

Church Chatter

September 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

WHY WORSHIP?

Occasionally I hear someone talk about worship like they think it is a spiritual version of *Red Bull*: "I go to worship to be energized so I can make it through the week." I suppose that is fine as far as it goes. But it just doesn't go far enough. I think it is great for people to feel emotionally pumped up at worship. But that is a bad measure of whether worship is serving its purpose.

Worship is expressive and formative. We are to worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). On the one hand, we come together to express our love and loyalty to God. We sing and pray, offering thanks and praise. We joyfully honor God for giving us life, forgiveness, guidance, and more. We celebrate the love of God as we bask in the presence of the Lord of glory. Worship is something we do before God, expressing our faith.

On the other hand, faithful worship is formative. God does something to us as we come together in worship. If our worship is patterned after the wondrous story of God's saving act that culminates in Jesus Christ, our lives are touched and shaped in Christ-like ways as we worship. We learn to see in new ways, ways that arise from what God has done in Christ, ways that lead to broader and deeper love in a frequently unloving world.

Worship is training for life in the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." And the Kingdom of God is the real world. Worship trains us to see with Kingdom of God eyes and not be deluded by the sort of "realism" that excuses violence, greed, and hostile divisions that set peoples against each other. Worship prepares us to live with kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and non-discriminating hospitality.

Sadly, we don't always pay sufficient attention to what we are doing in worship. Consequently, we don't learn to see and live out the implications of our worship practices. We fail

to prolong the story we present in worship as we live our lives after the benediction. Instead we allow other stories to shape us, stories that emphasize fear and suspicion or that glorify vengeance and violence, greed and selfishness, self-importance and pride.

Worship is one of the primary means God uses to "get under our skin" so we will embody what the Lordship of Jesus means and put it in practice. Good worship doesn't just "meet our needs." It helps us see that we often are all wrong about what we need because we don't see what is really real. As we rightly worship we prepare ourselves to be blessed and to be a blessing for others. So let us come together and worship.

Grace and Peace,
Craig

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



2nd Lucas Shaffer
7th Michael Day
7th Rachel Ramirez
7th Cindi Watts
8th Briana Pena
11th Michele Campbell
13th Karen LeFever
13th Teri Pinto
14th Susan Bushnell
14th Angie Harris
14th Georgie Lagogiannis Jr.
15th Lionel Lynch
17th Taryn St. Germain
20th David Bramley
21st Stan Anderson
21st Juan Chung
25th Melodie Muriello
26th Sharon Williams
27th Cleveland Elor
28th Liz Ceballos

4th Richmond & Elisa Ramnarine
26th Ken & Tara Herman

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

**PRESCHOOL NEWS
FROM MS MARGIE**

Our new school year has begun. The children are settling in and making new friends, and we see lots of excitement as we walk down the halls. Music classes with Ms. Stacey began this week and now mornings include joyful singing and dancing. Our new director, Cindi Watts, is also settling in. She's been out and about, trying to meet all of you, but please stop by to introduce yourself if she's missed you. Come by any time if you have questions or concerns.

We want to express gratitude for all who put in extra time and effort to get our new school year started, and special thanks to "Mr. Claudio" for always being cheerful and very helpful during "crunch times".

Please join us on Sunday 9/21, at 10:45 AM, for our "Welcome Sunday" church service and reception. This is a special day when you can join other preschool families and teachers, to worship with, and to meet the members of Royal Palm Christian Church. Your children are learning some special praise songs, and will be invited to sing for us all. Lunch will be served following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our preschool garden. Last year the children enjoyed planting, caring for, and harvesting many yummy and interesting vegetables. Please give us a call if you'd like to get involved in this fun project.

SEPTEMBER PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

9/1 Holiday – All Closed
9/2-3 Sharing with Ms. Alice
9/16-17 Sharing with Pastor Craig
9/21 "Welcome Sunday" – 10:45 AM
9/25 Preschool Closed/Full-Time Care Open

DO YOU HAVE FOMO?

FOMO, or the **F**ear **O**f **M**issing **O**ut, 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
You can find our website here:
www.royalpalmchristianchurch.org

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



**Welcome
to
Our
Church
Family**

WE FELT LIKE WE BELONG ON THE FIRST VISIT

The Nazaire family -- Mazo (dad), Marie (mom), children: Christiana, Maxine, Mera, Alexandra and Kaylah -- felt "at home" from the beginning they started attending RPCC. They were so taken by the "friendly, warm, welcoming and family atmosphere" of the church that they placed membership few weeks ago. It was a huge leap for this family that has been attending St. Andrews Catholic church for ten years. "We feel connected here" said Marie. Maxo is an anesthesiologist and Marie is a hospice nurse. Their five beautiful daughters, ages 7 to 27, work and attend schools. The girls are already in youth group and Marie and Maxo want to get involved in church activities. RPCC is delighted to have the Nazaire family as part of our church family and extends them an embracing welcome.



Last month the D-Unit teamed up with our local Cold Stone Creamery to hold a fundraiser. We invited church members, families, and friends alike to visit Cold Stone on August 14th; with Cold Stone donating a portion of its profits from that evening to RPCC. Together we raised \$75 for the youth group! Thank you so much to everyone who came out in support of our youth! Special thanks to Sydney Lagogiannis for her hard work in organizing the event. Honorable mention goes to Pastor Craig for dutifully scooping ice cream throughout the fundraiser- thank you for always supporting our youth.



Life Line Screening will be here for Stroke Screenings on Saturday, September 27th. Pre-registration is required. Candee, their representative, will be here on Sunday, August 24th, if you are interested in registering or perhaps you'd like more information. Or you can call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

CSMOMS

KIDS CONSIGNMENT SALE

BUY WHAT YOU WANT
SELL WHAT YOU DON'T

Coral Springs Mothers of Multiples

KIDS CONSIGNMENT SALE

Sept. 12th & 13th @ Royal Palm Christian Church

CSMOMS is hosting our annual consignment sale at your church, and we're inviting all **Royal Palm Christian Church** families and staff to participate.



SELL YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS! SHOP FOR ITEMS AT A BARGAIN!



Consigning Opportunities Available

Consignor registrations are now OPEN! Clear out your closets and make some money. Earn 50-75% of your sales.

To register go to www.csmoms.org

Sponsor/Vendor Opportunities Available

Know someone with their own business? Got a business of your own? If your target audience is families with kids, then you don't want to miss our big event! Web Ad & Vendor Spaces are available. Spots are limited and are on a first come/first served basis.

To sign up go to www.csmoms.org

For details visit: www.csmoms.org

HELP US SAVE ENERGY ...AND MONEY!



If you turn down the temperature on a thermostat for your meeting or activity, please make sure that you turn it back up to about 78° before you leave. Thanks!

BLESSINGS

God is always at work, and blessings come in all shapes and sizes! We would love to include some of your blessings in an upcoming Chatter. Please email your blessing to the church office at royalpalmchristianchurch@gmail.com.

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



Each week we host a food pantry for those in need in our community. We try to provide certain necessities to the people who come every week. Many of these items, such as toilet paper, can't be acquired with food stamps. Donations of these items are very helpful and 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 and shelf life.

Thank you for your continuing support! Your ministry helps make a difference in our community.



"Friends,
As God called those he loved friends, I also call you. Being a part of this family is a blessing. Not by chance but by His grace I'm here. Your prayers comforted, encouraged, and lifted me spiritually. I am so thankful for all of the help I receive. God is so good and so are all of you. I pray blessings and needs for this church family every day and evening.

In Christian love,
Rose Diamond"



Love. Grow. Serve.

YARD SALE
At
ROYAL PALM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, October 4th
8:00am - 12:00pm

Reserve Your Spot: \$30 inside or \$25 outside
(members: \$20 inside or \$15 outside)

For more info call the church office: (954) 753 - 2383
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Royal Palm Christian Church, Royal Palm Christian Preschool

Sep 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 Night of Joy
	6:30pm - AI Anon 7:30pm - AI Anon @ FH	9:30am - Bible Study @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Elders' Meeting 7pm - Into Action (AA)	9:30am - Sharing w/ 7pm - D-Unit Youth	6:30pm - Food Pantry		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
"Welcome" Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ S 9:40am - Sunday 10:45am - Worship @ S 12pm - "Welcome"	6:30pm - AI Anon 7:30pm - AI Anon @ FH	9:30am - Bible Study @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Into Action (AA)	7pm - D-Unit Youth	9am - Preschool 6:30pm - Food Pantry		8am - Life Line
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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