

Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church Newsletter

For the members and friends of TPC

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Youth News!

The TPC Youth Group is now the Student Ministry -- a very active ministry for middle and high school students.

Visit the [Student Ministry](#) page on our website to see our purpose, weekly updates, and the fall calendar of events and activities.

Website News!

We have added a number of videos to the TPC website. Check them out by browsing around www.mytpc.org.



Pastor's Message

What an exciting time of year this is for us. We come out of our summer break with a host of high energy events. Commissioning our Sunday school, small group, and preschool teachers at Rally Day was the best fall kick-off ever! Now we have Wondrous Wednesdays about to launch, small groups are starting up again, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry are gearing up, the LARKS as active as ever, then there is our annual autumn Hoedown to look forward to whew! I need to catch my breath. Isn't it great to have a place like Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church to belong!

That's right--we are called to belong, not just believe.

Paul tells it this way, *"You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."* Ephesians 2:19b (LB)

We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves. The Bible says we are put together, joined together, built together, members together; heirs together, fitted together, held together and will be caught up together. Folks, you're not on your own anymore.

While your relationship to Christ is personal, God never intends it to be private. In God's family you are connected to every other believer, and we will belong to each other for eternity. The Bible says, *"In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* Romans 12:5 (NIV)

The Christian life is more than just commitment to Christ; it includes a commitment to other Christians. The Christians in Macedonia understood this. Paul said, *"First, they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well."* 2 Corinthians 8:5 (TEV)

You become a Christian by committing yourself to Christ, but you become a church member by committing yourself to a specific group of believers. The first decision brings salvation; the second brings fellowship.

May this be a season of deepening fellowship at Tuskawilla.

Your Friend,





September Calendar Highlights

Young Adult Ministry -
Wednesday evenings

New Member Class
Coffee with Pastor
- Sept. 12

Steeple People Lunch
Bunch - Sept. 12

Wondrous Wednesdays
begin Sept. 15

Youth Sunday - Sept. 19

New Member Class:
Discovery 101 - Sept. 19

LARKS - Sept. 21

Session Meeting
- Sept. 27

The Connection for
Christian Singles 45+
- Sept. 18

Coffee Connection for
Women - Sept. 28

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

Pastor Chris

TPC Member Poll

We are definitely a mission-minded congregation. The results of our last poll are below:

Have you been on a mission trip?

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| Yes - in the United States | 12% |
| Yes - international | 12% |
| Yes - international and in the U.S. | 12% |
| No - but I would like to | 47% |
| No - and I don't plan to | 18% |

Visit www.mytpc.org to vote in our newest poll about how many pets your family has.



From the Music Director

Summer fun is such a pleasant memory. I hope that each member of TPC had some time for fun and relaxation this summer. The activities of the music department are coming back into full swing. All music groups have either started their rehearsals or will begin on Sept. 15. Now is the time to make a decision to be a part of this mighty ministry of our church. Join us!

In August our **Disney Choir** met, rehearsed and produced their audition DVD. We had 86 singers participate this year. This is such a blessing for me to work with such a majestic sounding choir. We will know the results in mid-October.

Chancel Choir returned to the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Aug. 15. We are delighted to have a new member (Elaine) in Chancel Choir and one returning (Sue) who has been absent for a few years. We can always find a place for new members in the Chancel Choir. This congregation is filled with wonderful singers. Come to practice and sit with one of the members of the choir to help you. We will help you learn how to sing and stay on your part. If you need additional help

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.

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with your voice or part, just ask me. We will find a private time to work together. An added benefit of being a member of Chancel Choir is you are part of a wonderful group of people who love serving the Lord and definitely care about each other - plus - they know the inside details about the music, poetry, lyrics, composers, etc. We also need help with computer and sound technicians - if you are interested, please let Ervin Frazier or me know.

Adult Praise Team rehearses on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. The team consists of singers, instrumentalists, computer techs, sound techs, etc. If you would be interested in helping with any of the areas of this contemporary style of worship, please let Stacy Chandler or me know.

Youth Choir and **Youth Liturgical Dancers** returned to Wednesday rehearsals on Aug. 25. The YLD rehearsals are from 4:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The YC rehearsals are from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. - then we eat and go to youth group. On Sept. 15 we will be back to the Wondrous Wednesday schedule. The youth will lead both worship services on Sept. 19. We will have a full rehearsal on Sept. 13. I get excited when I work with the future adult leaders of our church. They are an inspiration to all of us. I want to thank all of our church for your encouragement and support of our children and youth in this church.

Handbells and **Joyful Sound** will also return to rehearsals on Sept. 15.

Youth and Children Liturgical Dancers, Guitar Club and **Children's Choir** are always ready to have a new friend join the group. See the schedule below for details.

Wondrous Wednesdays will resume on Sept. 15. A very big thank you to Jim, Lisa and Stacy who help direct the various musical choirs and ensembles at the church. We encourage each member of one of these groups to invite a friend to come with you. Parents, encourage your children and youth to bring those who don't attend a church to these activities. Remember that there are other activities that occur at the same time (even for adults). We will use the same schedule as last year but with new music and some new faces.

4:30 p.m. - Youth Liturgical Dancers - (Director - Alice Ann Nilsen)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Director - Alice Ann Nilsen)
5:30 p.m. - Eat and socialize
6:00 p.m. - Children's Liturgical Dancers (Director - Alice Ann Nilsen)
6:00 p.m. - Guitar Club - (Director - Lisa Langston)
6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir - (Director - Lisa Langston)
6:30 p.m. - Handbells - (Director - Jim Jones)

Kudos to ...

Nicole Coppinger, for taking over the TPC Facebook page and helping our social media effort.

Karen Gray, for the sweet idea of distributing Hershey's Kisses after the service on Aug. 15.

All 15 of you who helped make the new baptism banners by cutting fabric and dowels, sewing, and assembling.

Everyone who worked so hard repainting the church office building interior and making over the mail/workroom. It looks great!

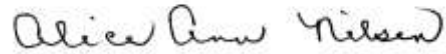
Lisa Hullinger for planning and organizing the children's Bible studies during Wondrous Wednesdays.

Jerry Clement for leading the Steeple People lessons during Audrey's four-week absence.

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 the Contact Us button, then on the "Joys, Thank You's, and Kudos" link.

7:00 p.m. - Joyful Sound (Director - Alice Ann Nilsen)
7:30 p.m. - Adult Praise Team - (Director - Stacy Chandler)
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir (Director - Alice Ann Nilsen)

Love in Jesus Christ,



Women's Ministry News

The Women's Circles will resume in September with the Bible study, *That the World May Know*. This video series, filmed in Israel, brings God's Word to life by exploring ancient times, places, and customs in a faith inspiring manner. Bethany Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, to begin "Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah." Eve Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, to begin "Faith Lessons on The Promised Land." Eve Circle is an excellent opportunity for working women to attend a Bible study. Bring a friend and join us as we study God's Word. You will be glad you did!

Fall Wondrous Wednesdays Sept. 15 - Nov. 17

Our fall Wondrous Wednesday program has more to offer than ever! Lots of fun, fellowship, Bible study, food, music and more!

Schedule:

4:30-5:00 p.m. - Open play on the playground for the children through 5th grade

4:30-5:00 p.m. - Youth liturgical dance

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Bible study for K-2nd graders and 3rd-5th graders (see details below)

5:00-5:30 - Youth choir

5:30-6:00 - Dinner

6:00-6:30 - Guitar club or liturgical dance for children

6:30-7:00 - Children's choir

6:00-7:00 - Youth/Student Ministry Bible study

6:00-7:00 - Adult Bible Study (Beginnings: The Spiritual Life, Ed Peterson, leader)

Children K-2nd grade will study *Friends and Family in Faith*; 3rd-5th graders will study *God's People in Worship*. Cost for workbooks is \$14 per book if you have one student; \$12 per book if you have two or more students who need their own books.

Cost of the meal is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child -- one-time charge for the entire 10-week program.

Contact Lisa Hullinger with questions, to purchase workbooks, or pay for

dinner. Call 407-657-8208 or e-mail thullinger@emarqmail.com.

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### Attn: Runners!



Jerry & Jackie Clement would like to organize a TPC running group. We're not sure exactly what the group will look like, but we think the first step is to identify people who might be interested in being a part of it. So if you are an experienced, strong runner, a novice, somewhere in between, or someone who has been thinking about trying this great form of exercise, let Jackie or Jerry know (e-mail [Jackie@contacttcs.com](mailto:Jackie@contacttcs.com)) and we'll keep you informed as the group gets organized.

## Night of Joy! Sept. 10

The Student Ministry (grades 6-12) will be going to Disney's Night of Joy on Sept. 10, 5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. It's a wonderful evening of Christian music and Disney magic.

Cost is \$50. Reservations required by Aug. 30. Sign up at church or on the website. Contact Susan Baccus at 407-657-5784 or [susanbaccus@comcast.net](mailto:susanbaccus@comcast.net) for more information.

## VBS Final Report

2010 VBS Rainforest Adventure was a huge success. Every child, young and old, experienced a God centered journey through stories, song and fellowship.

It takes so many volunteers to pull it all together and we thank everyone who gave of their time and talent. You certainly made our job of leading pleasant and fun!

*Debbie and Ester*

## Wycliffe Bible Translators: A Chance to Get Involved in a Blessed Thing

None of us denies that we are most fortunate living in Florida and the Orlando area -fortunate beyond the usual accolades about weather, sunsets and beaches. Our blessedness is increased by the presence of the US headquarters of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, which is right in our backyard. As the name suggests, they are involved in translating the Bible into numerous different languages with still some 2000+ languages to go. Their mission is to see the Bible translation program in progress in every language still needing one by the year 2025. Their goal is for each person on earth to be able to access the Word of God in "the language of their heart."

Most of us remember when we acquired our first Bible. Perhaps it was handed to us by our pastor or purchased by our parents or handed down by a family member. But one thing was always true for us: the Bible was written in a language we knew, in a language we had spoken to us, and in a language we understood. However, there are hundreds of millions of people around the world today who cannot say the same. There are, in fact, hundreds of millions of people all over the world who do not know God, do not know Jesus Christ and know nothing of the Bible because they have no written language at all.

At this point Wycliffe's translators as well as its partners have stepped in many years ago to fill this knowledge gap with a raft of tools and methods to help cultures using oral languages develop written ones. For instance, in many cases an alphabet must be developed for a culture whose language is oral before a translation can be attempted. Then, literacy must be infused into the culture using the alphabet so that individuals can read the translation. Another strategy for those cultures which have only oral traditions like storytelling involves development of a set of oral stories about one of the testaments, about the God of Moses or about the Lord Jesus. This way the wisdom of the Bible can be communicated orally with a later goal of an alphabet, a translation and literacy. These processes are labors of much love but also of much time and many resources.

## 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.

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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 under "Contact Us" at the top 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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Wycliffe strongly believes that the Word of God changes lives. They believe strongly that those changes are not just spiritual. They have seen that as people have access to their own written language that they also have greater access to education which creates opportunities, reduces the stranglehold of poverty, supports social justice and reduces diseases. A written language can promote many of the changes we and other cultures pray for daily for the downtrodden and disenfranchised of the earth.

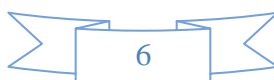
Wycliffe is also very much about prayer. They provide worship services on site regularly praising God for presenting this opportunity and asking for the success of the multitude of projects that are at the core of what they do. One of the major ways that each of us could help these projects is to pray for the success of their efforts in all of the remaining languages to be translated. Pray for the resources and the volunteers to complete the projects on time or even ahead of schedule if you'd like. If you can't think of what to pray for or just want more information, consult their website at www.wycliffe.org. They have many suggestions. If you want to provide financial support or are thinking about volunteering for an hour or a lifetime, visit their museum, take the tour or consult their website. What a wonderful act of outreach to be involved in to be part of bringing God's Word to the last remaining people of the earth who have yet to hear it.

Oh, did I mention their museum is right here in Orlando? Several of us on the Service and Mission Team have previewed the museum for you and found it fascinating, interactive and educational. They have an award-winning presentation of exhibits, films and interactive media that tell the story of what they do. We would like to take a group of individuals and families from TPC to see this wonderful place. (Friends and neighbors are also welcome.) They have a great café, too. Look for a sign-up sheet soon on the bulletin boards for those who are interested. We'll talk dates later but if we have 40 people going, they'll open the place up for us on a Saturday. Contact Gail Davis at 407-671-1497 (gdavis213@aol.com) for more information on the museum visit.

Gail Davis

Volunteers Needed for the Second Annual TPC Hoedown Saturday, Nov. 6, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Last year, we had approximately 350 folks attend our Hoedown. It was a day of fun and fellowship and the majority of those attending were not members of our church, but were friends and families from the surrounding community. This year, with your help, we expect to feed 500+ folks. Here's how you can help:



Organ Available

Mike Pannucci, who is a frequent TPC visitor, has an organ in good operating condition that he would like to donate to a church or anyone who could use it. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call 407-484-2023.

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.

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 following Sunday's bulletin and e-mail list.

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. If you would like to be part of the prayer team, please contact Ruth Ford at ford2480@embarqmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Monday, Sept. 20.

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

Jackie@ContactTCS.com

- We are in need of baked goods for the dessert table.
- We need greeters to say "How do you do?" to the new folks who will attend.
- We need help in the kitchen.
- We need help on the serving line and at the dessert table.
- We need clean-up help.

There will be sign-up sheets on the rolling bulletin boards. So please, sign up today; don't wait.

Your Outreach Team

Steeple People Update

On September 19th, the Steeple People Adult Sunday School Class concludes its summer serendipity series of Philippians with *Laugh Again, Experiencing Outrageous Joy* by Charles Swindoll. Special thanks go to Jerry Clement who substituted for Audrey during her vacation.

There are numerous chewing gum flavors for us to select today: refreshing spearmint, red hot cinnamon, even blue bubble gum! And then there's Juicy Fruit! An inviting, delicious fruity blend from orchard and garden-all in one stick!! How awesome is that!

So, members of the Steeple People invite you to taste the difference in their upcoming nine-week series, *The Bible's Juicy Fruit*. It is an innovative, unusual study of Galatians 5:22,23, on the Fruit of the Spirit, by the late Dr. Forrest Pollock. This study runs Sept. 24 through Nov. 28, with Audrey Burckhalter. Our lively, gregarious group meets in the chapel off Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

The September Steeple People Lunch Bunch is Sunday, Sept. 12, at Hugo Joe's in Oviedo. Please e-mail Susan Haasis at soonie47@aol.com if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Expressions of Thanks, Praise, & Joy!

A big thank you to Jennifer Ward for doing a fantastic job of



**Tuskawilla Presbyterian
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Rev. Chris Chandler
Senior Pastor

Rev. Stacy Chandler
*Parish Associate
Contemporary Music Director*

Alice Ann Nilsen
Music Director

Mitch Corbin
*Assistant Contemporary Music
Director*

Andrew Mills
Youth Director

Debbie Harned
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Tammy Neel
Treasurer

Sylvia Gray
Church Musician

Debbie Harned
Nursery Coordinator

Brian Murphy
Grounds Keeper

Lynn Frazier
Librarian

organizing the Children's Summer Sunday School program. Jennifer planned the curriculum that was learning-centered and fun, assembled the materials, and found volunteers to teach. Jennifer also taught several lessons. Our children benefited from Jennifer's willingness to share her time and talents. Thank you for being a blessing to others, Jennifer.

Judy Henry

Thank you for all the prayers, food, visits, and cards. It's wonderful to belong to such a loving and caring family.

Blessings to all,
Sally Searcy

Thanks for making Chapel so joyful! We have fun while learning and loving God.

*Ms Holly's Preschool Class
& Thursday Chapel Attendees*

Choir Robes

Over the past few years, some choir members have experienced heat exhaustion or have fainted. So during the long, hot summer of 2010, we have forgone the wearing of robes. however, fall is just around the corner and we are anticipating cooler weather. Beginning on Sept. 12, the choir and Pastor Chris will be wearing their robes during the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service.

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.

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