

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

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A Time to Return, Remember and Give Thanks

The writer of Ecclesiastes asserts ... To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. Enumerated are substantive moments and memories for things for which seasons of life are given.

Forty years following graduation, I am at Princeton Theological Seminary attending my reunion, a first for me! This week's return seems a fitting time to reflect about the place that has meant and still means so much to my life and ministry. I am reflecting on the rich privilege of study in this revered place. Here I was honored to serve on the campaign committee to raise major funds for the new Princeton Seminary Theological Library, serve as advisory council to three seminary presidents and be adjunct faculty; teaching lessons learned about pastoral leadership and the practice of ministry.

As I sit here in the library, where many of my days were spent, I am reminded and rekindled in remembrance with great gratitude to God for this immense repository of learning, and for the people and professors who were instigators of inspiration and ministry motivation. Among many, I am one who has been amazingly blessed. Where is it that each of you might sit and reflect on the blessings of your life?

The third chapter of Ecclesiastes serves as a reminder of how important are the places, people and purposes to which we are drawn throughout the seasons of life. Like this week has been for me, where do you have the opportunity this spring and summer to initiate or respond to invitations to return to your roots? The places that shape our lives in real time and in retrospect are sacred to us and others should know why this is so. Each of us has a story to tell and seasons to reflect upon that are filled with memories and God given opportunities.

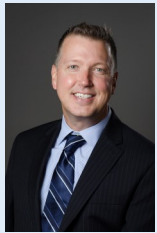
Give honor and gratitude for the places and people that were God initiated and transformative in your life. Perhaps over the next few months, you will have opportunity to share the significance of your sacred story as you take time to return, remember and give thanks.

Let your life be known!

Bob

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris, Senior Pastor





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Director of Music

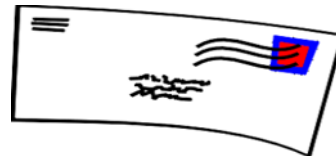
As the high season draws to a close, I would like to say a huge Thank You to soprano Sarah Rogers who will be leaving West Palm Beach this summer. She recently graduated Palm Beach Atlantic, in the studio of Marilyn Mims, and has been accepted in the Master's Voice program at the Boston Conservatory. Sarah has been a regular and cherished part of the Chapel music program for several years. Many of you will remember her gorgeous solos during Worship Services and the Last Supper presentations. We will certainly miss her but look forward to welcoming her back whenever her schedule permits! And of course, we wish her all the success and God's Blessings on her as she starts this new and exciting chapter of her education and career as a professional soprano.



IF YOU CHILD IS GRADUATING
FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR,
PLEASE CALL DEBBIE @ 561-655-4212
BY FRIDAY MAY 31ST
FOR RECOGNITION ON JUNE 2ND .

THANK YOU!

IF YOU ARE LEAVING FOR THE SEASON
AND WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR SUMMER ADDRESS,
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AND PROVIDE YOUR MAILING INFORMATION.



SUMMER OUTREACH

Summer is always a scorcher, and it's much worse for those without shelter!
Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and rain ponchos to help protect the homeless people
served by THE LORD'S PLACE are being collected.
Please drop off items in the reception area North Entrance.

COLLECTION ENDS SUNDAY JUNE 16TH.

THANK YOU!



The Wedding Ceremony of Laurel Hoffman & Aaron Janklow

June 15, 2019 at 4pm at the Royal Poinciana Chapel

All Chapel Friends Are Invited



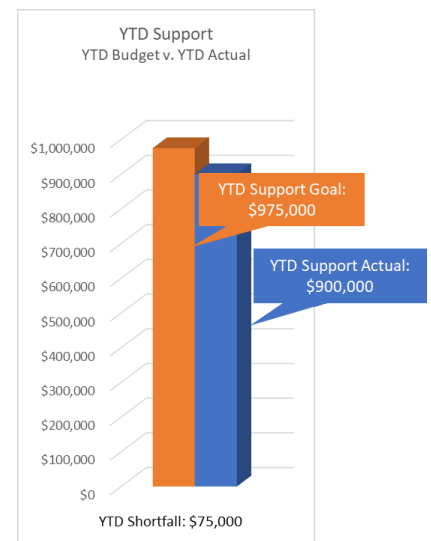
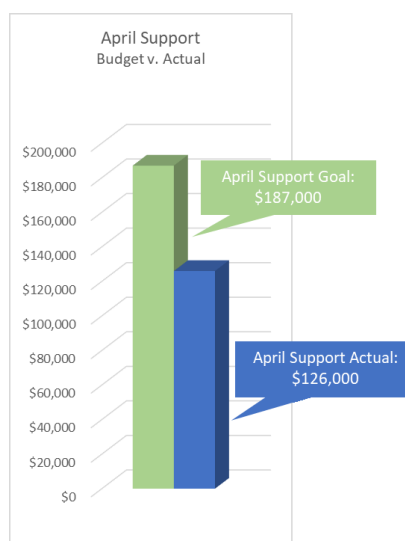
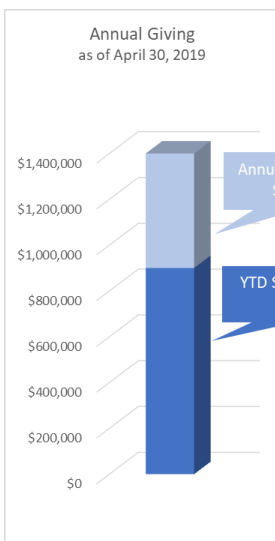
Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

Looking back at “the season,” there has not only been great energy in worship, demonstrated by increased worship attendance and dynamic services, but positive momentum in spiritual development opportunities for adults. With the exception of Monday and Saturday, there is a group meeting every day here at the Chapel! Wednesday through Friday, the parking lot fills up with thriving studies for women, and then on Tuesdays there are two groups for the men, and on Wednesday evenings, our twenties and thirties group meets. While each of these groups is thriving, and I hear of positive friendships being developed and insights into the Bible and a life of faith shared in every one of these opportunities, I will simply share here two experiences that I think are paradigmatic for this season. In the fall, I asked both the twenties and thirties group and the men’s book club if they would like to move to meeting every other week in order to accommodate busy schedules. The response I heard back was that they wanted to meet every week, and so we did! And every week we have experienced full groups —in fact, our newly formed twenties and thirties group regularly has between eight and eleven people and the men’s book club is becoming too big for the boardroom table we currently meet around in the Seagull Cottage. But more than attendance, we’ve had amazing discussions. The twenties and thirties group has recently launched into an in-depth study of the Epistle of James where we share not only Biblical insights but talk about how we live the faith James promotes and take practical advice from the Epistle. In the hour and a half that we meet, we only get through about four verses due to such lively discussion! In the men’s book club we read and discussed a book edited by Eric Metaxes, entitled, *Life, God, and Other Small Topics*, where on various weeks we discussed faith and science, politics, and other relevant issues, and are now reading Tim Keller’s *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power*. Both groups frequently welcome newcomers, and I encourage you to be one of them!

S.O.S.—Something on Stewardship

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Chapel. Your contributions are vital to the inspiring worship, music, and spiritual development programs offered by the Chapel each week. While the Chapel remains on solid financial footing, we hope that through continued financial giving that supports the year round needs of the Chapel, we can close the gap between where we anticipated being financially and where we now are. Demonstrated during Holy Week and Easter, the Chapel provides inspiring worship and meaningful music, and with spiritual development opportunities for people of all ages, we provide fellowship and learning for all. This summer we are excited about Vacation Bible Camp. We hope that 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 April 30, 2019



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Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,437,000

YTD Giving: \$900,000

YTD Goal: \$975,000

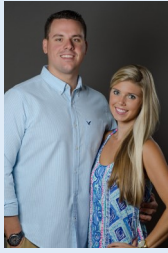
YTD Positive/Shortfall: -\$75,000

May’s Goal: \$77,000

**Making a Contribution to the Chapel
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Christian and Ashley Crandall, Directors of Youth and Children's Ministries

It is almost summer! With that said, all of our weekly children and youth programs are wrapping up for the semester. While we are sad to see our children and youth break for the summer, we still have some fun and exciting events left to end the semester with a bang!

Here are some past and future events to give you just a peak into the Chapel's children and youth department.

May 10th - The Chapel's high school group hosted an overnight lock-in where these students were able to build upon their faith and sow into each other's lives as they go into another year of high school.

May 17th - Friday Night Live middle schoolers will be volunteering at Program Reach by serving meals and bringing joy to families in need.

May 21st - The Chapel's mid-week Bible study, Kids Club, will host its year end party, full of fun for the whole family.

May 24th - Ashley Crandall and FNL leader, Karis Johnson, will be leading the middle school girls in a night of girl talk and pampering, along with discussing the importance of incorporating Christian principles and practices into their daily lives.

May 31st - Friday Night Live will be hosting a spectacular year end party for all middle school students in the community. This party is one that the students look forward to all year long. Complete with fun activities, games, a giant inflatable water slide, this event is sure to impress!

A snapshot into June includes children singing in the Chapel's main service on June 2nd and preparation for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp! Royal Poinciana Chapel will host the inspiring curriculum "Roar: Life is Wild, God is good," where kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. This year's Vacation Bible Camp runs from June 10-14. More information, including how to register, can be found by visiting rpckids.com

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



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