

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

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Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

During this season of Lent, we anticipate the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ and the beautiful Easter celebration of his resurrection from the dead. This forty day period (not including Sundays) is significant. We're reminded of the forty days and nights Moses spent with God on Mt. Sinai before coming down with the Ten Commandments, the forty days and nights Elijah journeyed to Mt. Horeb, the forty days and nights Noah remained on his ark during the rain and subsequent flooding, the forty days Jonah gave the city of Ninevah to repent, the Israelites' forty years of wandering in the wilderness, and the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness as he endured temptation by the devil. Attested to by the Bible, forty days is a significant period of time.

After the forty day (or for the Israelites after the Exodus event, forty year) periods depicted in the Bible, there is significant change and transformation for the people who went through such time. During this period of Lent, we are provided an opportune time to be more intentional in doing what we should be doing all year long, and with all our lives—looking to Christ and striving to put him at the center of our lives. In striving to grow in our faith this Lenten season, I encourage you to take advantage of all the Chapel has to offer. It is my hope that after some intentional practices that seek to deepen your faith and careful thought about God during this time, you will experience positive growth in your life. Hopefully you will know more of the love God showed for each of us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Aaron Janklow

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris, Senior Pastor

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CHAPEL MEMBERSHIP

This Sunday, we introduced 17 new members during worship. One woman referenced how the number of those participating in this new member class is equivalent to the number who attend her church “up north.” While sad to hear this, and without speaking to it, what I do hear over and over again is how authentic is the “welcome” that people receive here. Hospitality is a recognized hallmark of the Chapel in this community. How wonderful it is to witness the climbing growth in worship attendance and weekly program participation this season and to hear expressed desires to become meaningfully engaged.

A question occasionally asked is, “How can I make more of my Chapel membership?” When asked, I inquire, when you think and speak of the church in general, and of the Chapel in particular, do you reference the Chapel as “ours,” “it,” or “theirs?” I find that those speaking about the Chapel as “my” and “ours” are far more likely to invest themselves than those who reference the Chapel as a place and structure, or when referring to Stewart Foster, Ashley and Christian Crandall, Dr. Janklow and of me -- as ones who give the Chapel identity.

The apostle Paul, to the Corinthian church, wrote “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Paul is implying, as Christians, that we do not simply belong to the church. We are the church. When we think of ourselves as “belonging” to the Chapel, we maintain a kind of artificial distance between ourselves and the Chapel’s life and purpose. When we reference the comprised church as the body of Christ along with our place and purpose in it, we more meaningfully participate.

It naturally flows then to visitors (of which there appear to be many this season) we are “hosts” to our guests. Remember, the Chapel is we, not it or they. In this blessed season of Lent leading up to Holy Week and Easter Day, again I say, “Thank You” for being such willing “hosts,” as you welcome and invitingly minister to every “guest” who would like to share the joys of our family of faith!

With much appreciation, anticipation and joy!

Bob Norris





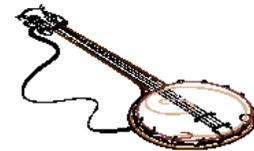
Stewart W. Foster, Director of Music

We have three exciting musical events to look forward to over the next several weeks. First, on Sunday March 31 at 5pm our wonderful Chorale will join forces with the equally wonderful Bethesda-by-the-Sea Choir for a joint concert of choral music for double choir. As many of you know, we collaborate with BBTS on a regular basis, most recently for the Ash Wednesday service, and it is a great partnership. It will be a thrilling experience to welcome their full choir to the chapel for the March 31 concert, with their Director of Music, Harold Pysher conducting, and myself at the console. The concert will conclude with Randall Thompson's "Ye Shall have a Song" which is a hallmark of 20th century American Choral music, requiring an 8-part double choir to perform.

Then, on Sunday April 7 we will partake in a wonderful tradition here at the Chapel- Blue Grass Sunday! This year's band is Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, returning after a memorable appearance several years ago. They will present gospel Blue Grass music during the morning service and a short set of lighter music before the barbeque lunch starts afterwards. Tickets are required for the barbeque lunch, and they sell out quickly so please call the Chapel office for reservations.



On Friday April 12 at 7:30pm, we welcome back the Palm Beach Atlantic Orchestra, conducted by Lloyd Mims, in a program of music for organ and orchestra. To listen to the power of the Chapel's Austin Pipe Organ, paired with the majesty and grandeur of the symphony orchestra, is an event not to be missed. The program is very audience accessible, including Albinoni's Adagio in G Minor and Rimsky-Korsakov's A Russian Easter. I will open the organ up to its fullest resources in Pietro Yon's fantastic Concerto for Organ and Orchestra, which includes several breathtaking pedal glissando passages the likes of which is rarely seen!



APRIL 7th BLUEGRASS BBQ

Smokin' Gator BBQ tickets are on sale!
on Sundays following worship in the North Entrance.

You may also call Mon-Fri from 9am-2pm
@ 561-655-4212 to reserve your ticket.
Last year's BBQ was sold out so reserve now!
\$15/per person Children 8 and under free.

Sunday, March 24th, 2019

**Celebrate the Engagement of Dr. Aaron Janklow and Laurel Hoffman
Immediately following worship in the Kirkman Fellowship Hall**



At 12 noon there will be a special time of conversation with the happy couple who are getting married this June, so that you, the congregation, can get to know them better!!

At the fun gathering, friends will be collecting cash and checks made out to cash to be given to Aaron and Laurel to purchase household and kitchen items. The cash collection will be given to them anonymously.

**If you are unable to attend and wish to contribute,
please call Miriam @ 336-491-0002.**



Getting to Know the Chapel’s Board of Directors: Margie McCloskey-O’Neil

Born: Summit, NJ

Resided: Short Hills, NJ; New Vernon, NJ; Manchester, VT; Palm Beach, West Palm Beach & North Palm Beach, FL; Manhattan, NYC

Occupation: Mother of 3 girls, Real Estate Sales in Summit, New Providence & Berkeley Heights, NJ

Personal Interests: St. Ann Place for the Homeless which provides hygiene assistance and refuge for the chronic homeless; Hospice of Palm Beach County Board Member; Navy SEAL Museum Auxiliary Board Member, Royal Poinciana Chapel Board of Directors for many years with breaks. Proudest achievement in last 10 years is being Co-creator of Palm Beach Navy SEAL Evening of Tribute and Co-Chair of 4 events raising over 4 million dollars.

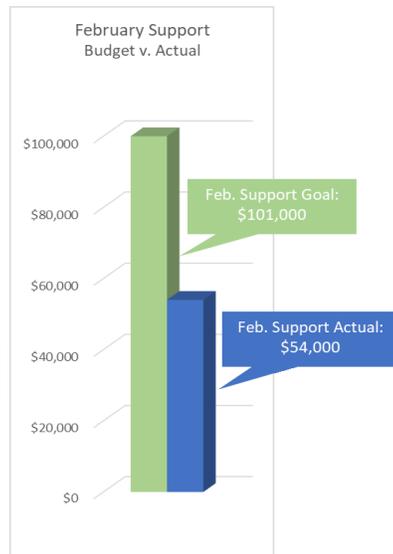
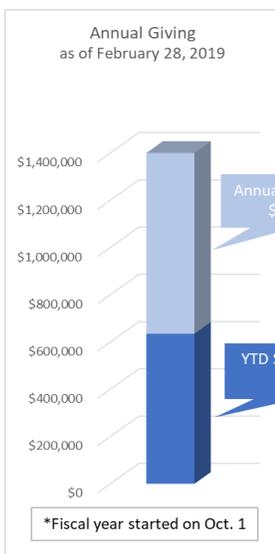


Why I love the Chapel: It is a church experience like no other—beautiful facility with light surrounds, people who come to truly worship, children everywhere (since Bob’s arrival), beautiful music, friends in their usual seats, and Bob to preach and welcome everyone.

S.O.S.—Something on Stewardship

Thanks for your support of the Chapel. Your contributions are vital to the inspiring worship, music, and spiritual development programs offered here at the Chapel. Our fiscal year began October 1, and after a strong start in the first quarter, we have fallen short of our monthly goal the first two months of this calendar year. Despite this, we remain hopeful that with your help, we can meet our annual funding goal of \$1,437,000. With just two months to go before Easter, we thank everyone who has contributed to the Chapel, and ask that you please keep the Chapel and all we are doing in your minds and hearts, and do what you can to help us remain the vital place we are for worship and growth. Please know that budgeted costs for this year are approximately the same as the previous year, all while we continue to offer more programs to glorify God. Thank you for your dedication and support.

Financial Snapshot as of February 28, 2019



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

- Dr. Norris, drrsnorris@royalpoincianachapel.org
- Dr. Janklow, dr.apjanklow@royalpoincianachapel.org
- Mike Cook, Treasurer, jmichaelcook@comcast.net
- Catherine D’Agostino, Finance Administrator
accounting@royalpoincianachapel.org

Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,437,000
 YTD Giving: \$635,000
 YTD Goal: \$648,000
 YTD Positive/Shortfall: -\$13,000
March’s Goal: \$140,000

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



Or text RPC60 to 73256, or visit royalpoincianachapel.org and go to “Giving” on the top bar and select “Give”.



Christian and Ashley Crandall, Directors of Youth and Children's Ministries

February was a rich month full of fun and celebrations! Early in February we had a birthday celebration in Sunday School, celebrating birthdays all around! The children on Sunday mornings are continuing to dive into the life of Jesus. They've been reading through the Gospel books of the Bible, looking more in depth into Jesus' life on earth and his miracles. Kids Club has continued with great momentum as well. We're so happy to welcome a new Mommy and Me lead to our teaching staff. Valentine's Day brought about a wonderful lesson on love and how the ultimate love is Jesus Christ! Friday Night Live is just that, very "lively"! Each week we are seeing new middle school students join our already abundant group. On February 22nd we were able to celebrate five middle school students accepting Jesus into their lives! This was SO exciting to see! These middle school students are in the process of planning their very own fundraiser to provide a family night for Program Reach, a local homeless facility. The Gathering, high school, had a movie night full of candy, popcorn, and fellowship. They have continued to discuss Jesus' time on earth. They also attended an event at The Bridge Church where they experienced an interactive dialogue about current racial tensions and how we can promote understanding and peace.

Looking forward into the next few months is very exciting. Easter Sunday is a wonderful time where the children learn about Jesus' resurrection and also enjoy one of the island's largest Easter egg hunts! Then, early June brings about our annual Vacation Bible Camp. Registration for this event is now open! Please visit rpckids.com for more information and to register your child.

Please feel free to join us at any of our weekly programs! We would love to see you and your family!

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-8pm
Open to grades 5th through 8th

The Gathering: Fridays from 6pm-8pm
Open to grades 9th through 12th

Please contact Christian & Ashley Crandall with any questions or for information: admin@rpckids.com



**2019 MADELINE MCELVEEN
DISTINGUISHED PREACHER SERIES**

Sunday, March 17th, 2019

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. William Carl III

Sermon: You're Somebody!

and

Bible Study with Dr. Carl

Monday, March 18th @ 9:00am

Fellowship Hall

The Marks of the Church in the Twenty-first Century

**SUNDAY MARCH 31st FELLOWSHIP HOUR
2019 MISSION FESTIVAL**

Come linger over coffee following worship in Fellowship Hall and learn about the work and ministry of the local charities we support through Chapel Benevolence.

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