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# Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church Newsletter

For the members and friends of TPC



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## Pastor's Message

### The Prodigal God (Prodigal: extravagant, lavish, bighearted)

This Lenten season we are taking an in-depth look at the parable of the Prodigal God. Our series began on Feb. 7 and continues through Palm Sunday, March 28. In this story we see that Jesus is redefining everything we ever thought about how to connect with God; He is redefining sin, lostness, and what it means to be saved. We hope you can join us as we continue our study of this ancient narrative.

The Holy season will culminate with our dramatization of The Last Supper on Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m., followed by a Prayer Vigil at 10:00 p.m. Our Good Friday service is on April 2, 7:00 p.m. Our Easter Celebration is April 4 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We are glad you are here to join us for this spiritual journey of hope and resurrection.

If you would like to study the narrative further you might enjoy such books as *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen, or *Tell it Slant* by Eugene Peterson.

Your Friend,

*Pastor Chris*

**Special Holy Week  
Service Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday,  
April 1,**

**7:00 p.m.**

**The Living Last  
Supper**

**10:00 p.m.**

**Prayer Vigil**

**Good Friday,**

**April 2, 7:00 p.m.**

**Tenebrae service  
with drama**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 4**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Contemporary  
worship**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Celebration brunch**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Traditional Worship**



## Youth News

The youth group has been off to a great start this semester as we have begun to grow together in Christ-centered community. I can see that there is a great bond between the young men and women involved and I'm excited to see them begin to reach out to students who are new to the youth group. We meet together on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 p.m. where we play games that aren't skill-driven but rather are designed for everyone to be able to have fun playing. We have fun upfront games that have so far involved eating M&Ms with ketchup and girls putting makeup on boys. We now have a youth band leading us in worship and messages that have dealt with topics such as having confidence in Christ and Redefining Love. Then, at 6:30 our high school students walk together to Tijuana Flats to share chips and queso and hang out.

On Wednesdays we meet together for dinner at 5:30 p.m., play some outside games together at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Bible study designed to go deeper with the students at 6:30 p.m. We have talked about things such as "Gods existence: can we know he exists?" and "The authority of Scripture."

On Sunday mornings we have been studying through the book of Philippians. We are now half way through the first chapter as we are seeking to really understand what Paul was writing to the people of Philippi.

### Previous Events

On Feb. 7 we had a Super Bowl party which was a fun time to hang out with the youth. I was also able to meet several new students there as well as we played some games outside and grazed on food inside.

The youth collected three trunks full of donations for Haiti which were brought to Harvest Time International. I was very proud of our group of eleven students that gave up their Saturday afternoon to serve by sorting collections on Feb. 13.

### Upcoming Events

Hug bugs will be sold as a fundraiser soon. You simply pay \$1 for a hug bug to be delivered to someone by the youth. They will deliver the hug bug to that person along with a hug.

The Youth Group will be camping at Lake Mills Camp Ground March 12-13. This will be a fun time to hangout by a fire, eat some s'mores and most importantly take a break from our busy lives and enjoy God's creation together and learn more about Him.

The youth group will be participating in and helping with the CROP walk on March 14.

## March Calendar Highlights

Women's Sunday Luncheon, March 7, noon

The Connection for Christian Singles 45+, Sat., March 20, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group camping at Lake Mills March 12-13

Facebook and Twitter Workshop, Mon., March 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 28

LinkedIn and YouTube Workshop, Mon. March 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Female Focus Chocolate Party, Mon. March 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

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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 in my care during our youth events.

*God bless,  
Andrew Mills  
Youth Director*



## From the Music Director

Palm Sunday, March 28, the children of TPC will carry palm branches into the sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn. All children are encouraged to participate at either service. This is a reenactment of the crowds putting palm branches along the road as Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. The Children's and Youth choirs will sing the introit at the second service.

Our choirs, ensembles, instrumentalists and dance groups are all preparing special music during Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. I have listed below the day that each group will help lead in worship.

Sunday, March 7	Chancel Choir and Joyful Sound
Sunday, March 14	Chancel Choir and Handbells
Sunday, March 21	Chancel Choir, Children Liturgical Dancers and John Boyle
Sunday, March 28	Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Youth Choir
Thursday, April 1	Chancel Choir, Joyful Sound, and Adult Praise Team
Friday, April 2	Chancel Choir
Sunday, April 4	Chancel Choir, Brass Choir and Youth Flag Team

The Youth Choir will help lead in worship on April 25 and on Father's Day, June 20. The Youth Liturgical Dancers will help lead in Worship on May 16 and June 13. The Children's Choir will sing on May 9.

## **We will have a Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

One of Christianity's most significant events was brilliantly portrayed by Leonardo Da Vinci centuries ago: The Last Supper. This Renaissance masterpiece is brought to life in Ruth Elaine Schram's remarkable work, *The Living Last Supper*.

The music deftly and passionately captures the pathos of the event while, one by one, the disciples speak, expressing their innermost thoughts with brief but

## Kudos to ...

**Jenny Dean** for being such an inspiration to the entire congregation, and especially to the choir.

The three J's - **Jerry Clement, John Overbey, and John Salter**, for the dedicated and tireless work preparing the audio/visual presentations for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Audrey Burckhalter**, leader of the Steeple People class, for presenting interesting and stimulating Sunday school classes.

**Lee Armstrong, Sue Peterson, and Mary Lou Winkleman** for training the Stephen Ministers.

**Judy Grieve**, for more than we have room to list!

**Sylvia Gray**, for being professional, reliable, and faithful.

poignant monologues that also portray their incredulous astonishment at Jesus' assertion that one of them would betray him that fateful night.

Chancel Choir, Joyful Sound and the Adult Praise Team will present the music. The cast is portrayed by various members of the congregation.

We will have communion as a part of this reenactment.

### **We will have a Good Friday service on April 2, at 7:00 p.m.**

The ancient Tenebrae service dates back to the fourth century of the church. Coming from the Latin word meaning "shadows," Tenebrae depicts through the extinguishing of all but one candle and the dimming of lights in the sanctuary the flight of the disciples, the final hours of Jesus' life, the approaching crucifixion, the spiritual void, confusion and grief that filled the minds and spirits of Jesus Christ's followers during His sufferings, and of the darkness that covered the entire world at His death. The Tenebrae is a reminder of the magnitude of God's love; a love so great that it continues through all time and eternity.

There will be a narrator and congregation interactive participation of the scriptures. There will be members of our congregation portraying the roles of Jesus Christ, Pilate, and bystanders. The congregation will be given the opportunity to share in this reenactment by nailing their sins on the cross. The Chancel Choir will present the music "The Heart of Jesus" and "Go To Dark Gethsemene."

### **Our Easter Sunday Services will be on April 4 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

The Adult Praise Team will lead the contemporary music during the first service. The Chancel Choir, Brass Choir and Youth Flag Team will lead the music during the second service. The lilies will be on display at both services.

We are richly blessed in this church with the many musicians, dancers, actors and technicians who draw us closer to God as we worship. We have a wonderful variety of sounds and styles. Words of thanks do not begin to express my gratitude to each one of them. God has blessed me with many great musical moments, wonderful spiritual times and tons of fun.

Have a great God-filled month and hope to see you at one of our services. If you want to join one of these groups just come to practice.

Love in Jesus Christ,  
*Alice Ann*

Want to recognize members of our congregation for their service? Send your kudos to [newsletter@mytpc.org](mailto:newsletter@mytpc.org) or use the form on the website at [www.mytpc.org](http://www.mytpc.org)

### TPC Book Club

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

### Men at the Cross: Empowering Men to Reach Men!

Northland Church Sat.,  
March 13, 8:00 a.m. -  
12:30 p.m.

Come see Rick Rigsby,  
Chris Julian, and Joe  
White. Sign up soon!

### CROP Walk

Sun., March 13  
2:00 p.m.

Join us for the CROP  
Walk and help us fight  
hunger. See Susan  
Baccus for your sponsor  
form. Funds raised will go  
to the HOPE Foundation  
(a local charity).

## Easter Egg-Stravaganza - March 27

Our Annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza is fast approaching. Join us on March 27 at 10:00 a.m. for crafts, songs, and Easter eggs! We are asking that you bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with goodies (no chocolate, please, because it melts) for each child participating. You can leave them in the box that will be in the narthex on Sunday, March 21, or you can bring them the morning of the event. Feel free to donate eggs even if you are not bringing children. Please contact Ester Brockman at [esterb@embarqmail.com](mailto:esterb@embarqmail.com) to RSVP.



## New Members



Back Row (left to right) : Steve Brockman, Joseph Omundson, Jenny Kate Hodil, Ashley Paruch, Kevin Strang  
Front Row (left to right): Elaine Forgays-Wright, Nicole Coppinger, Dawn Reed  
Not Pictured: Matthew Paruch

**Please give a warming and loving welcome the new TPC members from our winter Discovery 101 Class:**

## "Down By the Creek Bank"

TPC's Children Choir will present this delightful musical on Sunday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

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

Visit [www.mytpc.org](http://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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### Newsletter Deadline

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

Fri., March 19.

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

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

### Steve Brockman

8152 Buck Saw Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32817

Steve is the husband of TPC member Ester Brockman. They have two children, Colby and Becky. Steve is a familiar face on our campus always helping in the kitchen and with Helping Hands, and he enjoys missions.

### Nicole Coppinger

1112 Superior Court  
Winter Springs, Florida 32708

Nicole is the daughter of TPC member Leslie Faith. Nicole grew up in Orlando and presently teaches English at Seminole State College. She spent three years serving in the Peace Corps. Leslie is single and enjoys travel and volunteering.

### Jenny Cate Hodil

325 Northlake Blvd.  
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

Jenny attended Lake Mary High where she met TPC's own Alice Ann through her interest in music. She graduated from FSU with a degree in Music Education. Presently she is a substitute music teacher and also gives piano lessons.

### Joseph Omundson

6400 Banner Cove Court, Apt. 13202  
Orlando, Florida 32821

Joe also sang for TPC's Alice Ann at Lake Mary High School. He presently works for Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. In his spare time, Joe enjoys riding roller coasters --, yes you read it right, roller coasters.

### Ashley and Matthew Paruch

1204 Wolverine Trail  
Winter Springs, Florida 32708

Ashley and Matthew are daughter and son-in-law of long-time TPC members Cecily and Mike Bouch. They have a one-year-old son, Luke. Matt does orthotics and prosthetics by profession. Ashley is all ready gracing our choir with her beautiful voice.

### Dawn Reed

9107 Vickory Terrace  
Oviedo, Florida 32765

Dawn lives in Oviedo with her husband, Christopher, and their three children. Dawn has a career in the insurance business and enjoys reading in her spare time.

### Kevin Strang

9941 Surrey Ridge Road  
Orlando, Florida 32825

Kevin was born in Miami and is presently a music educator for Orange County and a freelance musician. Kevin is single and has a variety of interests.

### Elaine Forgays-Wright

716 Contravest Lane  
Winter Springs, Florida 32708

Elaine hails from New Jersey. She is retired and moved south to be near her daughter. Elaine is very active and enjoys volunteering and helping others.

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*Senior Pastor*

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Lynn Frazier  
*Librarian*

## Honoring Women at TPC Sunday, March 7

National Women's Sunday is March 7. Rev. Dr. Paige McRight will deliver the message at both services. As is our tradition, the ushers and liturgist will be women of the church; a TPC woman will be honored as Woman of the Year; and lunch will be prepared for the congregation by Tom Baccus. Please sign up for the lunch at church on Sunday or by e-mail.

## Crown Biblical Financial Ministries Study Begins April 15

Crown Biblical Financial Study is an 11 week in-depth study of what Scripture teaches about money and possessions. Participants have confirmed that marriages are being strengthened and individuals are finding their way out of debt. They are also becoming consistent savers, generous givers, and prudent consumers. Most importantly, people are entering into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as they learn to apply His Word to their lives. Groups meet for 1-1/2 to 2 hours every week and include interactive discussions beginning Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

So, if getting out of debt; controlling your spending; saving and investing; budgeting; giving; earning money; training your children, and doing it all God's way is important to you, join us for this in-depth Biblical training program. Watch the bulletin for sign-up details.

## Thank you!

Thank you for all the news of the Church. I cannot get to the meetings because of my age so I really enjoy reading about everything going on. God Bless you.  
Love, Martha Stolze

Thank you Ms. Judy Henry for reading to my preschool class!

Ms. Holly Scott  
Preschool teacher

## Female Focus Chocolate Party

Female Focus: Chocolate Party at Farris & Fosters, 4875 New Broad St., Orlando (Baldwin Park), March 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. All the women of the church are invited to a fun, hands-on chocolate experience! We'll dip and mold (with over 500 molds to choose from, including lots of Easter choices) one pound of chocolate to bring home. Feel free to bring your own snacks & drinks to share. Join us for a sweet night of female fellowship! Cost is \$22. Reservations preferred by March 28. To RSVP and for carpooling or other information, contact Allie Jessum at (407) 384-0367 or [arluvava@yahoo.com](mailto:arluvava@yahoo.com).



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