

# Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church Newsletter

For the members and friends of TPC

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## Pastor's Message

### Missional Moments

Imagine with me for a few moments. You're swinging open the door of your favorite coffee shop. As you step in you hear your name being called. You look up and see that one of the clerks--you remember her name is Beth--has recognized you and is smiling as she waves. You smile and wave back, and then wait patiently as she finishes with her customers. You see another clerk open but decide to wait so you can talk to Beth. As she gets your coffee, you ask about her family and her studies at the local college. She tells you things are going better than they were at the beginning of the year and she thanks you again for recommending the campus ministries--she's made many friends there. Then she smiles and tells you that she's seriously considering this whole "Jesus thing."

OR

You're going to the drive-thru at Chic Fil A on University Blvd. You notice that a mother drives up behind you with four kids in the car with her. Out of a sense of warm generosity you decide to pay her bill and give a TPC postcard invitation to the cashier to pass on to her. Attached to the invitation you have included a Publix gift certificate.

What you do not realize is that the mother behind you is working two jobs to make ends meet and that your act of kindness has provided her family with food to last a week. The following Sunday is the first Sunday she and her children have been to church in six years. The grateful woman prays to God thanking Him for you and your family's kindheartedness.

Meanwhile, the cashier at Chic Fil A has a friend who has been nagging him to come to youth fellowship. After he witnesses your *random compassion*, he calls his friend up and joins him for the first time at church. "Perhaps there's something to this whole 'Jesus thing,'" he tells his buddy.

OR

You're on your deathbed and there are people milling all around you. You

Session Meeting -  
Aug. 16

The Connection for  
Christian Singles 45+  
- Aug. 21

Coffee Connection for  
Women - Aug. 24

Band of Brothers  
Summer Gathering -  
Aug. 28

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smile as you recognize so many of the faces--old faces, young faces, faces that are dear to you. As you lie there, you hear snippets of what they're saying...

"...the world will never be the same..."

"...touched so many lives..."

"...good and faithful servant..."

"...loved God so much..."

Friends, these are moments of a person's life who has chosen to begin living missionally--that is, to live in obedience of God's mission through the Church for the world. Beloved, we need to recapture our missional purpose. As others have adequately said, there is a Church because there is a mission. The epitome of that mission, the quintessential marks of God's Mission, include **servicing and sharing** in everyday kind of ways the surpassing Glory and grace of Jesus Christ.

Your Friend,

*Pastor Chris*

Various excerpts from, *OutFlow: Outward-Focused Living in a Self-Focused World*, Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping. 2006.

## TPC Member Poll

We had a great response to our first TPC Member Poll: *How far will you be traveling or did you travel on your summer vacation this year?*

Staying home or not taking a summer vacation	24%
1-100 miles	6%
101-500 miles	10%
501-1,000 miles	22%
1,001 miles or more	39%

Visit [www.mytpc.org](http://www.mytpc.org) to vote in our newest poll.

**Discovery 101: New Member Class in September**

Join us for our next Discovery 101 class, which is designed to introduce you to TPC and prepare you to become a growing member of our congregation.

We'll begin on Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., with Coffee with the Pastor in the McDonald Room in the Administration Building.

The following Sunday, Sept. 19, the class will meet for approximately four hours beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel off Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served and childcare will be provided.

During our time together you will discover who TPC is, what it means to be Presbyterian, and how we can live our lives on purpose. If you have been considering uniting with our congregation, plan now to attend this class. Watch the bulletin, next month's newsletter, and your e-mail announcements for further details.



**From the Music Director**

As I write this, I am at the National Worship Leaders Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. This summer has afforded me the opportunity to attend two separate conferences. It is a wonderful experience to be in an auditorium filled with Christians who love the Lord and can really sing. The first conference was in Daytona Beach. I enjoyed reading new anthems with fellow choir directors. It was wonderful to work with so many gifted music composers and editors. This week is more about the total church ministry. At both conferences there were wonderful worship times. After this conference, I will travel to Texas and will get to hear Pastor Karen preach and visit with the rest of her family.

**Chancel Choir** will return to rehearsals on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. They will return to the 11:00 a.m. worship service on August 15<sup>th</sup>. I have missed being with the Chancel Choir each Wednesday. They are part of my family. There is a need for additional singers in the Chancel Choir. There are good singers in our congregation who are not in Chancel Choir. We will help you learn how to sing and stay on your part. An added benefit is you are part of a wonderful group of people who love serving the Lord and definitely care about each other. We would love to have you join in singing God's praises with us.

**Wondrous Wednesdays** will resume on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend to come with you. Parents, encourage your children to bring those who don't attend a church to these activities. We will use the same schedule as last year but with new music and some new faces. Lots of thanks to the other directors who assist in the music ministry of Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church.

- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Liturgical Dancers
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir
- 5:30 p.m. - Eat and socialize
- 6:00 p.m. - Children's Liturgical Dancers
- 6:00 p.m. - Guitar Club (Lisa Langston - Director)
- 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir (Lisa Langston - Director)
- 6:30 p.m. - Handbells (Jim Jones - Director)
- 7:00 p.m. - Joyful Sound
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Praise Team (Stacy Chandler - Director)
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thank you to all of the many dedicated and talented folk at TPC. May the remainder of your summer be a refreshing time for all of you.

Love in Jesus Christ,

*Alice Ann Nilsen*

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### **Kudos to ...**

**Allen and Meredith Oliver** for their contributions to the Communication Team. We're going to miss them!

**Lee Armstrong** for starting and begin the driving force behind the Band of Brothers men's Bible study group.

**Audrey Burckhalter** for heading up such a delightful Sunday School class.

**Jenny Dean** for singing a beautiful solo on July 11.

**Kevin Strang** for leading the singing in the Steeple People class.

**Aaron Schwarz and Ed Peterson** for leading interesting and thought-provoking discussions at the Band of Brothers meetings.

## **Mission Team Report**

### **Bahamas Breezes To Go**

The mission trip for 2010 is over now. Those of us who went are telling stories of the great time we had as well as the highlights of the trip along with a few complaints about the smaller stuff. Pictures are being shared as well as descriptions of all the great kids and adults we met-not to mention the work we did.

Not long ago we were so excited to go-rushing around making final preparations, wondering if 35 spf sunscreen was enough or 50 too much, imagining what size of suitcase would fit the 50 lb limit we were allowed, or wondering how we would sleep when the nights were 85 degrees with no air conditioning. The team hoped all our paperwork was in order so that we could leave the country and, even more importantly, that we'd get back home without any "bumps in the road."

Our team was split into two sections with each group doing something different. Three of us worked at the Adventure Learning Center (ALC) while the other six worked in the construction of a missionary training camp. The ALS group worked with Bahamian children who came during the summer for day camp. We guided the kids through various activities such as science/nature study, dance, crafts, bible and sports. The camp had a small "zoo" of exotic and domestic animals with a couple of horses for riding. The afternoons were spent in water play including multiple visits to the beach and many games that ended with all of us getting wet.

The construction team certainly had hard work setting large posts in the rocky ground and building the support structure for a thatched roof on the dwelling that will be finished by other teams like ours. When the one-room is complete with its well drilled, missionaries who are headed to remote parts of the world will learn to survive in the bush through "practice" at this camp where everything is similar except there is some support in the background. When the missionaries live in the remote world there will be little or no support.

Evening singing lightened our hearts. Testimonials widened our understanding. We were fortunate to hear a testimonial by one of fifteen or so Karin young people who were chased from Burma (Myanmar) while being shot at and hunted. The Karin arrived in Thailand where they were placed in refugee camps where life was a struggle. Several years later they were adopted (some with their parents) into the Landsdale, Pennsylvania community and the First Baptist Church there. For both teams present in camp that week, sharing the gospel was a focal point. We share the love of Jesus Christ in chance encounters during the week.

Now we're home and have been reminiscing a while. But someday soon we will catch that itch to go again and start dreaming about where it will be next time-here in the states or some far international haunt. What we do know is that it will be wherever Christ wants us to go and where the need for His work is great.

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

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### **TPC Book Club**

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

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### **Photo Gallery**

Check out the photo gallery on our website at [www.mytpc.org](http://www.mytpc.org).

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But the best part of it is next time you could go with us. You could be excited, wondering, imagining, infused with the heart of the servant and hearing the call of Christ. Jump on board-there is room for all!

*Gail Davis*

## **Sunday Lunch Bunch**

Take a break from cooking Sunday dinner (or lunch--whatever you call the noon meal)! Instead, share a meal with friends, old and new. Experience Christian fellowship in a relaxed and joyous atmosphere. That's what the Sunday Lunch Bunch is all about!

Sponsored by the Steeple People Adult Sunday School Class, the Lunch Bunch meets at local restaurants after church on the second Sunday of the month for a dutch treat meal. You don't have to be a member of the class to join us for lunch (although we'd love to have you!)--all you need is a desire for fun, food, and fellowship. Come alone, with your spouse, bring a friend or your family. We'd love to meet you and make a place for you at the table.

On August 8, we're going to the Deer Run Country Club. Please contact Susan Haasis at: [soonie47@aol.com](mailto:soonie47@aol.com) for reservations so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

## **Cub Scout School Night**

Pack 631 invites all boys in grades 1 through 5 to join us at School Night on Thursday, August 26, at Eastbrook Elementary. School Night will be held in the cafeteria at the back of the school with our program beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information prior to School Night, please contact Cubmaster Chip at [pack631cubmaster@aol.com](mailto:pack631cubmaster@aol.com) or Assistant Cubmaster Julie at [brownie618@aol.com](mailto:brownie618@aol.com). We hope to see you there!

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want to pray for you. You  
can be included on the  
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card during worship or by  
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located in the narthex and  
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during the first hymn or  
may be placed in the  
offering plate. Prayer  
requests received by  
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published in the following  
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contact Pastor  
Chris directly at 407-671-  
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you would like to be part  
of the prayer team, please  
contact Ruth Ford at  
[ford2480@embarqmail.co  
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# God Speed!

Last month's LARKs (Life After Raising Kids) lunch was bittersweet, as members said farewell to Barney and Annie Ruth Deloach and Jack & Ellie Hawes. Both of these long-time TPC couples are moving to John Knox Village. They will be missed.



Barney and Annie Ruth Deloach with Pastor Chris



Jackie and Ellie Hawes with Pastor Chris

## Thank you!

Thanks to all for the prayers, phone calls, Get Well cards and visits I received in the hospital and at home after my surgery. They were very uplifting when I need it. May God bless all of you!

*Sheryl Stevenson*

Thank you Pastor Chris for your sermon this Father's Day Sunday, you enriched our day as we practiced the Chandler Thursday night tradition!

### Newsletter Deadline

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

Friday, Aug. 20.

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

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

### Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church Staff

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*Music Director*

Mitch Corbin  
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Music Director*

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*Youth Director*

Debbie Harned  
*Preschool Director*

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*Secretary*

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*Bookkeeper*

Marilyn Salter

## Notes from the Preschool

The UCF Cornerstone students are hard at work collecting items for our next school year. Their paper goods drive netted a whole classroom full of paper towels, plates, etc. We want to thank the students for all their hard work and dedication, as well as the generous people who contributed the paper goods that will serve our students next year.



### 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.

Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - Blizzard Beach - Contact Jamie Deger for details.

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)

### Steeple People

The Steeple People's summer series runs through Sept. 19. The study of Philippians is based on Charles R. Swindoll's book, *Laugh Again: Experience Outrageous Joy*.

"Have you noticed that many Christians look like they've been weaned on a sour pickle? When did their lives become so dull, boring, and routine? Who pulled the plug and drained out all the JOY? For the believer, life should be filled with uproarious joy." Dr. Swindoll reminds us that Jesus

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said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly!" This doesn't mean we won't have some sweet and sour pickles in life; He assures us we can have sweet pickle relish all the time in spite of life's vinegars!

Adults of all ages are invited to come and discover "authentic and abiding Joy," studying the Scriptures from His perspective! Join this lively, intergenerational group led by Audrey Burckhalter in the Chapel off Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

*Note that we will not meet on Aug. 15, which is the church-wide Rally Day.*

## Check Out Our Photo Gallery & YouTube Channel

We have set up an online photo album to share pictures of TPC events and people. Links to the album may be found on the Photo Gallery page of our website at [www.mytpc.org](http://www.mytpc.org). Be sure to check back often for new collections of photos and additions to the existing collections.

We now have a YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/MyTPCTV](http://www.youtube.com/MyTPCTV).

If you have pictures you'd like to share, please e-mail them to [tpcphotoalbum@gmail.com](mailto:tpcphotoalbum@gmail.com). Please include the names of the individuals in the pictures and the event or circumstances so that we can write captions for each picture. If the photograph includes children, please check with the parents before submitting. For security reasons, we never identify the children in pictures posted online by name.

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