

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

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Rev. Dr. Robert S. Norris, Senior Pastor

REMEMBER US WHEN YOU'RE GONE

There was an era in the Chapel's history when season here in Palm Beach would commence the first Sunday in November and conclude the Sunday after Mother's Day. Following seven months of rich and engaging worship, the Chapel sanctuary would be shut down and shuttered up from June through October. The gilded social life on the island ground to a halt and seasonal residents traveled back north until their return in the fall. Summer life was as simple as our seasonal life was strong.

In the Chapel's early years, Henry Morrison Flagler personally subsidized all operational expenses of the Chapel. It was his desire that all would gather here. Sunday morning worship was an integral experience for his vacationing guests. He provided the Chapel with a pastor, musicians, a church secretary and sexton. The golf course was not opened until worship had concluded. The Chapel's singular purpose was to be a stellar preaching station with magnificent sacred music.

Over time, the Chapel has become a robust church in a great community on a remarkable property with a congregation that is diverse in every way. Our year-round programs of spiritual enrichment for children, youth and adults are due to the extraordinary staff and volunteers who plan and provide for them. Still, central in our purpose and at the heart of our life together is vibrant and engaging Sunday morning worship. I am grateful to be part of such a vital congregation in season and beyond.

Know that whether you are here or away this summer, you are not forgotten. We remember you in our prayers each Sunday. Should you desire to listen in, you may request a full digital recording of Sunday worship simply by emailing me. All that's required is your installation of a Dropbox application on a cell phone and your email address so that you can digitally download and tune in whenever it is convenient for you. We will soon have video streaming capability. You can also stay in touch through Facebook and the Chapel's website. While your presence is always best, we wish to remain connected while you are away with every virtual means available.

Your participation when in town and your ongoing support of the Chapel, especially when you are away, is important. What Henry Flagler started and with great vision and his generosity seeded, is ours now to support and sustain as we continue to grow in God's grace. I am immensely grateful for your financial support, especially during these summer months if you are away. The Chapel's annual worship, program ministry and outreach is made possible by everybody's year-round financial support. For now, enjoy your summer to the fullest. Remember us when you are gone and know that when you return, we will be ready for an exciting new season!

With much Appreciation, Anticipation and Joy!

Bob Norris



Stewart W. Foster, Director of Music

I am so pleased to announce we will be hosting the "First Lady of the Organ," Diane Bish, as our special guest on Sunday, November 3, 2019, during the morning Worship Hour. She will lead us in a hymn festival which will include many of her own exciting and jubilant arrangements of well-known hymns and choral anthems. For many years, Diane Bish has been the host of the decades-old television program "The Joy of Music" and has performed concerts in the great European Cathedrals. Her faith in God has been the driving element in her career, and she loves nothing more than to lead congregations in praise of Jesus Christ and his saving power. Her organ videos are numerous and easily accessed on the internet, and she shares her faith-based approach to her artistry in these videos. I am sure she will have so much to share with us here at the Chapel on All Saints Sunday when she will lead from the console in the great hymns of our faith!



A Note from Laurel and Aaron

Laurel and I sincerely thank the Chapel and everyone who attended our wedding ceremony on June 15, as well as those who sent good wishes and prayers from afar. From Laurel first attending the Chapel, through the announcement of our engagement and now our wedding ceremony and first weeks of marriage, we have both felt incredibly supported by the congregation. This excitement and support has been so meaningful to us and is such a blessing. THANK YOU!

SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Two great opportunities to help the less fortunate.

NOW THROUGH JULY 22ND



We are collecting school supplies for Urban Youth Impact "Back to School Bash."

New pencils, backpacks, notebooks, highlighters, erasers, pens, lunch boxes, crayons etc. are most appreciated.

Please drop off items in the reception area in the North Entrance by July 22nd.

JULY 28TH THROUGH AUGUST 20TH



Summer can be a difficult time for local pantries to keep shelves stocked for the hungry.

We welcome your donation of Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter and Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese for CROS Ministries.

Please drop off items in the reception North Entrance by August 20th.

THANK YOU!





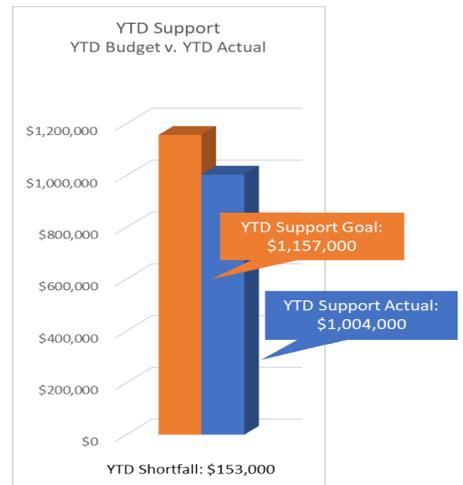
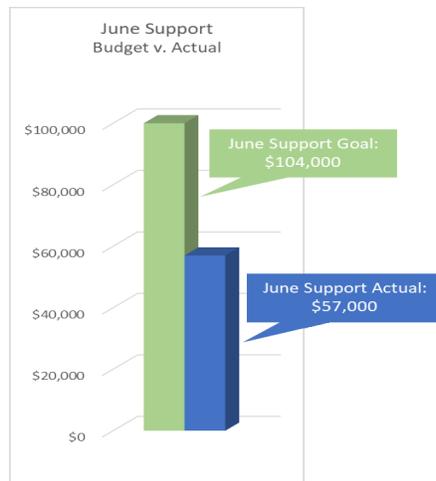
Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

While some of us are enjoying the luxury of finding parking spots on Worth Avenue or the Royal Poinciana Plaza, and the summer specials at local restaurants with no reservations, and most meaningfully, continuing to enjoy and find inspiration in the weekly worship services each Sunday here at the Chapel, some of our members and friends are enjoying slightly cooler days at summer homes, traveling the country or world, and worshiping at churches in the places they live and travel to. As I'm very much enjoying the summer benefits Palm Beach provides and am extremely thankful for the opportunities summer gives me to get to know better our year-round members, I'm also looking forward for our full congregation to be in worship and for the full dynamic life of the Chapel to return. In the meantime, however, please know I'm praying for our congregation both here and elsewhere, and that even during these long days of summer, the Chapel continues to serve God in this community. As the front page article of Dr. Norris relays, the Chapel remains a vibrant place of worship with year-round activities and action. Pastoral concerns and responsibilities continue, maintaining our historic and beautiful Chapel campus requires year round attention, and Sunday school for children and youth is provided each week. The Twenties and Thirties Group meets every Wednesday and continues our effort to attract more younger adults to the Chapel. Worship remains central to our congregational life, and planning for the full cadre of spiritual development opportunities, musical offerings, and other events integral to Chapel life is already underway. Underpinning everything the Chapel does is our attempt to give praise and glory to God and to learn more of His way and will for our lives. Thank you to everyone who shares in this important work. Through your prayers, participation, and financial support, you help the Chapel remain the light for Christ it has been since its founding. No matter where this newsletter finds you today, in Palm Beach or around the country or world, it is your participation that makes us who we are, and it is your support that helps us do all that we do in service to Christ in this community and beyond. Thank you for making us who we are and thank you for helping us be who we are through all you do for the Chapel.

S.O.S.—Something on Stewardship

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Chapel. Your contributions are vital to our work. While the Chapel remains on solid financial footing, we continue to strive for continuous financial giving which supports the year-round needs of the Chapel. We cannot do this without the support of our entire Chapel community. Despite a strong start at the beginning of the fiscal year, and increased giving from previous years, as reflected in the graphs below, the Chapel experienced another shortfall in giving in June and we are falling further behind our support goals for the year. Although we are grateful for all previous contributions, we ask you to consider what the Chapel and its work means to you, and to consider a financial gift to support our service to Christ in this community and beyond. Thank you for your dedication to the Chapel.

Financial Snapshot as of June 30, 2019



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Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,437,000
YTD Giving: \$1,004,000
YTD Goal: \$1,157,000
YTD Positive/Shortfall: -\$153,000

July's Goal: \$62,000

**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

Happy Summer! We hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer! It is hard to believe how fast it's flying by. Just next month our weekly classes start back up for the school year. Kids Club will kick-off on Tuesday, August 20th and Friday Night Live & The Gathering will begin on Friday, August 30th. All three groups will jump into the new semester with a fun party - full of bounce houses, special treats, games, and more! Please make sure to mark your calendars with these special dates!

Summer Sunday school has been wonderful. We have been studying Jesus and his life while on earth. The children have experienced not only the familiar stories but also some unfamiliar stories. The remainder of the summer allows us to dive into Jesus' actions and appearances after his death.

Vacation Bible Camp Update: We were blessed to have a total of 49 children attend our 5 day VBC! The children had an action-packed week full of Bible lessons, games, crafts, snacks, and more! A huge thank you to all who participated in this event!

Please feel free to join us on Sundays throughout the summer! We would love to see you and your family!

****Volunteers needed for weekly children and youth programs.**

Please contact Ashley Crandall for more information: admin@rpckids.com

Blessings In Him,

Christian & Ashley Crandall



Vacation Bible Camp
June 12 to 15, 2019



* Thank you to Ashley Crandall for taking the photos of the Chapel campus featured in this newsletter and to be featured in future newsletters.