

# THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Royal Poinciana Chapel Newsletter!



Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris, Senior Pastor

## THEY NEVER EVEN MISSED IT

Dear Friends,

We have been candidly speaking about stewardship this past year. With graphs, charts and Sunday morning narratives, called S.O.S (Something on Stewardship), we have sought to convey a succinct appeal for sufficient revenue to meet increasing operating expenses at the Chapel. It appears the message is beginning to get through. The collective response is beginning to bear fruit, but we are far from harvest! With a new fiscal year in place and a prudent though sizable budget forecast, your sustaining contributions are needed now at the beginning and not just to close a gap at year-end next September. Throughout the year, I will speak of stewardship as our individual response to God's manifold graces and about giving as a Biblical instruction.

I heard a preacher tell what happened in his small church near Ottawa, Canada. The church was in a large financial hole. They had gone through eight treasurers in three years. After a while nobody would take the job. Then, one of the leaders in the church said he would do it on one condition. "There would be no financial report for the whole year. You are not going to hear anything about how we are doing until the end of the year."

What could they say? They were desperate. And they agreed. Nonetheless, all year everyone kept wondering, "How are we doing? Why the mystery?" But they trusted this very godly man. It came to the end of the year and the church treasurer gave his report: "We have thousands of dollars in the bank. The organist is getting a raise. We will be purchasing new hymnbooks and Bibles for the pews. Our old and new missionaries are going to be supported." Finally, they asked this man, "What happened?" He said, "It's very simple. I run the grain elevator in this town. Without your knowing, I have been taking ten-percent of your sales of grain and giving it to the church. You haven't even missed it." What were they going to do? Were they going to ask for it back? They'd tithed up front and always had enough.

From our earliest days as a young couple, throughout our almost 35-year marriage. Debbie and I have been giving a percentage of our income to Christ's work, through the church we have been serving at the time. We give to other organizations we also deem worthy, where we feel our contributions make a difference. We both were blessed to observe the same giving methods in our parents and their modeling generosity. And in a like manner our experience has been like the grain farmers in our own contributions. We've hardly even missed it. We have been blessed in ways beyond measure and somehow have always had enough.

If you are not now doing so, let me encourage you to calculate your acceptable giving to God, not as a dollar or two folded and placed in the Sunday morning offering plate. Let me invite you to get radical and propose your giving be computed as a percentage of your income and accumulated resources. If this is new for you, begin with three or five percent. The Biblical principle is proportional giving. "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income..." (I Corinthians 16:2).

Remember the grain farmers!

Bob Norris



### 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 refurnished 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.

#### Weekly Offerings

##### Sundays

#### Sunday School for Adults

Returns November 4, 9:15am  
in Seagull Cottage

#### Worship every Sunday at 10:30am

#### Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:30am (During Worship)  
in Seagull Cottage  
newborn through high school

##### Tuesdays

#### Men’s Bible Study

7:30am, in Seagull Cottage.

#### Kid’s Club

4 to 5:15pm, in Seagull Cottage  
(newborns through 4th grade)

##### Wednesdays

#### Twenties and Thirties

6pm, in Seagull Cottage

##### Fridays

#### Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study with Deborah Crandall

10am to 12pm, in Fellowship Hall

#### Friday Night Live

6pm to 8pm, in Seagull Cottage  
Middle School Youth Group

#### The Gathering

6pm to 8pm, in Seagull Cottage  
High School Youth Group

- See the bulletin for other activities & events as more programs continue to launch.



Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

#### Twenties and Thirties — A Newly Launched Group

Over the summer our newest educational opportunity was launched— Twenties and Thirties, also known as TnT! While we began by meeting the first and third Wednesday of every month in July, due to popular demand from the participants, we now meet weekly at 6pm in the Seagull Cottage. From our very first meeting we have had engaging discussions about the Bible and faith, and how we live our faith on a daily basis. We draw upon the Bible and our own experiences to have relevant discussions. In addition to these weekly Wednesday meetings, various social activities are in the works to foster greater friendship among the group.

### THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL PRESENTS



Thursday, November 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

BENEFITTING CHAPEL CHARITIES

WE INVITE YOU TO GOOGLE DAVID PHELPS’ O HOLY NIGHT  
FOR A PREVIEW OF THIS AMAZING EVENING

REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER FOR TICKET INFORMATION



**Stewart W. Foster, Director of Music**

Drs. Jason and Laurie Lester will be joining the Royal Poinciana Chapel Chorale beginning October 21. After fifteen years in Houston, TX, they relocated to West Palm Beach when Jason accepted the position of Dean of the School of Music and Fine Arts at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Both Laurie and Jason have earned degrees from Baylor University, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and Florida State University. They have two wonderful children, Natalie and Luke, and look forward to serving in the Royal Poinciana Chapel community.



**Worship**  
**Sundays 10:30am**



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](http://royalpoincianachapel.org) and go to "Giving" on the top bar and select "Give".

**FALL FEST BBQ, and KIDS CARNIVAL**

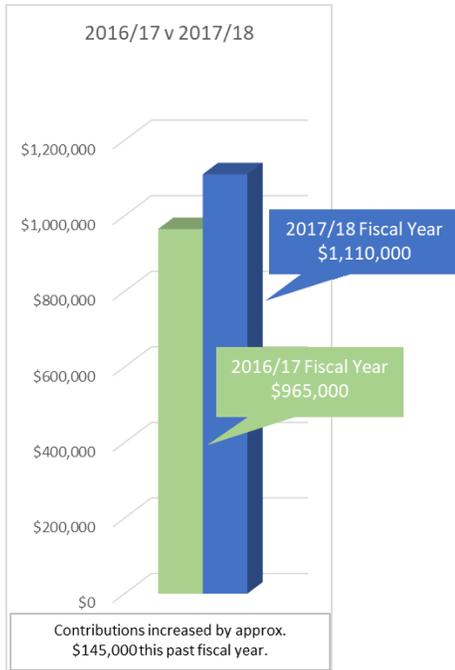
Sunday, October 28th  
Following Worship @ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
BBQ Catered by PA BBQ Grille  
Carnival activities for kids  
Tickets available to purchase after worship 10/21 or by calling 561-655-4212 during the week from 9:30 am – 2pm



**Hurricane Relief**

The Chapel is raising funds to help with disaster relief efforts in Florida. We will assist with funding for feeding stations, medical treatment and water supplies. Please make your check payable to the Chapel, notation Hurricane. Thank you for your generosity to people in need.

**Financial Snapshot as of Sept. 30, 2018**



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Thank you for your ongoing support. While we fell short of meeting our financial goal for the last fiscal year (ended on September 30), we made significant improvement from the previous year. We truly appreciate your support. All of the dynamic ministries of the Chapel would not be possible without your help, thank you for supporting the important work taking place at the Royal Poinciana Chapel!

And thank you in advance for helping us do even better this upcoming fiscal year. We are excited and encouraged by the positive energy, increased worship attendance, and new programs offered here at the Royal Poinciana Chapel.

2017/18 Fiscal Year Annual Budgeted Support:	\$1,244,000
2017/18 Fiscal Year Support Actual:	\$1,100,000
2017/18 Fiscal Year Positive/Shortfall:	-\$134,000

## Ashley and Christian Crandall, Directors of Children and Youth Ministries

We're off to a great start to the school year! Sunday School, Kids Club, Friday Night Live, and The Gathering are well underway and have considerable momentum! Kids Club kicked off with a fun ice cream party! Each week the children are learning more about the Bible, diving into some familiar and also unfamiliar stories. Friday Night Live & The Gathering kicked off with an enormous water slide, Kona Ice food truck, pizza, and more! Currently, the middle school students are studying who God really is - our Guide, loving and perfect! The Gathering, High School, is walking through the book of Mark and have planned some exciting monthly events!



On October 9th the children and youth of the Chapel hosted a Family Night at Program REACH, a local homeless shelter currently housing 19 families. The evening was filled with PDQ dinner, balloon artist, face painting, crafts, and fellowship. We were also able to donate Publix gift cards to each family! What a blessing to all who participated in this outreach!

Looking forward, the children and youth have many exciting events soon approaching. Kids Club will host the annual Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 30th. FNL & The Gathering have a fall bash planned for November 2nd. Also, new outreach projects are in the works! We would love for you to join us at any of our programs!



Sunday School: Sundays at 10:30am, Open to newborn through high school

Kids Club: Tuesdays from 4pm-5:15pm, Open to ages newborn through 4th grades

Friday Night Live: Fridays from 6pm-7pm, Open to grades 5th through 8th

The Gathering: Fridays from 6pm-7pm, Open to grades 9th through 12th

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