



# Church Chatter

## November 2014

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.  
Let all that you do be done in love." *1 Corinthians 16: 13-14*

### IEWS & REVIEWS

#### MONEY MATTERS

We can't deny it: money matters. Without it we can't pay for the food we need to eat. We need it to pay for a roof over our head. We need it to buy clothing. Money is necessary for transportation to get to a job or to visit friends ...unless we can walk to get where ever we want to go.

Sometimes money plays too big a role in our society. Right now, as we finish the most expensive political campaign ever, I'm very aware that money has far too much influence, undermining democracy in our country. Over 95% of the time the candidate with the most campaign contributions wins, even if the contributions come from a small number of people. This is a reason recent studies have found that ordinary Americans with little money to contribute to political campaigns have virtually no influence on Congress.

Money matters in church, too. When it plays its proper role, it is a means of service, not a means of control and dominance. Fortunately, at Royal Palm Christian Church everyone agrees about this truth. We give, not for any personal advantage, but so we can help support the good God wants us to do as we touch lives in the name of Jesus Christ. We give because without our gifts the services we offer and the worship we share at RPCC could not happen.

Our food pantry that serves dozens of families each week, our preschool, our youth group, and all the things we do in the church building happen because people give. Generous people give money and they give of themselves, serving in the name of Jesus for the sake of others. We continue to be blessed and share blessings with others through what the church does because we offer both our efforts and our money.

Most ministers – me included – hate to ask for money. We are very conscious of the fact that some critics claim all churches do is ask for money. That leads us to be hesitant when it comes to financial matters in church lest we get on the brunt

end of that accusation. The truth is that in worship we don't talk about money very often, except for the very brief invitation before Sunday worship offerings. But maybe we should talk about money a lot more. Jesus certainly did.

When Zacchaeus became a follower of Jesus, the first thing he did to show that he was serious about his faith was to change the way he related to money. He quit being a taker and became a giver. Instead of looking for opportunities to get for himself, he looked for opportunities to give in a big way (Luke 19:1-10). Our God is the great gift giver. And God want us to be givers as well. I hope you will prayerfully consider how God wants you to give and consider filling out a pledge card as a sign of you commitment and faith.

Grace and Peace,  
Craig

**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!**  
**50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**ON SALE NOW**  
**\$5.00 PER TICKET**

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

As we begin the month of November there is much chatter about the upcoming holidays. Ms. Stacey is busy with the children in music class, teaching them holiday songs. Our VPK classes will have a cooperative event on November 20<sup>th</sup>, bringing us back to the year 1620, with activities teaching us all about the first Thanksgiving, Native American culture and the life of the Pilgrims. All of our classes will be making friendship mix, popcorn, pumpkin bread and home-made butter to share at our school Thanksgiving feast on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are all very excited about Fall Fiesta on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Bring your family and friends for loads of fun activities here at Royal Palm Christian Church. There will be many free activity tables for the little ones. It's a great opportunity for them to have some fun with their school friends and teachers, and for our parents to enjoy the company of other RPCP parents. We hope to see you all there!

Wishing all of our families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

## PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

11/4	Planning Day – Preschool Closed Full Time Care Open
11/5	Sharing with Ms. Alice
11/8	Fall Fiesta 3:00 – 7:00 PM
11/11	Holiday – All Closed
11/18	Sharing with Pastor Craig
11/19	Miss Rita – Dramatic Storyteller
11/20	VPK Cooperative Thanksgiving Event
11/25	Thanksgiving Feast – All Classes
11/26	Preschool Closed Full Time Care Open
11/27 & 28	Thanksgiving Holiday – All Closed

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rocky Muriello
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lea Gordy
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Bramley
- David Espiritu
- 8<sup>th</sup> Chris Zahn
- 9<sup>th</sup> Elisa Ramnarine
- 12<sup>th</sup> Charles Brown
- 14<sup>th</sup> Michael Wead
- 15<sup>th</sup> Betty Cottrell
- Allen Pena
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cookie Anderson
- MaryAnn Gehring
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ryan Melara
- Linda Taylor
- 27<sup>th</sup> Kimmy Guadalupe
- 28<sup>th</sup> Marthe Durosier



"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." *Psalm 51:10*



## Love. Grow. Serve.

### BLESSINGS

Joshua Loomis is one busy disciple! As you know he is currently serving as: chair of our Christian Education / Youth Team; chair of our Angel Tree for Prison Ministries; and an Elder in Training. What you might not know is that on Friday, October 24, 2014, he was honored at the Jubilee Center of South Broward's Fifth Annual Jubilee Gala for his "...amazing contributions to this constant community. It takes courage and faith to face an endless need and still believe each meal, each bag of groceries, each act of kindness makes a difference." Thank you, Josh, for your dedicated discipleship.

## SCRIPTURES FOR 2015

If you'd like to participate with the Elders in selecting the scripture(s) to be used by our congregation in 2015, please submit a favorite scripture – including the translation / version of the Bible you are using – to the church office via email to [royalpalmchristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:royalpalmchristianchurch@gmail.com). All suggestions must be submitted by Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>



## PRESCHOOL PRAYER CHAIN FOR JAMES

**"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." ~ Galatians 6:2**

Have you seen the paper chain winding through the halls of our preschool? This is a visual reminder of the prayerful support we want to show to James Edwards and his family, and all proceeds will be directed to them. As most of you know, on May 30<sup>th</sup>, James experienced a near drowning accident. He spent most of the summer at Chris Evert Children's Hospital and is currently undergoing intense therapy.

For \$1.00 you can donate a link to the chain (a paper strip). Prior to adding it to the chain, put your name on the paper, or write a prayer, or take it home and decorate it. Stop by the school office to pick up your link(s) and join us in continuing to pray for James.

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



## THANK YOU

We received the following letter from Karen Ramos, the Local Arrangements Coordinator for the Regional Assembly: "The Regional Assembly held at Parkway Christian Church overflowed with blessings of prayer, worship, music, food, fellowship, and so much more. Coral Wiedman was asked to coordinate desserts for various luncheons, and the 'bakers' of Royal Palm Christian Church provided exceedingly more than was expected. It was evident a great deal of love went into every dessert served. They were delicious!! On behalf of the people who attended the Regional Assembly, we say THANK YOU! God bless."

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## Do You HAVE FOMO?

FOMO, or the **Fear Of Missing Out**, is the common and understandable concern that you may miss out on something awesome. Especially at RPCC, where we have a constant stream of news, important updates, reminders, and amazing events!

So take care of your FOMO and don't miss out! Follow us on Facebook and make sure you visit our website so you're always up-to-date!

You can find our Facebook here:

[www.facebook.com/RoyalPalmChristianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalPalmChristianChurch)

You can find our website here:

[www.royalpalmchristianchurch.org](http://www.royalpalmchristianchurch.org)

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS,  
FOR HE HIMSELF SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED  
TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'"

- ACTS 20:35B

At the food pantry that we host each week for those in need in our community, we try to provide certain necessities. Many of these items, such as toilet paper, can't be acquired with food stamps. Donations of these items help enable us to better aid our clients. Our list includes: toilet paper, feminine pads, peanut butter, tuna, oatmeal, eggs, potatoes, bananas, apples, oranges, and carrots. Because we value our pantry volunteer's time as well as your donations, please be mindful of expiration dates.



**Speaking of volunteers' time...we need some! Time from volunteers that is. Even if you think you can only be here one Thursday evening a month for an hour or two, you would be a big help! We need some people strong enough to set up tables and chairs between 5:30 and 6:00, and we need some people strong enough to put those tables and chairs away between 7:45 and 8:15. We need people to help bag bread and pastry donations from Panera, oatmeal, rice and misc. other items between 4:00 and 6:00. We need people to help bag the groceries during the pantry hours of 6:30 to 8:00pm. We're creating a schedule, so if you'd like to volunteer, please call the church office.**

Thank you for your continuing support! This ministry makes a difference in our community.

Royal Palm Christian Church Proudly Presents

# Fall FIESTA

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

3pm ~ 7pm

*Free Entry*

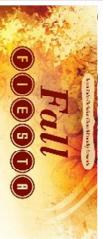
Live Music / Bounce House / Raffle / Games / Silent Auction /  
Food / Dunk Tank / Cake Walk / Face Painting / Crafts / FUN

9600 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral Springs 33065 ~ (954)753-2383

## Royal Palm Christian Church

Nov 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	26	27	28	29	30	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
12am - Daylight Saving	6:30pm - Al Anon	9:30am - Bible Study @	9:30am - Sharing w/ Food Pantry			
6:30am - Worship @ S	7pm - Elders' Meeting	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - D-Unit Youth			
8:30am - Sunday	7:30pm - Al Anon @ FH	7pm - Into Action (AA)	7pm - Kids Praiz			
10:45am - Worship @ S			7pm - Transforming			
12:30pm - Inquirers'						
	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30am - Worship @ S	6:30pm - Al Anon	<b>Veteran's Day - Office</b>	7pm - D-Unit Youth	6:30pm - Food Pantry		
9:40am - Sunday	7pm - CWF (Christian	9:30am - Bible Study @	7pm - Kids Praiz			
10:45am - Worship @ S	7:30pm - Al Anon @ FH	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Transforming			
12:30pm - Board		7pm - Into Action (AA)				
	15	16	17	18	19	20
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9:40am - Sunday	7:30pm - Al Anon @ FH	9:30am - Sharing w/ Food Pantry	7pm - Kids Praiz			
10:45am - Worship @ S		7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Transforming			
		7pm - Into Action (AA)				
	23	24	25	26	27	28
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10:45am - Worship @ S	7:30pm - Al Anon @ FH	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Transforming			
12pm - Sweets &		7pm - Into Action (AA)				
12pm - Thanksgiving						
	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>						
8:30am - Worship @ S						
8:40am - Sunday						
10:45am - Worship @ S						



Saturday, November 8th 2014  
6pm ~ 7pm  
Free Entry  
For More Details Call: 305-847-0011  
or Email: info@royalpalmchristianchurch.com

**10am - CWF Prep for  
Thanksgiving Day**

**Office CLOSED  
Thanksgiving Day**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**