game in Fellowship Hall.

**August 1: Craft.** Creating foam bookmarks in the 4th & 5th grade room.

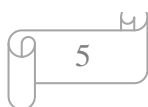
**August 8: Game.** Played in Fellowship Hall with provided snacks.

If you can give one hour of your time to any of these Sundays, please contact Jennifer Ward at 407-273-0731 or [JenACWard@aol.com](mailto:JenACWard@aol.com).

## Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

On Sunday, May 16, the Discipleship/Christian Education Team hosted the Annual Teachers Appreciation Luncheon for more than 60 people, including 35 teachers and their guests. Attendees enjoyed a gourmet menu of chicken marsala, Buffalo wings, and chicken nuggets, followed by a festive cake. Fresh flowers adorned the yellow-covered tables.

After Rev. Stacy Chandler gave the blessing, Audrey Burckhalter welcomed the group on behalf of the team and Ester Brockman.



## Prayer Requests

If you have a need, we want to pray for you. You can be included on the weekly prayer list by filling out a prayer request card during worship or by e-mailing [prayerchain@mytpc.org](mailto:prayerchain@mytpc.org). Prayer request cards are located in the narthex and in the pew racks. Cards are collected by an usher during the first hymn or may be placed in the offering plate. Prayer requests received by Wednesday will be published in the e-mail prayer list and the following Sunday's bulletin. If your prayer request is confidential, please indicate that on the card or contact Pastor Chris directly at 407-671-4173 or [cchandler@mytpc.org](mailto:cchandler@mytpc.org). If you would like to be part of the prayer team, please contact Annie Ruth DeLoach at [adeloach@cfl.rr.com](mailto:adeloach@cfl.rr.com).

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for content for the July 2010 issue of the TPC newsletter is

Friday, June 18.

Please send your articles, kudos, and other items to:

[newsletter@mytpc.org](mailto:newsletter@mytpc.org)

Rev. Chris Chandler and Audrey Burckhalter presented special blue and gold "You Make a Difference" certificates to everyone involved in the Christian Education program of TPC.

A brief word of appreciation and encouragement followed, reminding everyone they "have Friends in high places" and to "Keep On Keeping On!" A closing verse from II Timothy 2:15 ended the event, "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, but rightly dividing the Word of truth."

Those members honored included: Ryan and Allie Jessum, Ann Pasley, Lisa Hullinger, Jennifer Ward, Bob and Karen Gray, Cindy Price, Andrew Mills, Marc Dahan, Jamie Deger, Kacell Purcell, Tom and Helen Daly, Bill Valentino, John and Marilyn Salter, Ed and Sue Peterson, Audrey and Ollie Burckhalter, Judy Henry, Marsha Boyle, Jodi Keyek, Benita Meyer, Lisa Langston, Alice Ann Nilsen, Christina Greenawalt, Rev. Stacy Chandler, Judy Grieve, Ester Brockman, Janet Schwartz, Lee Armstong, Jerry and Jackie Clement, Nina Taclof, Debbie Harned, Margie Simmons, Nicole Coppinger, Susan Baccus, and Art McGuigan.

## Steeple People

On June 20, the Steeple People Adult Sunday School Class will conclude their road trip of the Epistles of I, II, and III John, "Three For the Road-a GPS!"

This insightful journey took us to Ephesus and other Biblical sites of the early Christian church, challenging us in our walk to use His GPS-God's Planned Superhighway!

A 13-week Serendipity Series is scheduled for June 27-Sept. 19, featuring *Laugh Again-Experience Outrageous Joy* by Charles R. Swindoll. This joy-filled, uplifting study focuses on the Book of Philippians.

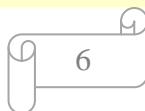
Come visit this lively, intergenerational group, which meets Sunday mornings in the chapel off Fellowship Hall during the Discipleship time. The class is led by Audrey Burckhalter.

## Tuskawilla Church & Preschool Summer Play Group

We have organized some play dates for TPC and Preschool families to keep us connected over the summer. The schedule is below. You may also subscribe to the weekly evite to be reminded of each event and to make it easy to RSVP; to do that, contact Jamie Deger at 407-376-1288 or [jamiedeger@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiedeger@hotmail.com). Please note that for the prices below you must RSVP to the evite and bring cash to the event.

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Amaya Papaya - 10:00am - \$8 per child -RSVP, wear socks.  
[www.amayapapaya.com](http://www.amayapapaya.com)

Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Central Florida Zoo & Splash Pad - 10:00am - \$6.50 per child (3-12), \$9.50 per adult -RSVP, Pack your swimsuits for the splash pad too. Pack a lunch or eat at the snack bar! [www.centralfloridazoo.org](http://www.centralfloridazoo.org)



**Tuskawilla Presbyterian  
Church Staff**

Rev. Chris Chandler  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Stacy Chandler  
*Parish Associate  
Contemporary Music  
Director*

Alice Ann Nilsen  
*Music Director*

Andrew Mills  
*Youth Director*

Debbie Harned  
*Preschool Director*

Karen Gray  
*Secretary*

Daun Cooper  
*Bookkeeper*

Marilyn Salter  
*Treasurer*

Tammy Neel  
*Treasurer*

Sylvia Gray  
*Church Musician*

Carol Perdue  
*Nursery Coordinator*

Brian Murphy  
*Grounds Keeper*

Lynn Frazier  
*Librarian*

Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Cocoa Beach (Jetty Park, near the rocks) - 11:00am - FREE! - No need to RSVP

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Vacation Bible School at TPC, Don't forget to sign up!

Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Monkey Joe's - 10:30am - \$8.50 per child or \$5 for 2 and under - Winter Park location - Must RSVP, All playing children MUST wear socks. [www.monkeyjoes.com](http://www.monkeyjoes.com)

Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> - Central Winds Park (in Winter Springs) - 10:00am - FREE - Bring a picnic lunch!

Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Cady Way Pool - 10:00am - \$4-5- No need to RSVP - Don't forget your sunscreen

Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - Orlando Science Center - 10:00am - \$10.50 per person (children 2 & under FREE) - Must RSVP. Includes a movie in the cinedome, a live show, & admission to all exhibits. Meet in the Clubhouse on the lowest level of OSC. Parking additional. [www.osc.org](http://www.osc.org)

Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> - Denning Park (in Winter Park) - 10:00am - FREE - Bring a picnic lunch!

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - Boardwalk Bowl (on Colonial/Hwy 50) - 10:30am - \$2.50/ game (kids), plus shoes - Meet at the Shoe Rental Counter - No need to RSVP

Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Downey Park Splash Pad (near the corner of Dean Rd and Colonial/Hwy 50) - 10:00am - \$1 per person, cash only - No need to RSVP - Don't forget your sunscreen!

Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - Trotwood Park & Splash Pad - 10:00am - Price Varies - No need to RSVP

Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - Blizzard Beach - Stay tuned for more information about this great event!

Monday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - Putting Edge Indoor Mini Golf - 11:00am - \$6.50 (kids), \$7.50 (adults) - RSVP [www.puttingedge.com](http://www.puttingedge.com)

Thursday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> - Semoran Skateway- 1:30pm - \$7.50 includes skates - No need to RSVP - [www.semoranskateway.com](http://www.semoranskateway.com)

## TPC Financial Report

Through April 2010, our financial results are summarized below compared to budget and last year's actual results. These amounts represent the Operating Funds of the church and exclude funds designated or restricted for specific purposes.

|                        | Four Months Ended April 30, |                |                |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                        | 2010                        | 2010           | 2009           |
| <u>Operating Funds</u> | <u>Actual</u>               | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Actual</u>  |
| Receipts               | \$ 174,310                  | \$ 166,764     | \$ 160,161     |
| Expenditures           | 157,482                     | 162,077        | <u>151,991</u> |
| Income (Loss)          | <u>\$ 16,828</u>            | <u>\$ 4687</u> | <u>\$ 8170</u> |

## Thank you!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire TPC family for all of your support in helping our wedding be everything we had hoped for and more. We would like to especially thank Pastor Chris, Nancy Harger, Tom Baccus, and the entire TPC youth group for their tremendous work. We are so grateful! God bless!

*Kyle and Jena Myers*

Karen and I would like to thank the congregation for the cards and calls in my mother Jane's recent death. She is now at peace. Special thanks to Pastor Chris for his earnest prayers.

*Jim Jones*

## God and Me / God and Family

All young people in grades 1-5 are invited to join us July 6 at 6:30 (1st-3rd) or 7:30 p.m. (4th-5th) to begin a God and Me and God and Family program at Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church. We will be meeting July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 and 10.

The God and Me program (1st-3rd graders) is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus as they tell their story of God and Me together. The God and Family program (4th-5th graders) is designed to help youth understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family.

Cost is \$5 which covers the price of the student workbook and award. This program is officially recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, and the Girl Scouts of the USA as the religious awards program for youth in our church and youth in those organizations are particularly encouraged to attend. In addition to participating in the meetings and completing family projects, youth are required to share what they have learned with the pastor before they are eligible for the award. Please contact Julie Brown at 321-262-1524 or [brownie618@aol.com](mailto:brownie618@aol.com) for more information or to register. Program registration ends on June 29.

## We Welcome Your Feedback

Let us know how you like the TPC Newsletter and what we can do to make it better. Send your comments to [newsletter@mytpc.org](mailto:newsletter@mytpc.org).

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*The purpose of Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church is to love God, love our neighbors, be active disciples, and bring others into fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

