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Royal Palm Christian Church

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IMAGINING MUCH MORE

When our last child left home, things in the house became dramatically more quiet. Our youngest was always our loudest. I recall when he was just about 4 years old. Even alone he would talk loudly with a number of toys around him. He would use a different voice for each of them as he played.

Imagination. When we're little it seems we have no shortage of it. But when we grow up most of us put our imagination on the shelf along with the toys we have enjoyed. Imagination is for kids. Reality is for adults. Or so we often think.

But it's not so! An adult without imagination is a person who can't see beyond what is in front of his or her eyes. Faith sees more than can be found on the surface of life. The world with its wars, poverty, illness, and pure drudgery is what we do often think of as "reality." In the face of this flawed reality, we desperately need some imagination. Imagination powered by faith.

Faith-filled imagination enables us to get a glimpse of a better world. A bumper sticker reads

"Imagine World Peace." Some scoff. But imagination is the first step toward change. It allows us to align our hearts and minds for the better, more just, harmonious, and God-blessed world. When Jesus taught us to pray to God, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," he called us to a prayerful imagination. Imagination helps us realize that the world as it is around us isn't inevitable and unalterable.

"We walk by faith, not by sight," wrote the Apostle Paul. Those who are strictly realistic can only "walk by sight." That is not enough for those of us who walk with Jesus. We believe he can make the impossible possible if we walk by faith. Let's be imaginative. Let's imagine a better life, a better world, and a better church. Then let's live imaginatively and create a reality more pleasing to God.

Grace & Peace,
Craig

Summer at RPCC



Holy Bowlers Royal Palm Christian Church loves bowling together at Sawgrass Lanes! There's always plenty of fun, food, laughter, and prizes so be on the look out for the next event. If you have a little time to spare, this is a great opportunity to *strike* up some fun with RPCC!

Cave Quest VBS was a blast! Kids and adults came together to sing, dance, learn, play, and share God's love for a week of fun! We want to say thank you to all who participated in Cave Quest and express our gratitude to the many volunteers who helped make it happen! Vacation Bible School wouldn't be the same without you!



Summer Camp Youth of all ages attended camp at The Retreat at Silver Springs throughout the summer. The Retreat (formerly known as the Conference Center) is a great opportunity for students to experience sleep-away camp in a fun and safe environment.

Multicultural Group This summer RPCC launched a Multicultural Group that helps celebrate the awesome diversity of our members. Meetings so far have already included Taco & Trivia night, and we are looking forward to more of their events this Fall.



HAPPENINGS AT

ROYAL PALM CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

We joyfully welcome all our preschool children and their families to the 2016—2017 school year. An important part of our early education program focuses on the belief that all of God's children are OUR children. It is with a joyful spirit that we partner with each parent and the gift of their child / children. It is our pleasure to seek out how each child is a unique individual, created by our God and eager to learn. Like every parent, we nurture the values and characteristics that will positively impact the children's growth and development in our classroom community during these critical early years. We model acceptance, kindness, and respect. We challenge with skills to build persistence, confidence and pride. We ask questions to inspire thinking and investigation. We acknowledge and delight in who they are...a child of God.

It's an exciting year ahead as we begin our studies in Creative Curriculum, music and movement activities, sharing time in the Sanctuary with Pastor Craig and Ms. Alice, and special programs that will bring our whole family together at Royal Palm Christian Church Preschool.

To see pictures of our exciting adventures throughout the year, check out our [Preschool Facebook](#) page!



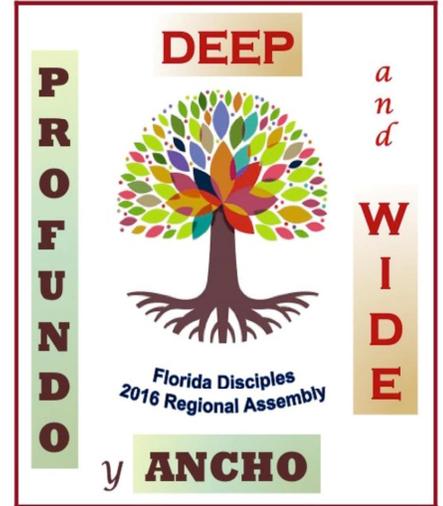
PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

- 9/5 Holiday—All Closed
- 9/6 & 7 Sharing with Pastor Craig
- 9/18 Meet the Family Sunday
Worship at 10:45 and Lunch at Noon
- 9/20 & 21 Sharing with Ms. Alice
- 10/4 & 5 School Pictures
- 10/24--27 Book Fair!

Regional Assembly

It is a blessing to gather with our Florida Disciples of Christ brothers and sisters to share fellowship, worship, and meaningful dialogue about what is happening in our Region. For more information about this, call the office and speak with Alice.

2016
Blended
Regional
Church
Assembly
October 20-22



“DEEP & WIDE” “PROFUNDO Y ANCHO”

104TH Regional Assembly
21ST Asamblea Convencion
Youth Assembly: God's Love is on Point!

First Christian Church of Ocala
The Retreat at Silver Springs

KEY NOTE SPEAKER:
REV. JOSE F. MORALES



Rev. Jose Morales is the Director of Pastoral Formation at Disciples Seminary Foundation in Claremont, CA, and is pursuing his Ph.D. in Comparative Theology. Prior to this, Jose served as the Executive Regional Minister of the Central Rocky Mountain Region, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS:

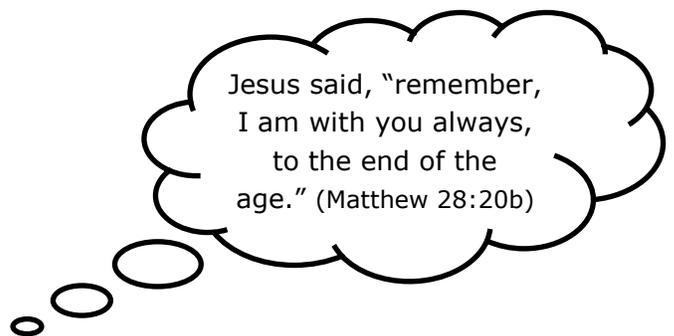
Canoe Trip
Golf Outing
Ice Cream Social

Blended Worship
Inspiring Music
Powerful Preaching

Workshops
Children's Program
All Assembly Meal
Clergy and Guest Dinner

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d-unit

SUMMER OF FUN

The D-Unit has had a summer packed with fun and adventures – and it's not over yet! Make sure to "Like" the D-Unit Facebook page in order to stay up to date with their adventures.



Slippery When Wet

You never know what fun you'll slip into on a Wednesday night!

This summer has been Off The Wall!



The D-Unit worked hard and did their own fundraising to be able to go to 'Off The Wall' together. Our youth bounced, played, and climbed the afternoon away!



What A Mess!

They don't call em' 'messy games' for nothing.



We're on a Cave Quest!

Our youth put their leadership skills to the test as they volunteered for VBS.

Newspaper Games



Keeping up with current affairs...

Kids Relaxing At Someone's House



KRASH!

If you know any middle or high school students who may be interested in joining a fun and welcoming youth group, please let them know about D-Unit! All are welcome and there is always something exciting going on.

WHAT'S NEW

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

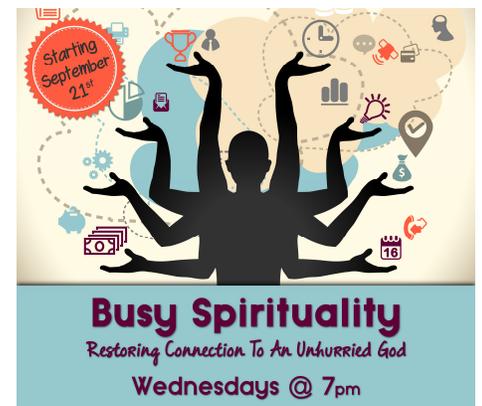
Invite friends and family to join us for worship on Sunday, September 18th; RPCC will be celebrating with a special worship at our 10:45am service. We also invite you to share lunch with us after worship.



BUSY SPIRITUALITY

'Busy Spirituality' is a six-week series kicking off on Wednesday, September 21st at 7pm! 'Busy Spirituality' is about 'Restoring Connection To An Unhurried God,' because we all know what it's like to get caught up in the daily rush.

Don't want to leave the kids at home? No problem! We have youth groups for students from K – 12th grade that meet on Wednesdays at 7pm.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Get em' while they're hot! On Sunday, October 9th from 9:30am through 12:45pm. Hosted by Disciple Men in support of Mission projects across the US and Canada that feed hungry children. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.



YARD SALE

RPCC is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 15th from 8am to 12pm.

If you would like more information, or are interested in registering as a vendor for this sale, please contact Vickie Parsley.



BINGO

Psssst! We are organizing an epic Bingo night this November 5th. All are invited to join! Be on the lookout for more information, the exact time for this event will be revealed soon!

Royal Palm Christian Church

Sep 2016 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>8:30am - Worship</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday</p> <p>10:45am - Worship</p> <p>12:30pm - Deacon</p> <p>12:30pm - Finance</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Men</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am - Bible</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>7pm - Into Action</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6pm - Children's</p> <p>6pm - Future's Task</p> <p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30pm - Food</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm - Beer, Bible &</p> <p>7:30am - Peace</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:30am - Worship</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday</p> <p>10:45am - Worship</p> <p>12:45pm - Sermon</p> <p>4:30pm - Feeding</p>	<p>5</p> <p>☐ Labor Day (office)</p> <p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am - Bible</p> <p>9:30am - Preschool</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>7pm - Into Action</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am - Preschool</p> <p>6pm - Children's</p> <p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm - Food</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm - Guitar</p>	<p>10</p> <p>☐ Rock the Universe</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30am - Worship</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday</p> <p>10:45am - Worship</p> <p>12:30pm - Disciple</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7pm - Elders'</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am - Bible</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>7pm - Into Action</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm - Children's</p> <p>6pm - Future's Task</p> <p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30pm - Food</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30am - Worship</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday</p> <p>10:45am - Worship</p> <p>12pm - Meet the</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am - Bible</p> <p>9:30am - Preschool</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>7pm - Into Action</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am - Preschool</p> <p>6pm - Children's</p> <p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p> <p>7pm - Study on Busy</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30pm - Food</p>	<p>23</p> <p>☐ 3pm - CS Moms @ FH</p> <p>6:30pm - Guitar</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30am - Worship</p> <p>9:40am - Sunday</p> <p>10:45am - Worship</p> <p>12:30pm - Finance</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm - AI Anon</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Men</p> <p>7:30pm - AI Anon @</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am - Bible</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>7pm - Into Action</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm - Children's</p> <p>7pm - D-Unit Youth</p> <p>7pm - Kidz Prayz</p> <p>7pm - Study on Busy</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30pm - Food</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>