

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

APRIL NEWSLETTER

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HOLY WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18th - 7:00 pm

TENEBRAE WORSHIP IN SHADOWS

Service of Darkness, Meditations, and Music

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19th - 12:00 Noon

Dubois' majestic work, *SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST*

Chapel Chorale and Chamber Musicians

EASTER DAY

April 21st - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Worship & Sunday School

Sermon: *Eighteen Inches to Easter*

Dr. Norris, preaching

Chorale, Brass, Timpani and Organ

Children's Egg Extravaganza on the Great Lawn following 11:00 am Worship

Chapel Friends,

I invite you to take time during Holy Week to attend the variety of worship services here at The Royal Poinciana Chapel. You will be blessed by attending as you prepare yourself for the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus. Then, join me along with Dr. Janklow, Stewart Foster, the magnificent Chorale and majestic brass, string and percussionists for the grand celebration of Easter. All to the Glory of God!

Bob Norris

TENEBRAE

A Service of Darkness

by Hal H. Hopson



TENEBRAE SERVICE

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm

With the Chapel Chorale and Instrumental Ensemble

The Service of Tenebrae has a rich tradition in the church, dating back to the eighth century. Tenebrae is a word derived from Latin meaning "darkness." Through word and music, this service dramatizes the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.

As the service moves from light into darkness, the diminishing light symbolizes the fading devotion of the apostles as well as the gradual dying of our Lord.

At the end of the service, the sanctuary will be in darkness. The congregation is asked to leave silently, contemplating Christ's suffering and death, in preparation for the joy we will celebrate with Christ's resurrection on Easter Day.



Stewart W. Foster, Director of Music

Music for Holy Week and Beyond

Our Chapel musicians are very busy preparing meaningful music for the various Worship Services of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday when Dr. Lloyd Mims will sing Faure's "The Palms" and Christopher Waite will sing Gounod's majestic "Sanctus" ("Holy, Holy, Holy"). Then, on Thursday evening April 19 at 7:00 pm, a service of Tenebrae - "Worship in Shadows" - will be offered as a worship experience that is new to many of us. Pairing various readings of Scripture and meditations with Music of the Passiontide, candles are extinguished one by one to signify the fading devotion of the apostles. Several hymns will be sung by the entire congregation during this service, including "Ah Holy Jesus," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." The singers and congregation will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble and organ.

On Good Friday, we continue the long-held tradition of performing a Passiontide Choral Cantata at the noon hour. This year, our singers and a string quartet will offer Theodore Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross." There will be prayers and hymns as well during this service. Several poignant solo moments are included in this cantata by many of our chorale singers.

Easter Sunday- the most beautiful Sunday of the year!- will include the most majestic music featuring the Chapel Chorale, organ and The Jeff Kaye Brass Ensemble. We as musicians of sacred song, look forward to singing the most glorious renditions of Praise for this Sunday! The central anthem this day will be "Light's Glittering Morn" composed by Horatio Parker, an historic American Composer who is related to Gay Gaines' family!

The final musical events of our 2018-2019 season will take place on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12. During the Sunday morning Worship Service, we will welcome Charlene Connor at the harp, and then the same afternoon we will host Giles Tomkins in a vocal concert in Seagull Cottage at 4:00 pm. Giles is a Canadian/British Bass-Baritone known for his vocal virtuosity and lyricism. He is a relative of the Randolph Family and we so look forward to welcoming him to the Chapel for this season-concluding event.



Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

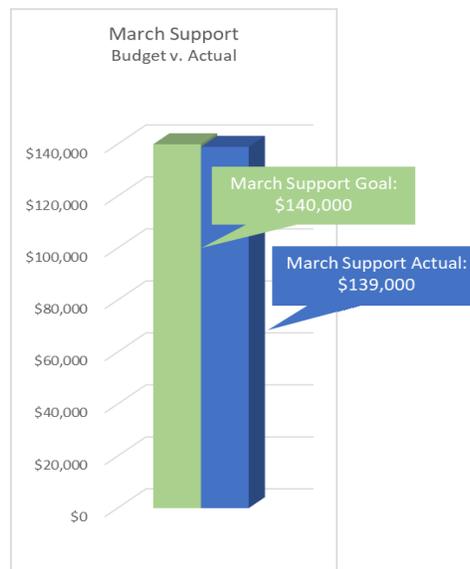
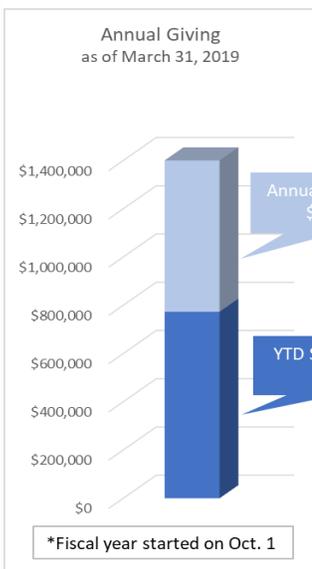
When interviewing for this position, I mentioned the wonderful blessing that my family is—my parents, brother and sister-in-law, and my now almost three year old niece, Emily—and shared that I hoped to meet my wife during the course of my life in the place to which I moved. After proposing to Laurel on December 30, it was incredibly exciting to share this news with the Chapel, and it meant so much to Laurel and I both when Dr. Norris so kindly invited us to come forward and introduced us to the Chapel as an engaged couple. I have always been honored to be part of the Chapel’s history, and am now extremely thankful to be the first pastor to become engaged while in ministry here! Even before Bob’s announcement, however, the excitement and support from the congregation was tangible, and we have been so thankful for you and the enthusiasm you have shown towards us and our upcoming wedding on June 15 here at the Chapel. Following a wonderful event Debbie organized to celebrate our engagement with Chapel staff at the Yacht Club, for which we are so thankful, Laurel and I were then so thrilled to celebrate with the congregation at the event held on March 24. The event was wonderful, and Laurel and I truly thank everyone who planned, organized, and executed this event, as well as everyone who contributed to the wonderful and most generous gift presented to us following this celebration. This was extremely kind and so meaningful to us both as we start our lives together, THANK YOU! As I said at the celebration, Laurel and I did not know what to expect, but it is safe to say that this event was beyond what we had imagined. The outpouring of support, excitement, and encouragement we experienced is significant to us both. It is a joy to share this blessing with my Chapel family, and I am thankful for all in this congregation who have extended congratulations and have so fully invited us both into the life of this congregation. Thank you!

S.O.S.—Something on Stewardship

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Chapel, and thank you for helping us (almost) make our goal for the month of March. Your contributions are vital to the inspiring worship, music, and spiritual development programs offered by the Chapel each week. As we now approach Easter and have moved into April, where we have our highest monthly goal before the arrival of the summer months, we are hoping for another strong month which will help meet the year round needs of the Chapel. Your support has helped us reach 98% of our goal at the midpoint of our fiscal year, and with our momentum regained in March, we now hope you can continue to help support the Chapel as we strive to offer more programs to glorify God.

Thank you for your dedication to the Chapel.

Financial Snapshot as of March 31, 2019



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

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Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,437,000

YTD Giving: \$773,000
 YTD Goal: \$788,000
 YTD Positive/Shortfall: -\$15,000

April’s Goal: \$187,000

**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

It is hard to believe we are already talking about the summer around here! The Chapel's children and youth are rapidly approaching a busy few months ahead with Easter, year end parties, and Vacation Bible Camp! In recent weeks, Friday Night Live has begun their efforts to put on a family night for Program Reach, a local homeless facility in West Palm Beach. On Sunday, March 31st the FNL youth raised \$685 from a Krispy Kreme donut sale during the missions fair! These students will continue to sell donuts throughout the month of April in order to raise enough funds for this family night. Beginning in May, the children of Kids Club and Sunday School will begin to put together summer beach bags for the children of Program Reach. The families of Program Reach were so blessed by this effort last year.

Easter Sunday is a wonderful time to bring the whole family together for Sunday service and our annual egg hunt. Please visit the Chapel website for more details. Also, Vacation Bible Camp registration is now open. Please visit rpckids.com for more information and to register your child. We are in need of volunteers for this week of camp (June 10-14). If you would like to help, please contact Ashley at admin@rpckids.com.

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 10:30 am
Open to newborn through high school**

**Kids Club: Tuesdays from 4:00 pm-5:15 pm
Open to ages newborn through 4th grades**

**Friday Night Live: Fridays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Open to grades 5th through 8th**

**The Gathering: Fridays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Open to grades 9th through 12th**

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



IF YOUR CHILD IS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR, PLEASE CALL THE CHAPEL OFFICE @ 561-655-4212 AND LET US KNOW. THANK YOU!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAY, MAY 5th 9:00 am

SEAGULL COTTAGE

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING

THE CHAPEL FAMILY.

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