



A Message from Pastor Ken

A couple of weeks ago I preached a sermon framed in part around the life of Origen. Quite a few of you overlooked the atrocious title, '*Original Sin*', and expressed your interest in this incredibly fascinating church father. And so here is, as Paul Harvey used to say, the rest of the story...

You already heard about how Origen was born in Egypt during a time of intense persecution. You heard how his father was put to death for his beliefs by the Romans, and how a teenage Origen would have joined him had it not been for his mother who hid the boy's clothes in order to keep him inside. And you also heard, excuse me while I shift uncomfortably in my seat, how Origen mutilated himself according to his interpretation of different scriptures in Matthew. And you heard how Origen went on to become one of the greatest theologians and scholars of the Bible ever produced by the church, often credited with establishing the final form of the New Testament. (While I'm unaware of any historical research into this topic, I think it's fair to say that after his little incident, the energy Origen might have dedicated towards his dating life was channeled into his studies.)

Now, if this were all we knew about him, it would be enough, wouldn't it? Persecution, castration, creating the bounds of the New Testament... I mean that's a pretty interesting life story. Believe it or not, friends, his story only gets more interesting.

One of Origen's most interesting and controversial ideas came from his reading of the Book of Acts. Early on in Acts Peter is speaking to the people after healing a crippled man. He says to them: "And now friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of *the universal restoration* that God announced long ago through his holy prophets." (Acts 3:17-21) And this last phrase, 'the universal restoration', captured Origen's imagination.

In Greek this phrase is rendered in a single word: *apokatastasis*. (You pronounce it: a-po-kuh-TA-stuh-sis.) And when Origen came across it, his eyes were opened. To Origen's way of thinking, if God truly is who we believe God to be, if God is all powerful and all loving, then ultimately God's loving arms will be wrapped around everyone. Yep, everyone. No exceptions. Origen believed, because of this one word in the Bible, that God loves not only you and me, but that God loved Judas, Hitler, your incredibly rude neighbor who lets his dog poop on your yard and doesn't pick it up, and even the devil himself.

Origen wasn't the only thinker in the church to believe this either. Another Egyptian, Clement of Alexandria, wrote about the *apokatastasis*. And Gregory of Nyssa, building off of this idea, declared that hell isn't a holding tank for bad guys, but a kind of refining fire that all of us will experience before we are ready to be restored to God at the last.

Eventually, Origen's beautiful vision of God's love being so powerful that no one will ultimately be left out in the cold proved inconvenient. The Holy Roman Empire was never subtle about using religion as a means of control. And the empire wasn't about to lose the fear of hell as a means of keeping people in line. Just a few hundred years after Origen died, Emperor Justinian called a church council to the beautiful city of Constantinople. One of the many things this body declared was that Origen's understanding of the *apokatastasis* were anathema, which meant anyone teaching or believing them would be excommunicated.

As I write this, I'm looking out my office window onto Boone's Ferry. I'm listening for sirens. Surely, the Constantinople Anathema Police are on their way. Before they arrive it would probably be wise to say I really agree more with the Emperors of the world than this strange, Egyptian theologian. But if they make me choose, I think I'll stick with Origen. I'll choose love.



IN THE NEWS

STAN AND MARILYN HEATH



Stan and Marilyn Heath began attending TPC regularly the same year Ken Evers-Hood became our pastor. Both Stan and Marilyn grew up in California.

Marilyn is from the Sacramento Valley and Stan grew up in Oakland. They met at a social while attending San Jose State and have been married for 57 years. Stan worked for Owens Illinois in Portland for 20 years. After retiring they moved to southern Oregon living in the Rogue Valley and then Medford. They moved back to Portland to be closer to their daughters. In the past both have enjoyed golf, hiking, walking and gardening. They used to travel stopping at golf areas on their way. Stan still enjoys gardening and landscaping. He has recently begun working out with a personal trainer. Marilyn is an avid reader. What made up their minds about TPC was its friendliness. They feel the Fellowship Dinner Groups of Eight are a good way to get to know the people in the church. Both agree that TPC is blessed with an outstanding music program and talent in the pulpit.

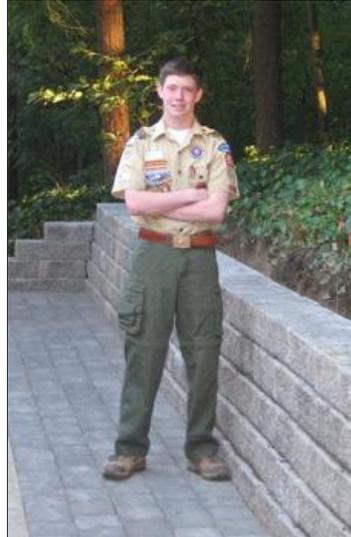
Sherry Nelson, Deacon for Parish 3



Jeff Weener's Vocal Recital Sunday, Feb. 20

It was an hour of beautiful music.

Left to right:
Meg Lewis Price
Jeff Weener
Denise Collins



EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Nick Dannemiller's Eagle Scout Court of Honor
**Saturday, March 26
7:00 pm at TPC.**

There will be a dessert reception following the ceremony.

Nick's eagle scout project extended the patio outside the church's narthex. This provides additional

space for future outdoor receptions and potlucks. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the work days last fall.

If you would like to attend Nick's Court of Honor, please RSVP to Jackie or Norm Dannemiller via email: ndannemi@spiritone.com or call (503)885-2405 so there will be enough dessert to go around. This is a very special event, so come help celebrate Nick's latest achievement.



SOUP EXCHANGE, January 15, 2011

Participants came with one kind of soup and left with many. What a wonderful way to stock the freezer for the cold, winter days ahead. Attendees from left to right: Jan Bender, Susan Springer, Pam Cameron, Kip Stevenson, Mary Ortez, Valerie James, Barb Crall, Barb Harriman, Carolyn Barker. Not pictured, Clare Hahn, photographer.

WHAT'S GOING ON

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

There will be a Simple Supper Potluck at 6 pm followed by worship at 7 pm.

There's a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex for the Simple Supper. Please sign up to bring soup or chili, salad, dessert or bread. Thanks.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 13 TO ELECT ELDER AND DEACONS

ADULT EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES

What does it mean to be a Disciple?

From the beginning, there was no simple way to be a disciple of Jesus. During Lent, we will explore the various models of discipleship and attempt to answer the question: What does it mean to be a disciple?

This adult education class will run 6 weeks, from **March 13 through April 17**, meeting at 9:15 each Sunday morning in the Adult Ed Room downstairs.

This class

- Introduces the idea of many models of Christian discipleship
- Contrasts the models found in Mark and Matthew
- Explores Luke's understanding of discipleship
- Examines John's model of servant hood
- Looks at Paul's model of the egalitarian community
- Explores the model(s) of discipleship found in the Pastoral Letters.

Come to the class for interesting insights and discussion. Contact Randy Beyer to sign up and receive class notes. He can be reached at ran.fred.beyer@gmail.com and (503)407-8495.

Mid Week Lenten Simple Suppers and Lenten Services

Starting Wednesday, March 16 and continuing each Wednesday through April 13 there will be a simple supper at 6:30 pm followed by a half hour Lenten service at 7 pm. Check the tower for additional info.

MISSION

COLLECTING PENNIES THRU FEBRUARY

Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program that began at Westside Elementary School in River Fall, WI in 1994. Children took the first step to help Greg Mortenson build his first school in rural Pakistan by collecting 62,340 pennies. Considered basically worthless in American society, overseas pennies can move mountains.



Pennies for Peace is a program of the Central Asia Institute, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, founded by Greg Mortenson. Greg is the co-founder and executive director of the Central Asia Institute, and co-author of the #1 NY Times Best-seller, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School At A Time*.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Saturday, March 19th at 7 pm Pinochle Night

If you are an expert player, would like to learn, or are somewhere in between, join us at the home of Jack and Dianne Lemmon (21976 SW 107th, Tualatin). We will play both partnership and three-handed pinochle. Bring a snack or dessert to share. There's a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex.

Sunday, April 17th after worship. Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch and Children's Egg Hunt

Sunday, May 15th after worship—Potluck and Talent Show. You have plenty of time to get your act together! If you are sure you have no talent, we need an audience, so mark your calendar!

TPC WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 7th at noon, Mad Hatter Tea Dust off your best spring bonnet and join us for high tea. Do you not have a hat? We will have some for you to borrow.

**INTERESTED IN WALKING
A HALF MARATHON IN JULY?**

A lot of training goes into preparing for such an event. Half the fun will be in working together. If you're interested, sign-up on the tower in the Narthex. If you want to walk with the group without walking the half marathon, sign up as well. **The second group walk scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 has been cancelled due to cold weather.**

CALLING ALL BACKPACKERS

Anyone interested in being part of a TPC backpacking trip this summer, come to an informational meeting downstairs in the adult education room on **Sunday, February 27th** after worship. Novices and children accompanied by an adult are welcome. For more information, contact Rebecca Crall at (503) 692-1677 or rcrall@hotmail.com.



**EAT A HAMBURGER
FEED A FAMILY
Sunday, February 27
11 am to 7 pm**

100% of your donation will go to the Tualatin School House Pantry that helps feed nearly 600 families needing assistance in the Tualatin, Durham, West Linn and Lake Oswego area. Your meal will consist of a fountain drink, fries and either a hamburger or cheeseburger. Other food options will not be available during this event. There will also be a raffle featuring great prizes. Fud-druckers is located at 17815 SW 65th Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR 97035



**Logos Youth Group
Meets Sunday, February 27**

Our theme for Sunday is BINGO! LOGOS begins at 5:00 pm. The first hour is for youth in grades 3 through 12 and includes Recreation Time and Bible Study. ALL ages are welcome during our second hour when we share a meal tied to our theme, play a short game, and then move into the sanctuary for a youth-centered worship service. Questions? Talk to Dr. Craig Bowen.

**33rd Annual
Celebration of Creativity
March 3—6, 2011**

Fine Art Exhibit & Sale

Southminster Presbyterian Church
12250 SW Denny Road, Beaverton, 97008
All events are free except Gala and Concert.
www.celebrationofcreativity.com

FORMER TPC MEMBER RELEASING CD

Annemarie Russell will appear at the Mississippi Pizza Pub in Portland on **Friday, March 4**. It's a CD Release Show to publicize the release of her new CD, *100 Reasons*. Starts at 9 pm. Cover is \$5, 21 and over. Other artists will also be featured: Arcellus Sykes, Demetrius Keller, Nathan Eklund, Douglas Haub, Jeremy Varo-Haub. For more information, go to Annemarie's website: www.annemarierussell.com.

**All adults are invited to the
Tualatin Valley Preschool Benefit Auction
"Wild Wild West: Ropin' the Stars for Our Kids"
Saturday, March 5, 6-10 pm**

at the Sherwood Elks Club,
22700 SW Elwert Road, Sherwood.
Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$12. There will be raffles, games, bbq appetizer bites, and both a silent and live auction. It is an adults-only evening. Tickets are available in advance with a free raffle ticket from the preschool, or at the door.

QUIET WATERS OUTREACH

Is excited to announce a new program called
"Out & About!"

It is a 3-4 hour monthly event for individuals with disabilities that will include activities such as bowling, going to a Blazers Game, or catching a movie. This is a new volunteer opportunity for those who are interested in being involved with more than just the Treasure Night Programs. We are looking for volunteers who can come help our guests have a great time. Our first event is:

Friday, March 11, 2011, 6 to 9 pm

Big Al's Fun Center
14950 SW Barrows Rd., Beaverton, OR 97007
To volunteer, call Becky Richer at 503-217-5141.

FITNESS WALKING

On **Sunday, March 20, at 2:30 pm** Laura Spurrell will host her personal trainer, Diane Hofman, at her home. Diane will talk about walking long distances such as a half marathon. Diane, a certified master trainer with 24 Hour Fitness, has special certification as a race coach. She will give an overview of what is involved in walking a half marathon and some training tips. If interested in attending, please contact Laura so she knows how many people to expect. (503)692-7034

Starlight Symphony presents
 **The Music of Dent Mowrey**
Sunday, March 27
at 7 pm at TPC

SPECIAL PHOTO EXHIBITION FOR EASTER!



CALLING ALL TPC PHOTOGRAPHERS!

You are invited to share your photographs with the congregation during a special photo show this Easter! The theme of the exhibition is *Our Eyes Opened*. You are welcome to share color, or black and white 8 x 10 images that best express to you the feeling of Easter. If you wish, you can include a title or artist statement. This invitation is open to all ages and you may share up to three photos!

Please drop off your 8 x 10 images, with your name and phone number on the back, in the Easter Photo box in the narthex by April 17th. TPC will provide matching frames. Your artwork will remain on display in the sanctuary until the end of May.

If you have questions, please contact Ellen VanSchoiack at (503) 692-7989 or at ervan2@juno.com

COMMUNION TABLE COVERS FOR ORDINARY TIME

Do you love to sew, quilt or embroider? Then you are just who we are looking for! Please join in a special project to build TPC a library of hand-made, one of a kind, communion table covers! The collection will be rotated throughout the year during the seasons of ordinary time. Except for a few guidelines, each artist is free to design as they see fit. Funds have been set aside to cover the lion's share of your project. The sign-up and project guidelines are available in the narthex. Deadline to sign up is April 24th. If you have questions, please talk to Ellen VanSchoiack.

Tualatin Valley Preschool

is a non-profit parent cooperative preschool for children ages 3-5. This preschool, which meets in the lower level of the church, is accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year. To enroll your child, contact Registrar Shannon Christianson at TVPregistrar@gmail.com, or call (503)691-9047 for more information about becoming a part of Tualatin Valley Preschool. Their website is www.tualatinvalleypreschool.org.

Ten Tenets of Whole Living from Whole Living Magazine

1. Happiness is a choice. Make that choice today and every day.
2. Good health isn't a gift; it's a habit you cultivate.
3. A healthy, fit body is not enough; true fitness engages the spirit.
4. Think more about what you should eat than what you shouldn't.
5. Laugh at yourself. You're funny.
6. Nurture your spirit. It's your source of strength.
7. Stay connected to the natural world. It will feed your soul.
8. Believe in yourself. Your intuition is rarely wrong.
9. It's never too late to take the first step toward your aspirations.
10. What you pay attention to will thrive.

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

Tualatin School House Pantry Shopping List

(Most Needed Items)

- Canned fruit juice
- Granulated sugar (any size)
- Canned fruit (except applesauce)
- Pasta (all varieties)
- Meat (especially chicken thighs, legs, breasts)
- Toilet paper
- Bags of potatoes
- Any fresh produce
- Powdered laundry detergent

COOK'S CORNER RECIPE

Earthquake Cake

1 C coconut
 1C pecans, chopped
 1 German Chocolate Cake mix, plus ingredients called for to make the cake
 1/2 C butter (1 cube)
 8 oz. pkg cream cheese
 1 lb powdered sugar

Grease 9 x 13 inch pan. Layer coconut, then pecans. Mix cake according to directions. Pour over pecans. Combine softened butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Mix well. Pour on top of cake mix. (You could drop by spoonfuls, if you wish. I found it hard to pour.) Bake 35 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. (I baked for 45 minutes.) Appears bumpy. Cool. Will be cracked like an earthquake. May be served with ice cream or whipped cream, but really does not need topping.
 Lynn Scroggin

Speaking of recipes, there are still copies of the TPC cookbook, *Cooking with Soul*, available for sale, \$15 each. Ask in the office.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Paula Miller	13 Jonathan Ayers
01 Erik Spurrell	14 Deborah Lewis
04 Terra Shiffer	14 Dick Wiggers
06 Karen Schmitt	15 Scott Long
07 Nimmi Senthirajah	17 Carolyn Locke
07 Owen Peterson	20 Blain Grover
08 Rod Kerr	22 David Norse
08 Bob Nix	23 Neal Reiling
08 Carolyn Meece	24 Harry Chase
08 Terri Holland	24 Daniel MacKay
09 Bob Fitzhenry	25 Mitchell Peterson
09 Sue Awdry	27 Lisa Ewing
09 Andrew MacHaffie	27 Hilde Frey
09 Owen MacHaffie	29 Mike Shiffer
10 McKenna Martson	30 John Lewis
11 Dean Wells	31 Maxine Jenovich
13 Jeni Wiggers	31 Piper Hammer

CURRENT CHURCH DIRECTORIES

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2011 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 1-31-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$28,446	\$37,650	(\$9,204)
Expenses Year to Date (as of 1-31-2011)			
	\$27,261	\$30,037	\$2,776

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Elders: Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Susan Fee, Carolyn Hale, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Jack Lemmon, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Sherry Nelson, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Bill Smiley, and Jeni Wiggers

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon