

Church Chatter

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Royal Palm Christian Church

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EASTER NOW AND THEN

From the very beginning, when Christians use the word "new," the event of the resurrection was always in their minds. What God did in raising Jesus from the grave was the beginning of something radically new. The first Christians never thought of resurrection simply as a strange event in the past. It was something that gave them vitality in the present. But it also gave them a glimpse to a wonderful new future.

The resurrection was understood to be the dawning of a new day. It was a window into a yet unseen world. When the biblical writers spoke of "a new heaven and a new earth" they always saw it in light of the resurrection (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1). The resurrection smashed the idea that each day was just the same old thing all over again and then you die. Rather with Jesus stepping from the grave, transformed and alive, his disciples knew that life was more than they had experienced or could experience in the world as it is. God had more in mind for them... and God has more in mind for us as well.

The resurrection is filled with mystery. But it is not mystery that has no shape. It is a window into a world that we can never fully know this side of death but that doesn't mean we can't know anything about it. What happened on Easter morning tells us the even the most ugly tragedies are not irreversible. Injustice is not permanent. And death is not the decisive end of all that matters. The God of life and love is stronger than the powers of death and the corruption.

The future that God is opening is a future

where we continue living bodily life. We will not be disembodied Casper the ghost creatures. And yet we will not be just as we are now. The Apostle Paul spoke of what is coming as a "spiritual body," one that is incorruptible, not one that is immaterial (1 Corinthians 15:42-46). Life beyond the grave is not a complete contradiction to the life we have in this world. It is a wonderful continuation of it in which we can enjoy much of what we enjoy now, and yet be able to experience things that we have never experience in this world.

Fulfillment eludes us so often in this world but we will experience it in the resurrection. The meaning of love, peace, compassion, and more, will become part of our lived reality. Easter changes everything. It is not reserved for the distant past. It is a door into the future. Jesus went through it first. Now, just as he said 2000 years ago, he says, "Follow me." And we don't wait until we die to begin doing it. Easter is an adventure behind all conception. We get a taste of it in the present as we live faithfully. But there is more to come. Rejoice!

Grace and Peace,
Craig



EASTER
Changes Everything

Services
6:30am • 8:30am • 10:45am

PRESCHOOL NEWS

In April we will be celebrating the season of Easter and spring. We will be learning about the miracles of God's world; flowers, trees, birds, and bugs. We'll be having an Earth Day Parade, and while doing a clean-up of our grounds, the children learn about taking good care of all we have been given.

We started off our spring season with a visit from the farm. It was a big hit, bringing big smiles to all the children as they experienced the joy of taking care of baby animals with opportunities to feed, groom and cuddle.



We have two special events in April. On Wednesday the 8th, it will be Friendship Day at our school. We will have a dedication ceremony for the wonderful gift of a "Buddy Bench" for our playground from our VPK parents. Our VPK families will be invited to join us and enjoy all of the special activities we have planned. On Wednesday the 29th, our Three Year Old classes will be hosting a science fair...*Live Healthy, Be Happy*. Families of our 3's are invited to come and share in this fun and informative morning.

We are happy to share that we had a very successful Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Thank you to all of our kind and generous families for your donations and for your help and support with the event.

Come by the preschool entrance and see our photo board with pictures of our Books for Bingo night. It was a fun filled evening for our families, and our children took home some wonderful new books. A big thank you to Ms. Reggie and the staff members who did so much to make the night a big success!

A very special thanks to RPCC member Sharon White who has volunteered her time to do story times for our children. Our Full Time Care children enjoyed two special story times during spring break week.

Summer camp, fall preschool, VPK and full-time care registration is underway. Classes are filling up fast. We encourage you to register early to guarantee your child's space. We have 8 fun-filled weeks planned for our summer session. Stop by for more information.

APRIL PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

4/3	Good Friday – All Closed
4/5	Happy Easter!
4/7	Sharing with Pastor Craig
4/8	Friendship Day
4/11	CPR for Staff Members
4/15	Graduation Photos
4/21 & 22	Sharing with Ms. Alice
4/22	Earth Day Parade & Clean-Up
4/29	Science Fair – 3 Year Old Classes

DISCIPLES WOMEN

[A/K/A CWF]

Sunday, April

12, 2015

6:00 pm

Movie Night

If you're able, bring an appetizer to share. We'll watch the movie and then enjoy delightful discussion.



HOMELESS OUTREACH IN FT. LAUDERDALE

Thanks to the March team, over 110 people were fed on Sunday, March 1st. Another team is heading down on Easter Sunday, April 5th, with a goal of feeding over 120.

If you're interested in participating in this "once a month ministry", contact Josh Loomis @ jloomis@nova.edu.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4 th	Wilbur Nembhard Shelby Suelzner
5 th	Theresa Ciresi Emma Winston
11 th	Donna Pruner
12 th	Ashley Ehlebracht
13 th	Aida Arias-Thurlow Moya McFarlane
17 th	James Hyppolite Patti Johnson Scott Johnson Cecelia Lewis Robin Wooldridge
20 th	Tom Boehm
24 th	Emily Herman
27 th	Steven Bramley Robert Rutkauskas
30 th	Reggie Ghann

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

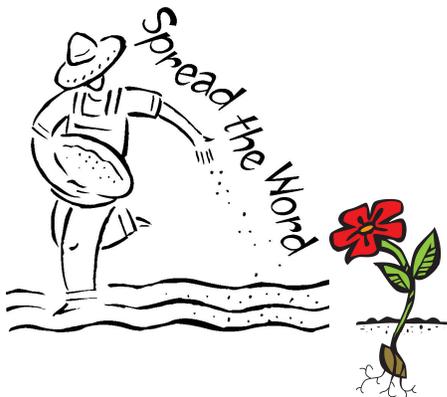
7 th	Michael & Diane Wead
13 th	Romeo & Ruby Espiritu

[We apologize if your name is not on the list. Please call the office to update your information!]

♪ **A MUSICAL NOTE**
FROM MIKE BURKE ♪

Musical notation makes my eyes cross, and yet I sing in the church choir. I say this to encourage some of you who have thought about joining the choir, at least trying it out, but have felt intimidated by the skills that people often bring to music. Some of our choir members do sight read music, and that always impresses me. A decade ago, had I been asked to meet that standard, I never would have joined the choir. Even today, I learn much less from squiggles on a staff than I do singing along at Tuesday evening rehearsals and listening to the digital sound files that are provided.

We are blessed with a director and some sight readers to guide us in the fine points. Recruiting a few men to fill out the lower register would add a blessing. (I could stop singing so loudly). Our greatest blessing, of course, is to gather in friendship and dedicate a shared love of music to the celebration of Christ. If you've thought about joining the choir, please step on up and give it a try.



HELP PLANT A SEED!!!

Royal Palm Christian Education is in need of teachers and other volunteers. Our children need your talents, your knowledge, your wisdom, and your experience. All these things will be planted into our children and will bear fruit that will glorify GOD.

A Christian Education representative will be available during the month of March between the 8:30 and 10:45 am services and after the 10:45 am service to answer any questions you may have. Or you can leave your contact information in the church office, and it will be forwarded to me. I thank you for your consideration.

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Jesus said, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world You will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33



Wednesday Evenings
7:00 pm

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MS. MARGIE'S
TEN YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER,
KAI LEIGH BENEDICT

When asked to write a descriptive paragraph about the best day of your life, past, present, or future, Kai wrote:

When I read the instructions on the front of the page, I thought about what was, or would be, the best day of my life. I thought writing about my dream to one day become a vet or wildlife expert, or even my dream to one day to see and find new species or discover a sort of medicine to cure all injuries and disease. Yet when I truly thought about it, a light bulb blinked on in my mind. So your answer is...no day. You're probably wondering what I mean. Well, when I really started thinking about the subject, I realized that no specific day could ever be better than any other day. Because every second, minute, hour, and day of my life is another moment to remember and treasure. So sometimes we have bad days here and there, but when we look over at these bad days, we laugh and forgive each other and know that it was another wonderful moment that we spent with each other on God's earth.

"... love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and [love] your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

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Apr 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<p>8:30am - Sunrise Service @ 7am - Easter Breakfast @ 8:30am - Worship @ S</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - Worship @ S</p> <p>12:30pm - VBS Meeting @ 6pm - Disciples Women</p>	<p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7pm - Elders' Meeting @ CR</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @ FH</p>	<p>9:30am - Bible Study @ CR</p> <p>9:30am - Preschool Sharing</p> <p>7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ S</p> <p>7pm - Into Action (AA)</p>	<p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p> <p>8pm - Lenten Group Study</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>6:30pm - Food Pantry</p> <p>7pm - Maundy Thursday</p> <p>8pm - Choir Rehearsal @ S</p>	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>12pm - Prayer Vigil @ S</p> <p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p>	<p>10am - Easter Egg Hunt</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Easter</p> <p>8:30am - Sunrise Service @ 7am - Easter Breakfast @ 8:30am - Worship @ S</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - Worship @ S</p> <p>12:30pm - VBS Meeting @ 6pm - Disciples Women</p>	<p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7pm - Elders' Meeting @ CR</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @ FH</p>	<p>9:30am - Bible Study @ CR</p> <p>9:30am - Preschool Sharing</p> <p>7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ S</p> <p>7pm - Into Action (AA)</p>	<p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p>	<p>6:30pm - Food Pantry</p>	<p>Disciples Men Sponsored Workday @ The Retreat @ Silver</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>8:30am - Worship @ S</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - Worship @ S</p> <p>12:30pm - Board Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm - VBS Meeting @ 6pm - Disciples Women</p>	<p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @ FH</p>	<p>9:30am - Bible Study @ CR</p> <p>7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ S</p> <p>7pm - Into Action (AA)</p>	<p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p>	<p>6:30pm - Food Pantry</p>	<p>Ecumenical Advocacy Days @ Washington DC</p>	
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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<p>8:30am - Worship @ S</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - Worship @ S</p> <p>12:30pm - Finance Team</p>	<p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7pm - Disciples Men (a/k/a</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @ FH</p>	<p>9:30am - Bible Study @ CR</p> <p>7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ S</p> <p>7pm - Into Action (AA)</p>	<p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p>	<p>6:30pm - Food Pantry</p>		