

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

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Welcome to the Royal Poinciana Chapel Newsletter!

Look inside for contributions from staff, Board members, and updates on Children's & Youth Activities

Dr. Jack William Jones

September 17, 1940 – June 1, 2018

Chapel Organist, Director of Music, Conductor, Accompanist, Composer

1989 – 2013



For 24 years, Dr. Jack Jones, from the Austin Organ console and the Baldwin Grand Piano, filled the Chapel sanctuary with melodious sacred music. For many years prior to and the short few that followed his tenure at the Chapel as Organist and Director of Music, Jack's life was known for, filled and fulfilled by his employ of sacred music. Jack was the master church musician! There was no musical composer nor composition, he could not play or direct. Jack likewise knew his audience and played to them. The commanding accuracy of his play was nothing short of astonishing. As smoothly as Jack's fingers traveled and as swiftly as his feet peddled, there was never a missed chord or a misplayed note. It was enjoyable to watch Jack's joyful expression as he played with precision, vibrancy and personal delight. He engaged the music and those who sang under his direction. Beyond the Chapel, Jack's founding and directing of the Masterworks Chorus in 1979 expanded his interests, influence and notoriety.

All things musically considered and combined makes it difficult to imagine that the days of Jack's hands racing and gracing the keys and his agile feet dancing about the pedals have ended. He left so much of himself right here in our hearts and congregational memory. Jack Jones was greatly loved and is dearly missed. Jack would bring the best of his soul, spirit and heart to worship. In turn he brought out the musical best of the Chapel Chorale and influenced our own congregational singing Sunday to Sunday and season to season. The Royal Poinciana Chapel is a "singing" congregation in large part as we have been influenced and inspired by Dr. Jack Jones for a quarter of a century. A memorial service at the Chapel yet to be dated will be announced this fall.

Few have had such a defined and lasting impact on any congregation's life of worship as Dr. Jack Jones had on this one. His hands and his feet are still. The bench is unoccupied, and his organ now is silent. Still, the sacred melody that Jack's life among us inspired and imparted will sing and ring on and on, and on ...

Dear Jack, we thank God for you. And until we meet again ... *Sola Gloria Deo!*

All of your Chapel congregants and colleagues

— Written by Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris —

Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

During my five years in Scotland, one of my favorite activities was hillwalking. Scottish hillwalking involves scaling what the Scottish call Munros, mountains over 3000 feet. A typical day involved a 13 to 16 mile hike, perhaps one or two mountaintops, and some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable along the way. While 3000 feet may not sound very tall by some standards, with the rapidly changing Scottish climate, which could go from beautiful clear skies to extremely limited visibility in a matter of just moments, climbing these Munros could quickly become a challenge. My friend, Simon, an experienced Munroist, meaning that he had climbed all 300+ Munros in Scotland (he actually did them three times each, so I was in good hands!), always

stressed wise and responsible preparation. In fact, the first time I visited Simon and his wife, Sylvia, at their home in the Highlands, waiting on my bed in the guest bedroom upon my



Aaron and Simon atop Ben Macdui, UK's 2nd tallest mountain

arrival was an emergency whistle and blanket to be carried on our treks. I quickly wondered what I had gotten myself into by agreeing to go on this walk! Importantly, Simon always made sure we had a map and manual compass as well as a GPS, which on more than one occasion was absolutely necessary. While I experienced several incredible views from the tops of Munros on clear days, there were a few occasions where there was nothing but wind, rain, and fog awaiting us at the top. On these days of extreme fog and disorientating conditions, it was easy to get turned around, directionally disorientated, and unable to find the correct direction required for our descent. Without the aid of the map, compass, and GPS, we would have been unable to navigate a return. Just like the vicissitudes of the Scottish climate, in each of our lives there are going to be ups and downs, days when we clearly feel God's love, and days when it seems a bit more distant. During those moments when clouds roll in and our lives might seem a little grey, and our ways perhaps a bit disorientated, we must lean on God to guide. Know that God is always with you, no matter the weather, no matter the emotion, no matter what. Like a compass pointing us in the right direction, the Bible provides guidance to help us navigate every turn in life. At the back of many Bibles is an index of emotions and circumstances, and corresponding Bible verses that deal with those situations. This is an excellent resource for finding Bible passages that might provide clarity, encouragement, and direction during times of joy or hurt. While we may feel able to find our ways most of the time, remember to respect and to trust your compass, because it points the way. During times of difficulty, trust the Bible for guidance, but even during times of joy or routine, always consult it to make sure you are on the right track. The compass is there to help, so let 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.



Men's Bible Study is on a once a month

schedule for the summer. Our July Meeting will be Tuesday, July 17, at 7:30am in Seagull Cottage.

Stewart W. Foster, Director of Music

I write this just as I am doing my final (and frantic) packing for a trip to Leipzig, Germany, tomorrow afternoon, where I will attend the 2018 Bachfest. This festival is notable for many reasons, perhaps most importantly because many of the events take place in Bach's final resting place - St. Thomas church, where he served as Director of Music in his final years. Musicians from around the globe gather every summer to attend concerts, lectures and just fraternize about music. The first weekend alone includes over 60 Bach Cantatas performed by international musicians! This summer I am pleased one of my former college professors, Dr. Lenora McCroskey will be on this trip. A group of us will rent a van after the festival so we can tour around Germany playing the old historic instruments that Bach played himself. These experiences are invaluable to the life of a musician - an opportunity to connect with the past while contemplating the future with other musicians who work in similar situations. I am grateful for the time away, and extend a special thanks to Rod Brown and Greg Ritchey who will be leading the music two Sundays during my absence. I look forward to telling you all more about this trip, hopefully with some nice pictures, when I get back! A blessed and safe summer to you all.



Getting to Know the Chapel's Board of Directors

Tim Sotos

Born in NYC

Attended U of Penn Wharton BS MBA

First full time job was as assistant dean of students while attending graduate school.

In my early career worked for an accounting/consulting firm and two Fortune 500 companies in various leadership positions. Travelled the world and lived full time in Saudi Arabia, Denmark and England.

Then with my business experience was ready to join privately held family healthcare company where I have served as Chief Financial Officer, Executive VP, President and CEO and currently Chairman. In Palm Beach, I also serve on the Board of Trustees of Palm Beach Atlantic University where I have helped found a new Center of Biblical Leadership as a well as serve as Chair of the Spiritual Life Committee. I have had a life long interest in leadership, corporate governance, and ethics specifically from a biblical faith perspective and have been invited to lecture on these topics throughout the country. I also serve on the Board of the Community Health Center of West Palm Beach serving as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

My wife Marybeth and I joined the Chapel several years ago. While I helped organize the Chapel Men's Bible Study Group and Book Club, Marybeth has become involved with the two women's Bible study groups, Prayer Ministry and Children's Programs.

We have three married adult children and five grandchildren.



Financial Snapshot as of May 31, 2018

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

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Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,244,000

YTD Support Actual: \$863,500

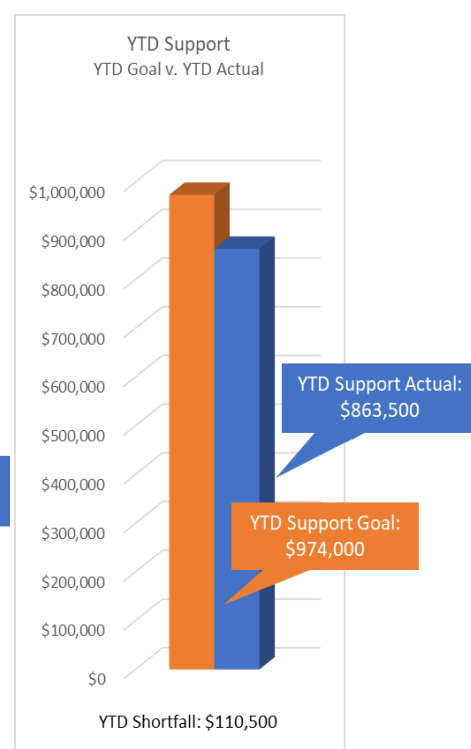
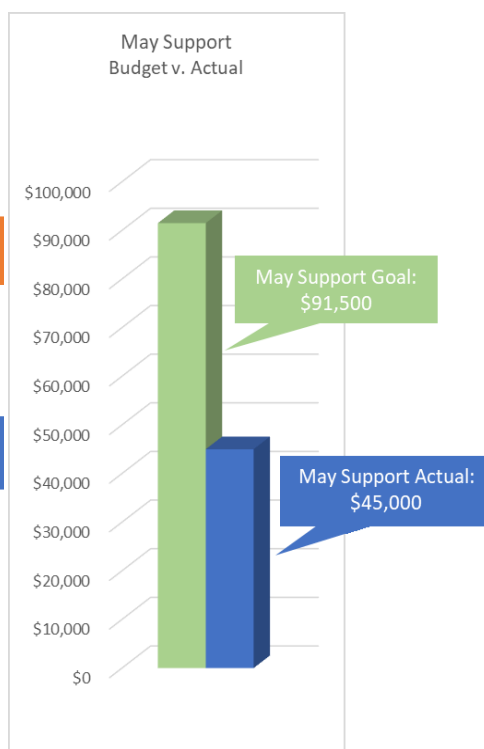
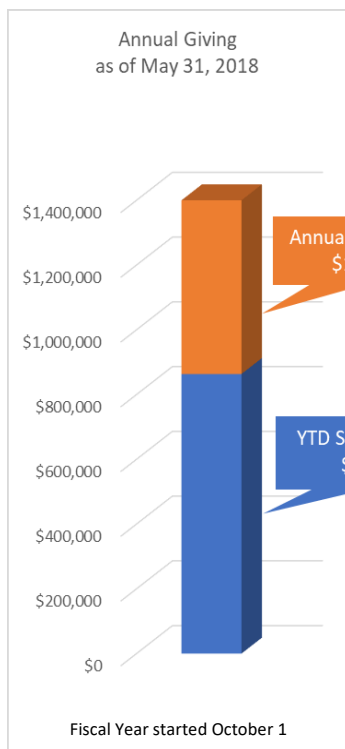
YTD Support Goal: \$974,000

YTD Positive/Shortfall: - \$110,500

June's Goal: \$48,000

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, especially as we are now into our summer season. Although we remain short of our YTD goal, we are hopeful and optimistic that we will continue to close the gap and exceed the goal for the year.

Thank you again for all you do to support the Chapel!



Updates from the Children and Youth Programs

Ashley and Christian Crandall,
Directors of Children and Youth Ministries

RPC Children's Program Delivered Beach Bags

RPC Kids filled 51 beach bags for homeless children in our community and some of the children and parents delivered them following a Sunday worship service to the Pat Reeves Center in West Palm Beach!



**Congratulations to our
Confirmation Class**



**Annual Bible
Presentation to
3rd and 4th
Graders**



Chapel Staff

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor
Stewart W. Foster, Music Director
Ashley Crandall, Children's Ministry Director
Christian Crandall, Youth Ministry Director
Debbie Norris, Office Administrator and Events
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**THE 2018 CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SEASON
BEGINS 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,
four Christmas collections.**

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

Update from Vacation Bible Camp, June 11 to 15

During VBC, the Chapel was transformed into an uncharted island where 49 children, with the help of a large team of adult and youth advisors, learned to thrive and survive with the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Daily activities included Castaway Sing & Play, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Ship Rec Games, Tropical Treats, and KidVid Cinema!

A huge thank you goes to our Director of Children's Ministry, Ashley Crandall, as well as our Director of Youth Ministry, Christian Crandall, along with all our adult and youth advisors and leaders.



**Friday Night Live for Middle School Youth and
The Gathering for High School Youth had
their final meetings of the season earlier this
month. Join us in the Fall for another
exciting year in youth ministry!**