

# Church Chatter

## November 2012

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (*Hebrews 10:23-24*)

### VIEWS AND REVIEWS "THANKFUL"

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you" (*Philippians 1:3-4*).

I can easily echo the Apostle Paul's words when I think about the people in Royal Palm Christian Church. I give thanks! As I've told the congregation before, once while I was away I heard some ministers complaining about one thing after another in the churches they serve. Time after time I responded, "It's not like that in our church. We have a great congregation."

It is rare to find such a marvelously diverse group of faith-filled people. For years I heard the line: "Sunday morning is the most segregated time of the week." Not around here! What draws us together is not skin deep. It is heart deep! We are one in Christ. We are attached at the heart by faith.

I thank God for the joy we share. Sure, we all have times when we are sad, disappointed or discouraged. But those are not the dominant feelings around here. Joy is what stands out. Many of you have heard me say, "We don't have any grumpy people around here." There might be a cranky moment or two here and there, but not much. Joy radiates from worship to committee meetings to fellowship gatherings to Bible studies.

I am thankful for the open and accepting ways found among the members of Royal Palm Christian Church. The controlling impulse is to open our arms to others. We are not guarded, cautious or suspicious. Instead we are truly "an embracing church." We don't smother people but we welcome them with graciousness and appreciation.

I thank God for the willingness of members of the church to serve. Sure, everyone does not serve equally. But there are people who give of themselves generously and without hesitation. The Fall Fiesta we have each year is possible only because of the willingness of our members and

our Preschool staff to serve God and others. I am grateful.

Yes, we still have needs. I am conscious of the job needs and monetary needs of some of our members. I'm certainly aware of the financial needs of the church as we struggle to pay for the necessary expenses of doing ministry. Nevertheless, I am abundantly thankful for all of you and the good work we share for the glory of God.

Grace and Peace,  
Craig

### PRESCHOOL NEWS FROM MS. SUZANNE

This wonderful cool and windy weather is just in time for the beginning of our fun-filled holiday season. During November we learn about the first Thanksgiving and how the Pilgrims and Native Americans became kind, giving, and sharing friends. All Classes will prepare pumpkin bread, butter, popcorn and friendship mix to be enjoyed at our all-school Thanksgiving celebration.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was a success. Many books were sold with our school receiving lots of new books to add to our school library. Thanks to all, especially our Book Fair volunteers and Ms. Jane for their efforts.

### NOVEMBER PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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| 11/3       | Fall Fiesta, 1:00 – 7:00 PM                             |
| 11/4       | Daylight Savings – Clocks Fall Back                     |
| 11/6       | Election Day – Preschool Closed,<br>Full-Time Care Open |
| 11/7       | Sharing With Pastor Craig                               |
| 11/12      | Holiday – Preschool Closed,<br>Full-Time Care Open      |
| 11/20      | All School Feast  |
| 11/20 & 21 | Sharing With Pastor Craig                               |
| 11/22 & 23 | Holiday, All Closed<br>Happy Thanksgiving!              |

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Christmas Programs

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| 12/17 | Ms. Darlene & Ms. Eliane 7:00 PM |
| 12/18 | Ms. Cindy & Ms. Cathy 7:00 PM    |
| 12/19 | Ms. Donna & Ms. Stacey 7:00 PM   |

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> Rocky Muriello  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lea Gordy  
5<sup>th</sup> Paola Ortiz  
7<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Bramley  
David Espiritu  
8<sup>th</sup> Chris Zahn  
12<sup>th</sup> Charles Brown  
14<sup>th</sup> Mike Wead  
20<sup>th</sup> Sandy Alexander  
Cookie Anderson  
25<sup>th</sup> Linda Taylor  
26<sup>th</sup> Lucas Tocuyo  
28<sup>th</sup> Marthe Durosier  
30<sup>th</sup> Angel Aquino

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



Table Talk

## INTERACTIVE TIME

One topical class is offered in November (Wed. 7-8:15 pm). On the 7<sup>th</sup> Fernando will present "From the dust of the ground," an account of the origin of the dust from which God formed man. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have fellowship time with Table Talk.



**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**1 pm ~ 7 pm**

**- No Entry Fee -**

**Live Music, Bounce House, Raffles,**

**Silent Auction, Food & Fun**

**Apple® iPad® 2 Raffle**

**(\$10.00 per raffle ticket)**

You need not be present to win.

Prize must be claimed by 12/31/2012.

## THANKSGIVING UNITY SERVICE

An Interfaith Worship Experience  
Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 pm  
Temple Beth Orr  
2151 Riverside Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33071



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

We'll provide the turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and stuff.  
Ya'll bring the other sides and desserts!



## "SALT AND LIGHT"

The film, "Soldiers of Conscience," will be shown November 18th at 5:30 p.m. It is a documentary about war, peace and US soldiers in Iraq, from active military to conscientious objectors, wrestling with conscience over killing in war. A light meal will be offered along with a discussion of the film. Come watch, discuss, grow and share in the food and fellowship!!



**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Childcare services will be provided by CWF for \$20 for the first child, \$10 each additional child, \$40 maximum per family. Dinner and snacks will be provided!

## ARE YOU AN RPCC FACEBOOK FRIEND?

If you are on Facebook, have you "friended" or "liked" Royal Palm Christian Church, yet?

An easy way to keep up with what is happening is to get Facebook posts from the church. In our hectic world, helpful reminders can keep you on top of things. If you don't want to miss anything, add Royal Palm Christian Church to your list of Facebook contacts.



### HELP NEEDED

It is a blessing to meet together after church and share some delicious snacks and drinks. We are in need of some people to

help share this blessing. Typically an individual, family, or group signs up to provide snacks, set up and clean up for a particular Sunday. If you can't provide the food, volunteering to help with set up and clean up would be very helpful. Ingrid has a sign up sheet and can be reached at [954-344-4562](tel:954-344-4562). Thanks.



### GATEWAY ITEMS NEEDED

Thank you to all who continue to support the food pantry through prayers and donations. We have a core list of items we try to provide our

clients every week. Many of these items, such as toilet paper, are not available with food stamps. Donations of these items help our budgeted money to go further. Our list includes: toilet paper, bath soap, feminine pads, oatmeal (we usually divide the boxes), eggs, potatoes, bananas, apples or oranges, and carrots. We also use sandwich, quart, and gallon size plastic bags each week to package up bread and other donated items. Donations of any of these items would be greatly appreciated. They can be placed in the wagon outside the office. Thanks

### RPCC WEB PAGE

Have you looked at our web page recently? It's <https://www.royalpalmmcchristianchurch.org> It has a lot of information, such as the By-Laws, all Church Chatters for 2012 and a collection of Craig's Chatter articles. It has photo albums of recent events, slide shows of upcoming events, and many links. For example, you can access the web site where you can purchase bricks for the Memory Garden. It has a new link, which was not working properly but now is, that allows you to donate to the Capital Campaign. See if you can find all the links on the home page!

### MEMORY GARDEN



Have you thought any more about what to put on the brick you are going to purchase? There are informational fliers available on the table outside the church office. To order bricks go to: <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/royalpalmmc/index.php> Order Forms are also available in the Narthex.

### THANK YOU .....

- .....for the open and loving arms
- .....for the prayers
- .....for the opportunities to participate no matter how small or how great
- .....for the beautiful services
- .....for the music ministry
- .....for the fantastic youth group
- .....for the children's moments
- .....for the outreach programs
- .....for the meaningful messages
- .....for the bible studies
- .....to the anonymous person who sent me a Whole Foods gift card
- .....to my personal growth that would not have been as meaningful without each of you
- .....for the support and continued prayers.

May God's blessings be multiplied on this congregation and may you go forth and do what is in your heart to do no matter how insignificant it may seem. My beginning here started with a casual invitation to come and try it. I came, I tasted, and it is definitely good!

Although I go not knowing what to expect, I know it will be challenging and great at the same time. I will have many bridges to cross and I will ask for continued support in prayer. My love to each and every one of you. God Bless!

Judy Borchardt



# Welcome to Our Church Family

### NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Michael Day was born and raised in Canada. He was raised in a Godly home, and his interest in music was cultivated in the churches his Father, Reverend Donald Day, ministered. He attended McGill University in Montreal- majoring in music. He has been residing in the U.S. for the past twenty years. He is currently a teacher in a private school and is a music director for the Pembroke Pines Theatre of the Performing Arts. He has been a music director at Palm Springs Methodist Church and Poinciana United Methodist Church. Michael is married to Janice Day and they have four children: Conor (18), Alexia (17), Joy (10), and Mikey (5). Michael is happy to be a part of this church family.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
8:30am Worship (S) 9:40am Sunday School 10:45am Worship (S) 12:30pm Inquirer's Class (CR) 12:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Rm. #7)	6:30pm AI Anon Beginner's Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Christian Men's Fellowship (Narthex) 7:30pm AI Anon (FH)	9:30am Morning Bible Study (CR) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Into Action (AA) Group (FH)	Halloween 7:00pm D-Unit Youth Meeting (S) 7:00pm Interactive Time (CR)	6:30pm Gateway Food Pantry (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #10343 (CR)		1:00pm Fall Fiesta!
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30am Worship (S) 9:00am Blood Drive (Mobile Unit) 9:40am Sunday School 10:45am Worship (S) 12:30pm Board Meeting (S) 2:30pm Installation Service (Faith Christian Ch)	6:30pm AI Anon Beginner's Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Christian Women's Fellowship (N) 7:30pm AI Anon (FH)	9:30am Morning Bible Study (CR) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Into Action (AA) Group (FH)	6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #10935 (FH) 7:00pm D-Unit Youth Meeting (S) 7:00pm Kidz Praise (K-5) (Rm. #7) 7:00pm Table Talk (CR)	6:30pm Gateway Food Pantry (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #10343 (CR)	6:00pm Rehearsal (S)	5:30pm Wedding (S)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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