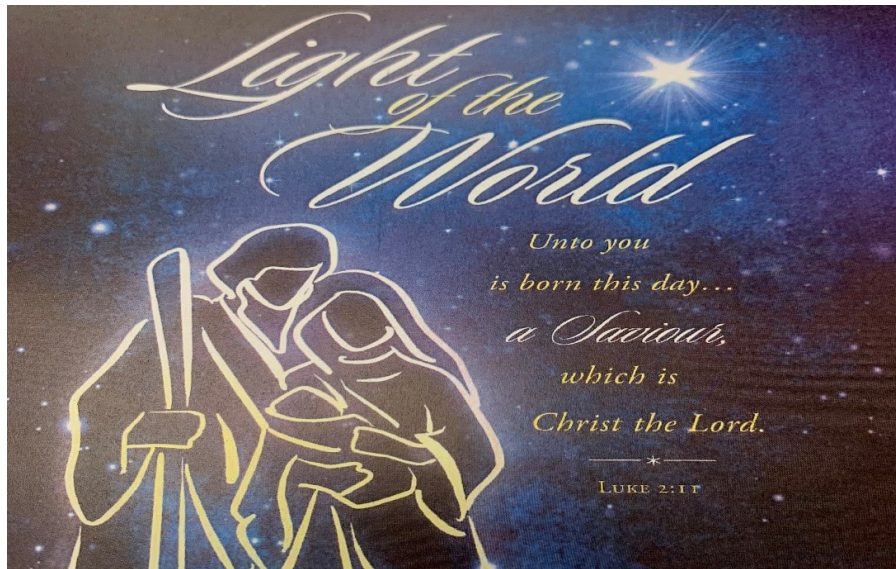


THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

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CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 p.m.

*Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight
String Quartet, Chorale Soloist
Children's Participation with Song & Nativity*

9:00 p.m. * time change

*Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight
String Quartet, Chapel Chorale, and Organ*

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!

*May the blessings of Christmas be Yours,
Bob*



Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, Executive Pastor

Describing the birth of Jesus celebrated at Christmas, Matthew's Gospel recalls Isaiah's words, *The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means, God with us)*. This special time of year is about so much more than the holiday decorations, and even traditions that come alongside it (no matter how meaningful, even I myself might find them to be). It is about the magnificent event of Jesus Christ being born into this world, and the series of events that would follow. Jesus lived among humanity, and as he did so, he taught with words and actions.

He healed people and performed miracles, and he would be crucified and ultimately resurrected, showing us that nothing, not even death itself could separate us from God. William Barclay, a noted Scottish theologian, wrote,

There is no part of human experience of which God cannot say: 'I have been there.' When we have a sad and sorry tale to tell, when life has drenched us with tears, we do not go to a God who is incapable of understanding what has happened; we go to a God who has been there (William Barclay, *The Letter to the Hebrews*, The New Daily Study Bible, 52).

This Christmas, may we remember that in Jesus Christ, God has been here. He has walked this earth and shared in the abundant joys and blessings of life, as well as experiencing some of its hardships and trials. When we turn to God, we do not turn to an unsympathetic, detached listener, we turn to a God who has been here!

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas,

Aaron



'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

You can make such a difference and help someone less fortunate.

Place of Hope for the Youth

Help the Chapel purchase Wal-Mart and Target gift cards for 18 and older youth. The collection goes thru December 20th. [Checks should be made out to The Chapel with notation: HOPE Gift Card.](#)

Sweet Dream Makers for Local Children in need of a bed.

Donations of any amount will give children in need a soft and safe place to sleep. Donations excepted thru December 20th. Checks should be made out to The Chapel with notation: Bed.

For the Homeless at St. Ann Place

The Chapel is purchasing gift cards from Wal-Mart and Target thru December 20th. Checks should be made out to The Chapel with notation: Homeless.

Thank you for your generosity!!

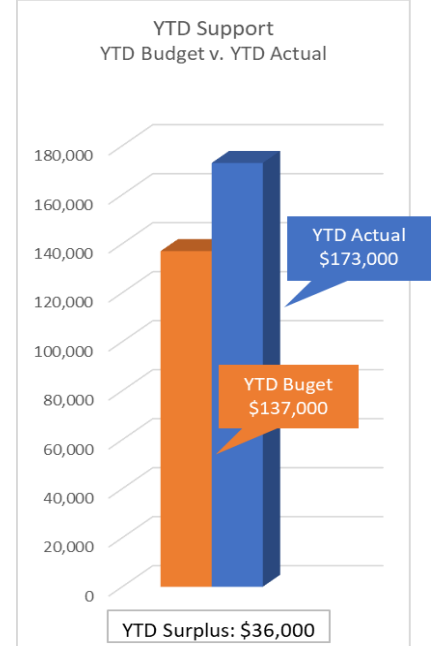
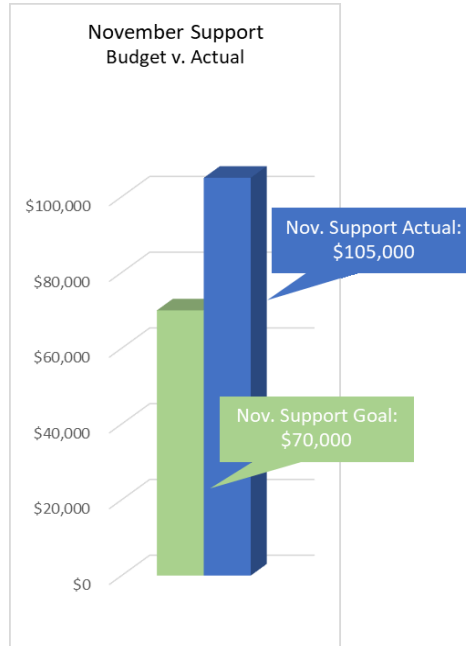
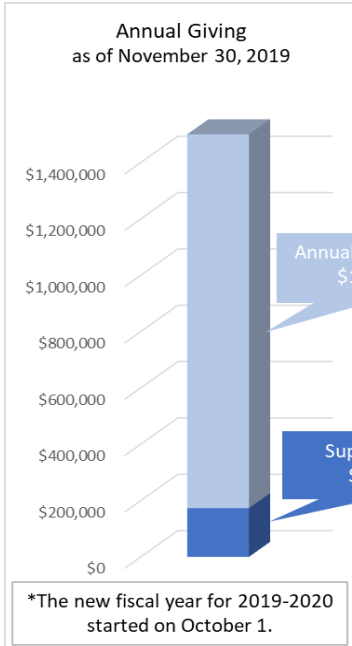
2020 Madeline McElveen Distinguished Preacher Series
Guest Preacher, The Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
Sunday, January 12, 2019



GERRY "SKIP" LITTLEFIELD MARTIN

THE ROYAL POINCIANA CHAPEL

Financial Snapshot as of November 30, 2019



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".

Annual Budgeted Support: \$1,428,000

YTD Giving: \$173,000

YTD Goal: \$137,000

YTD Positive/Shortfall: +\$36,000

For questions, please call the Chapel 561-655-4212
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Thank you for your ongoing support of the Chapel.
With your help, we surpassed our monthly goal for
November and now, two months into our new fiscal
year, we are ahead of our year to date support goal —
Thank you! Your contributions are vital to the inspiring
worship, music, and spiritual development programs
offered by the Chapel each week. We are thankful that
you are here and that you feel called to support us as
you do. Without your presence, prayer, and support,
we could not do all we do as we strive to be a light for
Christ in this community and beyond. As we look
forward to the celebration of Christmas here at the
Chapel, please know how much we value your sup-
port. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas!



Year-end Giving Deadlines*

- All gifts must be processed or postmarked by December 31, the IRS deadline for yearly tax deduction eligibility.
- Securities (Stocks, bonds, mutual funds): Allow five business days to complete the stock transfer by December 31 at 5 p.m.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution*

- Donors 70 1/2 and older can transfer up to \$100,000 annually from IRA accounts to public charities like the Royal Poinciana Chapel without being subject to federal income taxes on the distribution. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please do so by December 31.

*We suggest you consult your tax or financial advisor for the most up to date tax laws
and any impact they may have in your situation.



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

Welcome to the Chapel's children and youth department! The Christmas season is always an exciting one! While our weekly classes wrapped up for the year, we ended them all with a "grand finale". Kids Club celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 10th with a huge Candy Cane party! This event was filled with the true nativity story, games, crafts, songs, and pizza. We finished the party with cupcakes and singing happy birthday to Jesus! It was a great time for our younger children. The middle and high school groups ended the year with a white elephant gift exchange and cookie decorating party!

We are so proud of the participation for the Tree of Blessings. Thank you to all who helped make this outreach a success! The children and youth provided 50 gifts for homeless children right in our community! Our children and youth bake sale brought in a grand total of \$745! This money was given to the Homeless Resource Center in order to further assist their gift giving event. What a blessing these outreach projects have been!

Please feel free to join us at our family Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 4 p.m. This service will be full of the children and youth's participation. If your child would like to join in please email admin@rpckids.com.

Blessings,

Christian & Ashley Crandall



Sunday School: Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (open to newborn through 12th grades)

Kids Club: Tuesdays from 4 p.m.—5:15 p.m. (open to newborn through 4th grades) , returning January 7th

FNL & The Gathering: Fridays from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. (open to middle & high school students) , returning January 10th

Volunteers are needed for weekly children and youth programs. Please contact Ashley Crandall for more information: admin@rpckids.com

Want to be added to our email list to receive weekly children and youth happenings? Please email admin@rpckids.com



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Join this exciting new opportunity for fellowship at the Chapel.

Sunday, January 19th @ 5:00 p.m. in Seagull.

A Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers should be purchased for the first meeting. Alice Randolph or Miriam Kimsey can provide details or call the church office for more information.

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) 2020
Returns on Thursday mornings to Seagull Cottage
January 9 – April 2nd

In the book of Acts, the Savior actually comes to live within His people, the Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit! The study of Acts will include practical application for everyday life, as well as study notes of the geography, cultures and missionary journeys to various nations included in Acts. Our teacher, Kim Kerr, has traveled to the biblical lands of Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, Greece, Italy and Malta and is eager to share how the Holy Spirit is still at work through us transforming the world.

Fellowship from 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Bible Study from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Bible Studies Returning in the New Year

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Sunday, January 5th Seagull Cottage 9:15 a.m.

RISE UP O MEN OF GOD

FOR CHAPEL MEN AND THEIR FRIENDS

Tuesday, Jan 7th Seagull Cottage 7:30 a.m.

CHAPEL MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 7th 11:30 a.m. in Seagull Cottage.

Study: *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

TWENTIES AND THIRTIES GROUP

Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:00 p.m. in Seagull

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WITH DEBORAH CRANDALL

Friday, January 10th 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Study of Revelation

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