

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Week at the Chapel!



A MIMS FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Yuletide Evening of Carols and Christmas Songs
Thursday, December 20th 7:00 p.m.

Join Marilyn, Lloyd and Virginia Mims
accompanied by Stewart Foster on the piano.

Reserve your place by calling the receptionist 561-655-4212.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24th

4:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight
String Quartet, Chorale Soloist
Children's Participation with Song & Nativity

8:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight
String Quartet, Chapel Chorale, and Organ



Stewart W. Foster, Director of Music

The Advent-Christmas Season is synonymous with great music, and this year will be no exception. We have already enjoyed the tremendous David Phelps Concert, and the Christmas Cantata by the Chapel Chorus and Orchestra. Apart from the meaningful and joyous music presented by the Chapel Chorale every Sunday morning, there will be a special Christmas Concert, "A Mims Family Christmas" on Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. This presentation is special in so many ways; The Mims Family is a legend going back to Marilyn Mims' time as a premier opera star at the Met in New York. Then, their daughter followed in her prestigious mother's footsteps as the Chapel community watched her grow up in Palm Beach! Of course, Lloyd is very well-respected and lauded for his incredible solo voice as well, and we are amazed at his orchestra conducting. When they come together as a family to sing the wonderful songs of Christmas, it is a truly special gift. This year's program will feature both popular Christmas songs such as "It's the Most Wonderful Time of Year" and a "Snow Medley" and religious carols as well. They will invite the audience to join with them for a carol sing at the conclusion of the program. Please do not miss this unique opportunity, and it's a great way to introduce your friends to the vibrant chapel community! Please call the chapel 561-655-4212 for reservations.



On Christmas Eve, at the 8:00 p.m. service of Lessons and Carols, the Chapel Chorale will present several extremely beautiful anthems and carol settings, accompanied by the String Quartet and Oboist. This is a truly wondrous time to be in the Chapel, as candlelight illuminates the poinsettias and chancel area. "O Holy Night" is a favorite at this service, and "Silent Night" concludes the service, by candlelight.

The Music Department wishes all of you a Blessed Christmas this year, and thanks you for your wonderful enthusiasm and support week after week.



'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING
You can make a difference and help someone less fortunate.

For the Homeless at The Lord's Place & St. Ann Place
The Chapel is purchasing gift cards from Wal-Mart and Target thru December 19th.
Checks should be made out to The Chapel with notation: *Gift Card*.

For the Men and Women with Disabilities who work at The Palm Beach Habilitation Center
The Chapel is purchasing Palm Tran Ticket Booklets for \$35.00 thru December 19th.
This will provide much needed transportation to and from work. Checks should be made out to The Chapel with notation: *Hab Center Palm Tran*.
Thank you for your generosity!!

2019 Madeline McElveen Distinguished Preacher Series

Guest Preacher, The Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Bible Study with Dr. Tewell

Monday, January 14th @ 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

In Memory and Honor of Eddie Little



This season, in memory and honor of Eddie Little's life and 56-year ministry of endearing service and hospitality to the Chapel, the north entry area, opening to the Sanctuary and Kirkman Fellowship Hall where Eddie would station himself to greet and assist people's access, will be named the Eddie Little Hospitality Center. The area will be refurbished and appointed to honor and uphold in perpetuity our memory of this humble saint who from his labor's rests. All who are willing to participate in this worthy project may direct your contribution to the Chapel and note on it "Eddie Little Hospitality Center." Thank you for keeping Eddie's memory and his legacy of hospitality alive.



Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

During the short days and long nights of winter, the Christmas lights wrapped around palm trees, Christmas trees and wreaths provide a welcome and needed burst of light. I am one of those people who long for the winter solstice to pass so we can gradually start experiencing longer days, and during the Advent season, Christmas lights provide me with a needed source of light amid the darkness. A friend of mine in Edinburgh, once slipped a thank you note underneath the door of a home for the owners who displayed a large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree in their window, thanking them for the joy the tree provided on his daily walk to and from university during the short Edinburgh days. Similar to the light emanating from Christmas decorations (but on a much larger scale!), Jesus Christ provided a bright light to the world. John's Gospel proclaims, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (Jn. 1:5). Look at renaissance artwork of the birth of Jesus and you'll likely find light radiating from the baby Jesus. Jesus refers to himself saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (Jn. 8:12). This Christmas, we celebrate the light of the world, Jesus Christ, by whom we can see and understand ourselves, our world, and our walk with God. Whether we walk in the bright days of summer or the long nights of winter, God is with us, brightening our world, and at Christmas, we give thanks to God for entering our world.

Making a Contribution to the Chapel
May Be Done Using your Phone.



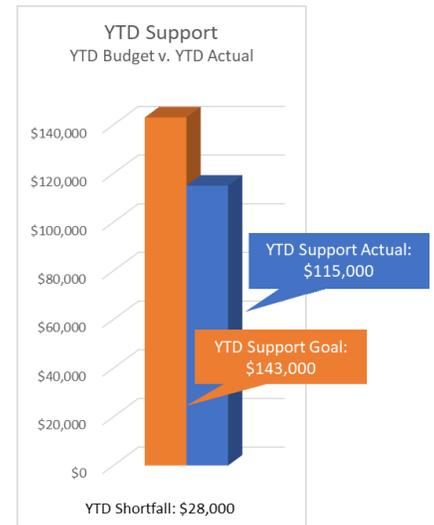
Or text RPC60 to 73256 using your text messaging. Our visit royalpoincianachapel.org and go to "Giving" on the top bar and select "Give".

Christmas and Year End Giving

As we reflect on our many blessings, we hope you will consider the Chapel in your year-end giving. Please note that all contributions to the Chapel must be processed or postmarked by 12/31/18, the IRS deadline for yearly tax deduction eligibility. For gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds), please allow five business days to complete the stock transfer by December 31 at 5pm. Contributions and gifts dated after 12/31/2018 will be reflected on next year's contributions statement. Regarding IRA Charitable rollovers, donors 70 1/2 and older can transfer up to \$100,000 annually from IRA accounts to public charities like the Royal Poinciana Chapel without being subject to federal income taxes on the distribution. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please do so by December 31. We suggest you consult your tax or financial advisor for the most up to date tax laws and any impact they may have in your situation.

Each Sunday, you'll find a card with the QRC code above in the pew racks. If you donate to the Chapel using your phone during worship, please feel free to take that card and place it in the offering plate as cash and check contributions are collected. Thanks for all you do to support the Chapel.

Financial Snapshot as of November 30, 2018



For questions, please call the Chapel 561-655-4212 or email:

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Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,437,000
 YTD Monthly Giving: \$115,000
 YTD Goal: \$143,000
 YTD Positive/Shortfall: -\$28,000

December's Goal: \$283,000

Thank you for all you do to support the Chapel. Your support enables us to provide all the dynamic ministries offered here at the Chapel. If we meet our new annual funding goal of \$1,437,000, we expect to have a balanced budget for the year. Budgeted costs for this year are approximately the same as the previous year, all while we continue to offer more programs and events to glorify God in this community and world.

Ashley and Christian Crandall, Directors of Children and Youth Ministries



Merry Christmas! It's hard to believe we are already well into the month of December and about to celebrate the birth of our Savior! This past month has been nothing short of exciting here with the children and youth of the Chapel. We are so thrilled to say we provided toys and toiletries for local homeless families through the Homeless Resource Center. We were truly blessed by our congregation on December 2nd when the children and youth put on a fantastic bake sale to raise funds for this outreach. The proceeds totaled \$730 which was just enough to cover our remaining gifts to be purchased! God is always faithful in providing!

We are super excited for the coming weeks - Christmas parties all around, the Christmas Cantata, and of course, Christmas Eve! Please join us at any one of our programs - classes will resume the beginning of January!

Blessings over you and your family this Christmas season! May the joy of Christ's birth surround your entire family!

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:30am

Open to newborn through high school

Kids Club: Resumes January 8th

Open to ages newborn through 4th grades

Friday Night Live: Resumes January 11th

Open to grades 5th through 8th

The Gathering: Resumes January 11th

Open to grades 9th through 12th

Please contact Christian & Ashley Crandall for information: admin@rpckids.com



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