

# THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

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**Christian and Ashley Crandall**

**Directors of Youth and Children's Ministries**

What a blessed year it has been with the children and youth at the Royal Poinciana Chapel! We've experienced growth that can only come from God - He truly has his hand over this ministry!

We are entering our 8th year working at the Chapel and 5th year working as the directors of children and youth! What an amazing privilege it is to be placed in this

position. When we first began in this ministry we knew that God had big plans and had opened that door specifically for us! Throughout the years we have grown substantially in our role as directors. Kids Club is thriving for our young ones as a mid-week Bible Study, Friday Night Live is as action-packed as ever with middle school students who are dedicated to coming each and

every week, and The Gathering, High School, has had a wonderful year filled with growth and exciting events! On top of our weekly classes, Vacation Bible Camp this past June was one of the largest we have seen - Children ARE coming to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and we are thrilled to be His hands and feet to accomplish this!

We look forward to another exciting year, one that will be filled with exciting events, new outreach projects, and MORE!

Blessings,  
Christian & Ashley Crandall



**Welcome to the Royal Poinciana Chapel Newsletter!**

**Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor**

Whether you are reading this latest issue of our Chapel Newsletter here in Florida or somewhere else around the country or world, I hope that you are having a wonderful summer! The Chapel Newsletter seeks to increase communications about the life of the Chapel with members and friends of the Chapel, and so perhaps there is no better time to be sending you a newsletter than right now, when we have members dispersed around the country and world. No matter where you are this day, please know that the Chapel continues to provide inspiring worship and serves as a light for Christ on Cocoon Row throughout the surrounding communities, and through each of you, around the world! Psalm 36:5 declares, "Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies." Truly, God's love is greater than anything we can fathom. Yet, we have glimpses of His love all around us. I hope that as you read this, you can each recognize those glimpses in your life and in the lives of those of you love. Each week, when we gather to worship, I hope that those glimpses become more and more clear. Sometimes our prayers should be less about asking God to be at work, and more about asking God to open our hearts and minds to see the ways He is already at work. God is doing so much in our lives and in the lives of others, and if we were able to fully recognize this, we would be in a constant state of awe and wonder. This isn't to discount struggle, but to say that God's love is with us through joy and hardship, and as the 23rd Psalm so famously and beautifully describes, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." No matter where your summer is taking you, God's love is there, and I hope you feel it!



**Worship on Sundays at 10:30am**

**Nursery available during Worship**  
for newborns to 24 months.

**Sunday School in Seagull Cottage**  
for 2 years old through 12th grades.



**Stewart Foster, Director of Music**

As I prepared to leave for my recent trip to Germany, which I will write about in next month's column, we all learned the extremely sad news that Dr. Jack Jones had passed away. As many of you know, my history with Jack goes back many, many years. As a 13-year old organ and piano student in Melbourne, Florida, I will never forget the first time I heard his brilliant organ performance at the First Baptist Church of Melbourne where my family were members. The occasion was the dedication of a small new 2 manual organ, and Jack played it like it was Notre Dame in Paris! Jack always rose to the occasion, and music was a privilege for him, in fact, the greatest privilege for him as his faith directed his musical endeavors. You could always hear this in his playing or conducting - a sense of Praise and Thanksgiving! My parents approached Jack after his organ recital and asked if he would consider teaching me. Amazingly, he agreed and thus began my first experience studying music with a world-class organist. After a year of taking lessons, Jack invited me to accompany several concerts with the Palm Beach Masterworks Chorus, which resulted in a European Tour that was fantastic.

Fast forward to the past several years where it has been my honor to serve as Jack's successor here at the chapel. I will give you just one indication of Jack's tremendous integrity and character. During his final few years as Director of Music at the chapel, Jack knew the organ console had worn out and needed to be replaced, but when asked about it by chapel leaders, he responded "I will leave that to the person who will follow me - that's the only right thing to do." Jack knew that it was in the best interests of the chapel to attract a new organist. I am so saddened that he was never able to perform a concert on the new organ console.

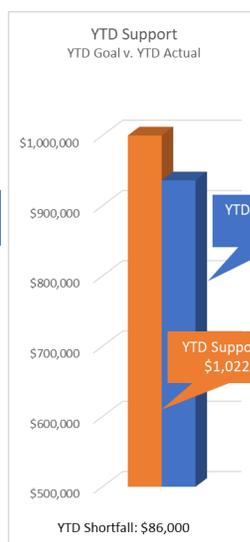
As a service of celebration of Jack's life is being planned during the next several months, I join with the all of Jack's friends in the greater community of South Florida and North Carolina, in mourning Jack's passing.

**SAVE THE DATE: BEGIN YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON on NOVEMBER 29TH WITH DAVID PHELPS TO BENEFIT CHAPEL CHARITIES**

David Phelps is an American Christian music vocalist, songwriter, and vocal arranger, best known for singing tenor in the Gaither Vocal Band. He has released several solo albums, including four Christmas collections.

We invite you to Google David Phelps "We Shall Behold Him" or "O Holy Night" for a preview of the amazing talent we anticipate.

**Financial Snapshot as of June 30, 2018**



Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,244,000  
 YTD Support Actual: \$936,000  
 YTD Support Goal: \$1,022,000  
 YTD Positive/Shortfall: -\$86,000

**July's Goal: \$47,000**

Thank you for your support, which enabled us to surpass our monthly goal in June. Although we remain short of our YTD goal, we are hopeful and optimistic that we will close the gap and exceed the goal for the year. Thank you again for all you do to support the Chapel!

**Chapel Staff**

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris, Senior Pastor  
 Stewart W. Foster, Music Director  
 Christian Crandall, Youth Ministry Director  
 Catherine D'Agostino, Finance Administrator

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