

K'nexing Moves: Choreography and Dance Workshop  
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Building K'nexions: A Place for Everyone was the fall theme for Oakridge Presbyterian Church. Dancers have a place in our church and they are a part of our worship arts program. The desire to build and have others experience this form of worship was one of the compelling reasons we wanted the Soli Deo Gloria Ballet Troupe to come to our church. The twenty children, youth and adults who participated were able to build k'nexions with the Soli Deo Gloria Ballet instructors and within one hour performed a choreographed worship dance piece.

Rachel Thomson co-director and writer of the Ballet introduced the topic of why dance for the Lord. She explained that dance was a way to express our joy to God by using body movement.

Soli Deo Gloria Ballet, a troupe based in Stevensville traveled to Oakridge Presbyterian Church to share their love of the art of dance to witness to the beauty of dancing for Jesus on November 21, 2010. This Christian troupe under the direction of Carolyn Curry, a professional ballet dancer, started in 2007.

The children from 8 years to adults, gathered for an amazing demonstration of how simple and yet how inspiring it is to listen to a piece of music and move to its rhythm. Many who gathered had no dance experience. With clear instructions, each age grouping was asked to follow Carolyn's movements. Step by step, movement by movement a sense of awe and joy was cast over those participating and those watching from the sidelines.

The beauty of seeing the little ones move gracefully and in time with the rhythm was remarkable. Within an hour a choreographed dance was set to "Praise You With The Dance" by Casting Crowns.

The excitement of those gathered had everyone raving about the time they had with a professional ballet dancer. Many were touched by the many aspects of the dance presentation.

We hope to invite the dance troupe to come again to teach more children and adults the graceful art of worship dance.