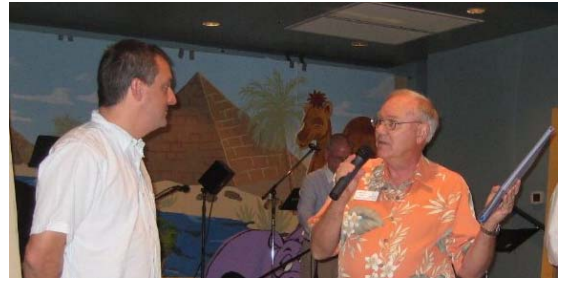


**ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN  
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**JULY 2010**



## PASTOR PAGE'S PASTOR'S THANK YOU

Wow! What a great party, and a complete surprise! The twentieth anniversary of my ordination was something that had crossed my mind, but I didn't really dwell on it – Just another day, month, year of ministry. I'd like to share some highlights with you:

- God has completely turned some people's lives around, and used me to be a little part of it. Alcoholics, addicts, suicide attempters, kids going down the wrong path, husbands and wives straying, angry people – God is not done with any of us. To be honest, there were times when I personally had no hope for some of these people. I was simply playing a role at times: "How can I represent God's love?" God has taught me that "With God, all things are possible!"
- Mission trips have played a vital part in my ministry. I've led trips to Mexico, Jamaica, Virginia, Florida, New Jersey, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Harlem, Vermont, Maine, Cuba, Pennsylvania, and Honduras. It is so easy for us to begin to think that everyone lives the way we do. When we get out of our comfort zone, our worldview expands and God can deepen our faith as well. I have seen many people become life-long Christians and life-long missionaries while sleeping on the floor in a church basement.
- I have been privileged to hold people's hands in crisis and even in death. That's a hard thing to do, but it's also a beautiful opportunity. God's presence is often palpable in those times of crisis. I have witnessed people of extraordinary faith go through difficult times, and they taught me much about trusting God. I'm sure when my time comes I'll be whiny and have my doubts, but I'm just as sure that God will love me anyway!
- I've been honored to work with some wonderful servants of God. There are many gifts for ministry that I lack, but God has provided partners. At Orangewood I am blessed in partnership with Peggy's dedication and commitment to all things behind-the-scenes; by Christopher's musical talent and Southern grace; by Bernale's passion, wisdom and creativity; by Lori's ability to add creative visual elements to our worship; and by Tully's insight and youthful willingness to step outside the box. Add to that all the volunteers, the deacons, the elders, the ministry of all believers and it is clear that God is at work.
- The Scriptures continue to be a wonderful treasure. If you had asked me when I was a new pastor at 24, I would have been sure that after 20 years of preaching, I would have run out of things to say. I would have been right. God taught me that preaching is not about what I have to say, it is about seeking God's Word. God's Word is always fresh to those who are willing to read the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.
- God's people have been wonderfully receptive to my ministry and always ready to minister back to me and my family. There have been some crises for me and my family over the years and God has used you as pastors. That is what I will remember most, when I look at the beautiful crystal bowl you gave me, and remember the wonderful lunch put on by my partners in ministry. Thank you!

How about **ALL OF US** go for another 20!

*Ken*



## BLENDED WORSHIP

The Session has asked the staff to have four Sundays in July and August as blended worship. There is a complete listing of sermon titles and scriptures through August 29 available in the Narthex and the church office.

**July 18** – 9:30 Worship in Page Hall

“Why Is The God of the Old Testament So Different from the God of the New?”  
Genesis 18:22-19:5 and John 8:1-11

**July 25** – 9:30 Worship in Page Hall

“What Happens to the Soul After Death?”  
Matthew 10:26-31 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Immediately following the Blended Worship, Pastor Ken will be leading a study of “Genesis: Greatest Hits” in Page Hall. Plan to stay with a cup of coffee or lemonade and be a part of this group. The nursery will be open until 1:00 pm.



## VBS a Big Success!

The VBS trip to Egypt (via Orangewood) to learn about Joseph was a complete success. This picture shows the ‘citizens of Egypt’ as they completed their jobs and were on their way home. Thanks to all who helped in any way with this opportunity for the children of OPC and the community.

## San Diego Mission Trip

This picture shows our 10 youth as part of a larger mission group with YouthWorks in San Diego. Ask any of them and they will be happy to tell their stories! Those taking part were: Cody Cronk, Jarred Fuller, Mackenzie Kaup, Alex Napier, Dakota Norling, Bailey and Emma Page, Courtney and Sydney Teerink and Will Zandler. They were accompanied by Pastor Tully and Jackie Collier.



## Far Out Fridays

During the summer, kids in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be invited to take part in a couple of Far Out Adventures - a special activity combining service and fun. Parents are asked to watch for a mailing with details for the first event in July. Don't forget that you may bring friends, but everyone must have a Notarized Emergency Medical Release Form on file. Forms may be picked up in the office if necessary. Peggy Hagan is a notary and can help you with this.

## Wanted - A Few Good Men and Women! To help with Far Out Fridays!

In order for our Far Out Friday Service and Fun Adventures to take place, we need a few good adults to drive and accompany a group of great kids. The time commitment is 9 am to 2:30 or 3 pm on a weekday in July and August. Couples and retired people are welcome to volunteer. It is a great chance to get to know our kids better and to have some fun. Please call Bernale (602-944-3086) if you can help.



## ORANGEWOOD FRIENDSHIP GARDEN UPDATE

As our first gardening season draws to a close, we look back in amazement at the progress that has been made! What was once a rocky corner of the parking lot now holds squash, corn and sunflowers nodding in the breeze!

We have grown a relationship with the community with over half of the gardeners being non-church members. Neighbors routinely stop by to check our progress and express delight at watching it grow.

The 'three sisters' plot consisting of corn, squash, and beans was started in the spaces left after the other tiers had been sold out. The produce from this area will be donated to the Desert Mission Food Bank and the other half sold to a local entrepreneur who makes natural cat food.

**Fall season is around the corner and the deadline for plot applications is August 10.**

The garden is open to all individuals and groups. First-time gardeners are welcome and workshops are held to give information about planting, soil preparation, garden maintenance, and using produce. Joining is easy. Call 602-944-1508 or visit the church office to obtain an application. The fees are \$20 per garden bed for one growing season plus a clean-up deposit of \$25. You are asked to sign a liability waiver and are given instructions on use of the storage shed and watering. Updates are sent to you via e-mail. Regular meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm in the Banner Room.



## SUMMER WATER MINISTRY HAS BEGUN!

Many dollar donations have come in for purchasing water and we have received many cases of water. All of this effort is helping the group who go to the park and missions to furnish life-giving water to those in need. Please keep the donations coming!

## NOVEMBER ROCKY POINT TRIP

### Plan Ahead

Do you have your passport up to date? Do you want to be in the picture at Rocky Point? Then plan to join the group as they leave Wednesday, November 10 and come back on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>. That gives a day to do something special after completing the building. Don't miss this special extended trip!



### CHECK YOUR PASSPORT!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING YOUR PAPERS AND FLATTENED CARD COLLECTIONS



Always wanted to know more Spanish than just a few phrases? Then you should sign up and attend the **Spanish Classes** being offered by the Adult Education committee. On **July 14 at 7:00 pm**, two classes will begin. A complete schedule is below. You can sign up on the patio!

### **Beginning Conversational Spanish – led by Dan Kutz in the Banner Room**

July 14, 21, 28  
August 4, 11, 18, 25  
September 1, 8, 15

### **Intermediate Conversational Spanish – led by Garrett Smith and Dennis Daniel in the Seminar Room**

July 14, 21, 28  
August 4, 11, 18, 25  
September 1, 8, 15

### **SPANISH DINNERS**

**July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27 at 6 pm**

Open to everyone but - caution - only Spanish will be spoken at the dinners!

## Women Activities for July

**PIECEMAKERS:** This group will be meeting on **July 6** and **July 20**. They meet in the Seminar Room at 9:00 am where they cut, sew, and press quilts for Arizona Blankets 4 Kids.

**BREAKFAST OUT BUNCH:** On **July 21**, you are invited to meet at The Eye Opener Family Restaurant (524 W. Hatcher) at 9:00 am for breakfast with friends and neighbors. Call Lois Manning at 602-279-6148 by July 19 for a reservation.



### It's a Wonder Full World - A Retreat for Women Coming this summer! (Senior Highs to Senior Citizens)

Escape for the weekend to beautiful Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, AZ on **August 20-22**. We will rest, play, chat, eat, and so much more as we get to know about our 'wonder full God and each other.' The weekend includes comfortable accommodations, five delicious meals and beautiful surroundings. Plan to dress casual. Bring a Bible, personal toiletries, and a swimsuit (if you wish.) Sheets and towels are provided. The cost is \$150 per person for a double room and \$205 for a single (all inclusive). Please mention rooming preferences when you sign up. Scholarship help is available. Sign up on the patio with Bernale or call the church office.

#### Need a Night Out – No Kids?

The second Saturday of each month from 6 to 9 pm is a chance for parents to have an evening out while their child is cared for by Sandy Snyder and Jackie Collier. There is play until 7:30 starting in the Nursery. Then we move to the Fireside Room for a movie and popcorn. The cost is \$10 for the first child with \$5 for each additional child. If interested, contact Katy Griep at [kgriep@hotmail.com](mailto:kgriep@hotmail.com) or 602-544-0969.

★ Thank You! ★  
THANK YOU! ★

*To Everyone at Orangewood: Thank you for all that you did to help us say to our dear Allan, "goodbye." The gifts of music, friendship, concern and sweets for his 'party' will be long remembered.*

*Fondly, Tom & Meredith, Jennifer, Tommy & Elora Neal  
Leslie, Chris, Cody, Bryce and Cami Cronk*

*We'd like to thank all the Orangewood members for keeping our family in your prayers during my mother's stay in the hospital and after her passing. The cards we received and the visits from Pastor Ken were most appreciated. We give thanks for the staff, deacons, and ushers who participated in making the memorial service for my mother such a beautiful event. We are thankful that we have such a loving church family.*

*Nancy Lewis Lynch and Cleve Lynch, and Dr. Buell Lewis*

# TAKING THE WONDER OUT OF WORSHIP

This is the second in a series of three articles that I am writing about worship. So you know who I am up front, my name is John Hubley. I have been a member for four years. My first article told how the Spirit made known to me the awesome power of praise and worship that transformed my life and ministry. This article deals with taking the *wonder* out of our weekly worship in the life of the church.

Right out of the stocks, let me say that *worship* draws more people together and tears them apart more than any other religious practice. Certainly, this has been as true for our church as any other mainline congregation. So my question now is simply this:

What do we mean on Sundays when pastor says, *Let us worship God?*  
I *wonder* what people really mean when they say they worship God.

Here's my perspective. Our worship operates in two separate yet related realms. There's the *biblical* realm where worship is used as a *verb* and means to bow down or submit our lives in facedown obeisance to God. We bring troubled and broken lives to God that we may find healing and peace through submission. Then there's the *religious* realm where worship is a *noun* and involves worship services with liturgies of praise, confessions of sin, songs and hymns to bring us joy, sermons on God's Word, feasting on Christ at the Lord's Table, etc., etc.

So we have two realms: the *biblical* with its call to submit our wills and ways to Christ as our risen Lord; and the *religious* where we gather as a faith family to express our devotion to God and also to one another. Liturgies fluctuate in form, our songs speak selectively to us, and our emotions vary with worship events. This creates unrest among us due to self-fulfilling expectations. Yet the Spirit embraces diversity in spite of our unrest when our hearts and wills are tethered to the *biblical realm*. When our facedown obeisance to Christ assimilates our savory ways of worship with the culinary choices of our brothers and sisters, then the biblical realm *fuses* with the religious realm and we fall facedown as a family spiritually reborn before and because of our crucified and risen Christ. It's time to get *self-serving* out of our souls and make *submission* to Christ our weekly salvation. Didn't Jesus say: *Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand?*

Your brother in Christ and partner in the true worship of Christ. John H.



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*David & Linda Schreiner - July 6, 1968*

*Andrew & Jeanne Lawson - July 8, 1995*

*Terry & Sandy Frost - July 9, 1976*

*Burt & Norma Miler - July 15, 1967*

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A complete listing of People's Choice Sermon Series is available in the Narthex or Church Office.

Date	Topic
July 4	How Do Presbyterians View the Path to Salvation? How Do We Guide Young Disciples? 11 Corinthians 5:11-6:2
July 11	How Can I Be More Humble? Luke 18:9-14 & Colossians 3:12-17
July 18 <b>One Service            at 9:30 am</b>	Why Is The God of the Old Testament So Different from the God of the New? Genesis 18:22-19:5 and John 8:1-11
July 25 <b>One Service            at 9:30 am</b>	What Happens to the Soul After Death? Matthew 10:26-31 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58