

# Church of the Palms

## Worship

September 25, 2011

*“Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ”*



***Need someone to talk to? A Stephen Minister can help, 924-1323  
Need to hear a prayer or have someone pray for you?  
Call the Prayer Line 924-9979***

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**9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship broadcast live on Comcast Channel 189.  
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## Welcome to Worship at Church of the Palms

Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth, and service in Christ. If you would like to learn more about the Church, are considering how you might be involved, or are ready to make a deeper commitment through membership, we invite you to attend the next orientation on October 29, time and place to be announced. Please contact Laurie Haas, Director of Family Ministries, 924-1323 or email [lhaas@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:lhaas@churchofthepalms.org) for more information.

**Sanctuary Worship Aids** - For your convenience, there are large-print copies of the Order of Worship and hearing devices that may be helpful as well. Packets containing worship activities designed for children are also available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Campus Center. An usher can assist you with these needs.

### Televised Worship Service

On Sunday mornings our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 189. For those who do not have Comcast, you may watch the live video stream of our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our website, [www.churchofthepalms.org](http://www.churchofthepalms.org). A video copy of the sermon is uploaded to our website the following Monday before noon. There is also an archive of sermons available on the website. DVD's of the entire service and CD's of the sermons are available for purchase by calling the Church Office.

**Sermon Text** - Copies of previous sermon text brochures are available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary in plastic tiered holders, and in the Campus Center, the Administration Building and on the Church website.

### Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are trained, caring Christians who know how to listen and support people in crisis. If either you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister's help, contact Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Legters, mother of Carole Higley, by Len and Carole Higley and family; and in loving memory of Richard D. Moree, by Betsy Morris.

### In Memoriam

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Katherine Nelson, who died September 3, 2011.

# The Garden @ Church of the Palms

Modern Worship – Ancient Truth – Spiritual Growth  
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## ***Gathering Around The Word***

Call to Worship  
Words of Welcome  
Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving  
Greeting One Another

## ***Proclaiming The Word***

Songs for Illumination  
Prayers of Supplication & Intercession  
Scripture Reading

## ***Proclamation***

*Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth*

## ***Responding To The Word***

Songs of Affirmation  
Invitation to Discipleship  
Response of the People

The morning offering and gifts may be placed in the watering cans near the entrance. For more information about programs and activities at Church of the Palms, you may visit the “Welcome Center” just outside the doors.

At 9:15 a.m. a Guide will escort children from worship who wish to go to Sunday School.

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## **Worship Leadership**

**Pastor:** Bruce Hedgepeth (bhedgepeth@churchofthepalms.org)

**Program Director:** Steve Lenz (steverlenz@gmail.com)

**Technical Director:** Mike Bassett (mbass66@verizon.net)

**Worship Leader:** Shari McDuffie (smcduffie@comcast.net)

# Worship in the Sanctuary

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

### WE GATHER

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Elizabeth Thomason  
(11:00 a.m.) John Segó

We marvel, O God, at the thought that you care about us. We are amazed that the Creator of the universe would take on human flesh to draw near to us in ways we could begin to understand. As Jesus emptied himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments to lay aside self-interest that we might take direction from you. Help us to humble ourselves in order to obey you, to listen in order to hear, to care in order to serve. Lead us day and night through the dangers of the wilderness of our times. Lead us in these moments to honest and fervent worship. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

Nicholson

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #487** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT (9:15 a.m.)

“Supersize It”  
Kids of the Kingdom

arr. Kyle Hill

With a little bit of bread he fed five thousand,  
With a little bag of fish they weren't hungry anymore.  
Jesus took what little that he had and turned it into so much more.

Chorus: Out of little comes much; out of little comes much  
When we're trusting in the Lord for big or small things.  
God can, God can, God can supersize it.

There was nothing left to drink at the wedding party,  
But the water turned to wine, they weren't thirsty anymore.  
Jesus took what little that he had and turned into so much more. (Chorus)

He'll magnify it, he'll multiply it, expandersize it. God can supersize it!

## WE CONFESS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (together)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## WE SHARE

### **LIFE AT CHURCH OF THE PALMS**

(Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.)

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT (9:15 a.m.)**

### **MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY**

**"The Old Rugged Cross"**  
Chancel Choir

arr. Vicki Wright

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. (Refrain)

### **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN #92**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

## WE PROCLAIM

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16: 24-26 (Pew Bible N.T. p. 18)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

### SERMON

“Into the Fray”

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

## WE GO

### \*HYMN #371

“Lift High the Cross”

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

### POSTLUDE

\*Congregation, please stand if able.

### **Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today**

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

Senior Pastor

Rev. Phil Bliss

Visitation Pastor

Rev. Fred Marsh

Visitation Pastor

Laurie Haas

Director of Family Ministry

John W. Ferreira, C.A.G.O.

Director of Music Ministry

Judy Lutes

Assistant Organist

### **Call to Prayer**

Join us on Sunday morning to pray for our pastors.  
8:00-9:00 a.m. - Chapel Reception Room  
Don't pray out loud? Then come and pray silently.  
Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, 359-6688

### **Sunday Mornings for Children - 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

#### **Sunday School Childcare**

Nursery	Room 101
Toddlers & Two Year Olds	Room 103
Three year olds	Room 103B

#### **PreK through 5th Grade**

Kids in Pre-K and Kindergarten begin in the Chapel with music. A teacher will bring the kids to the Sanctuary for the Children's Moment. Kids in 1st through 5th grade will begin worship with their families in either the 9:00 a.m. Garden or 9:15 a.m. Traditional service. Kids in the 9:15 a.m. Traditional service will be invited up to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Moment. After the Children's Moment, the kids will leave the service with their teachers for Sunday school. Kids in the Garden will be picked up by a teacher at about 9:15 a.m. and taken over to the Sanctuary to join the other children. Join us for Living Inside Out, where kids dare to live their faith 24/7.

Parents, please pick up Pre-K through 3rd graders in their classrooms after worship. Kids in 4th and 5th grade will be released to the courtyard to meet their parents.

Pre-K-Room 107    Kindergarten-Room 114    1st & 2nd Grade-Room 202  
3rd Grade-Room 205    4th & 5th Grade-Room 207

**Childcare for children, Birth – 2nd Grade  
is available from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Room 101**

#### **Children's Choirs**

**God's Kids Choir** - 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel - Pre-K and Kindergarten.

**Kids of the Kingdom Choir** - 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel - 1st - 5th Grades.

Please register your child on the website, [churchofthepalms.org](http://churchofthepalms.org), or at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Miss Judy at [jlutes@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:jlutes@churchofthepalms.org) or 921-4330.

#### **"Sunday Morning Sabbath" for Middle and High School Youth**

9:00 a.m. - Get refreshed, refocused, and renewed in the Lord. High school students meet in Room 208/210, and middle school students meet in Room 209 for worship and interaction before separating into age appropriate Bible study and discussion.

## Adult Spiritual Formation

### **Seeds of Faith - Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Room 211**

Please join us for our study of the Old Testament using Philip Yancey's The Bible Jesus Read as a guide. After exploring the book of Ecclesiastes, we will be examining the prophetic writings, and considering how they speak to us today. Everyone is welcome!

### **Christians Under Construction - Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Room 206**

After establishing his basic theme of salvation through faith, Paul explains in great detail how man has fallen to sin. Merely knowing scripture will not justify the sinner; it is "doers" who will be rewarded. Jews who do not live the law are blasphemers who lead non-Jews into sin. Led by Tom Webber.

### **S.H.A.P.E. - Preview Class, October 9, 10:30 a.m. - Room 211**

Get in S.H.A.P.E. For Your Journey With Jesus! As disciples of Christ we are on a journey with Him. The journey follows the path lead by Jesus. It is marked along the way with signs that call us to worship, Bible study, small group discipleship, service to others and telling our story. Where are you on this journey? Are you ready to see how you have been equipped for the service of Christ? If so, please join us for the Fall offering of the S.H.A.P.E. Class. The six-week series of mini-lectures, exercises and small group discussions will help you learn about your Spiritual Gifts, Heart (passions), Abilities, Personal style, and Experience that shape your life. Not decided if you are ready to take the next step on your journey? Then join us for a no-obligation preview of the class on Sunday, October 9 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 211. The first class of the six-week series begins Sunday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Bob Baarson, 400-9391.

**Men's Study and Breakfast - Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.** At the Dutch Heritage Restaurant on Bahia Vista Street, just east of Beneva Road. We begin with prayer for one another and others, followed by Bible study on the Book of Acts. Led by Dale Vollrath.

### **Ladies Prayer Group - Tuesday - Off Campus**

Ladies! Looking for encouragement and prayer? Please contact Margarete Bliss, 359-6688 or Gaye O'Brien, 377-3480 for our schedule.

### **Faith at Work - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room**

This week we begin a 6-week video based study, "The Case for Faith" narrated by Lee Strobel. It is an exciting program dedicated to issues and challenges of the modern day Christian life. We extend an invitation to join us in our faith journey. Moderators: Ben and Bernie Morgan.

## Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

### **C.S. Lewis Reading Group Led by Dr. McConnell**

**Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room**

We will discuss chapters 11-15 of Surprised By Joy by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.



### **Men's Bible Study - Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - Chapel Reception Room**

This long-standing men's group resumes with a study of the Book of Hebrews. The unknown writer of Hebrews ties the Old Testament to the New and demonstrates the superiority of the new covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus. Led by Rev. Fred Marsh and Tom Webber.

### **Palms Buffet and Grille - Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Campus Center**

YOU'RE INVITED! Join us at the Palms Buffet and Grille. Come and enjoy our array of dinner choices to suit any palette of any age! RSVP's are appreciated but are not required. Walk-ins are gladly accepted.

**Soup Bar:** All heart healthy soups include roll and butter - \$1.50

**Sensational Salad Bar:** Green and leafy salads with 15 assorted toppings to create your own. Also a variety of side salads.

Includes assorted rolls and crackers - \$5.50; with dessert - \$6.50

**Soup and Salad Bar:** Includes dessert - \$7.50

**Hot Buffet:** Barbeque ribs and chicken with baked potato.

Includes salad bar, fresh roll and dessert. - \$8.00

**Grill Bar:** Grilled hot dogs and macaroni and cheese. One hot dog - \$1.50

Meal deal - Includes 2 hot dogs, a side salad, and dessert. - \$ 4.50

**Dessert Bar:** Each week we will have four or more different dessert choices, including Vanilla Bean Ice Cream.

### **Wednesdays @ 6:12 - The Head, the Heart & the Hands of Christian Living**

**Wednesday, 6:12 p.m. - Sanctuary**

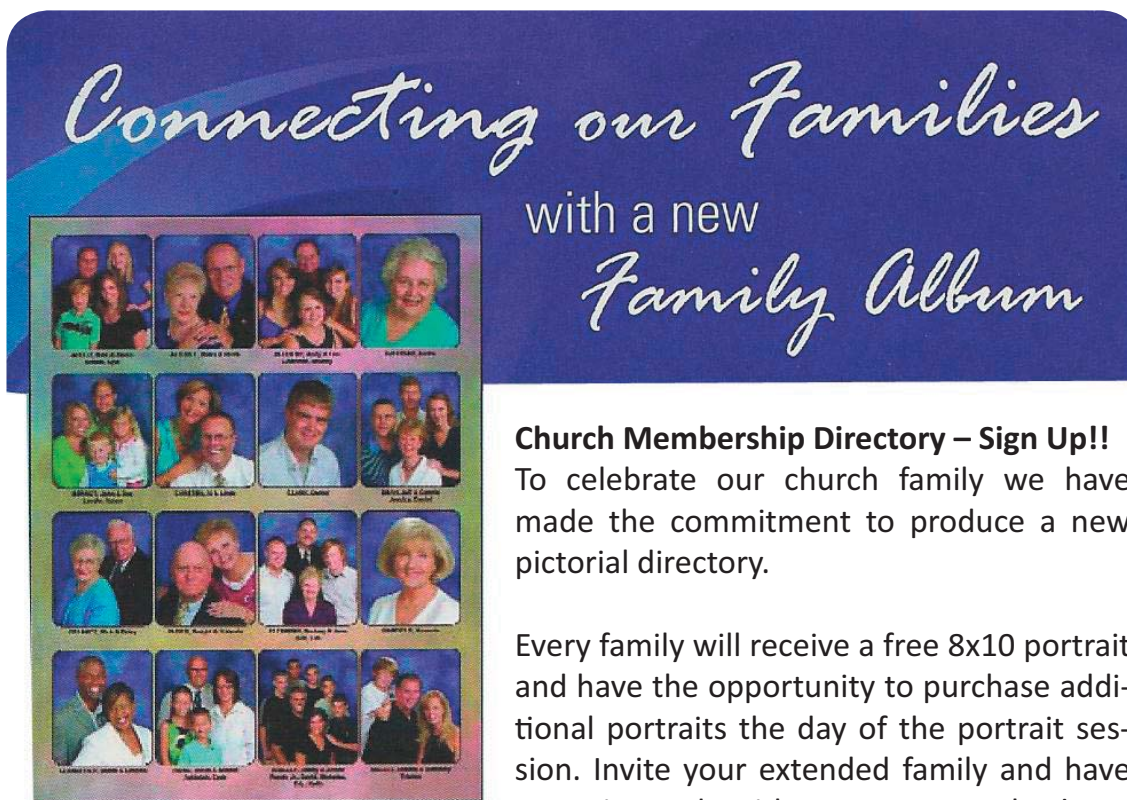
This series will explore core beliefs and practices of Christian living. Borrowing upon ancient teaching and contemporary prophets and authors, we will be asking together the important life questions - "What is true and what shall we do about it?" Come and get challenged! Led by Dr. McConnell.

### **Companions in Christ - "Weavings" - Thursday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. - Room 209**

Companions in Christ - WEAVINGS welcomes all women to this reading group experience. We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month. We will be using WEAVINGS: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life, as our resource. Each issue explores contemporary issues through articles, meditations, poetry, and fiction written by many of today's best spiritual writers. We will share our insights, have time for some fellowship over coffee, and close in prayer. For more information contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091 or email pmercer10@comcast.net.

## Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

**Friday Morning Bible Study - Resumes Friday, October 7, 9:30 a.m. - Room 211**  
“Serious Answers to Hard Questions” is a 9-week study (Thanksgiving week off - ends December 9) using scripture to answer questions such as “What is evil?” Join us for a time of study, growth, and fellowship. Let me know if you will be with us, as we need to order study books. Contact Barbara Zeller, 378-3306 or email [barzel@comcast.net](mailto:barzel@comcast.net).



*Connecting our Families*  
with a new  
*Family Album*

**Church Membership Directory – Sign Up!!**  
To celebrate our church family we have made the commitment to produce a new pictorial directory.

Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits the day of the portrait session. Invite your extended family and have portraits made with everyone together! Just

schedule together and add additional time slots for each of your extended family units.

New dates have opened up in October:

- Tuesday, October 18 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 19 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Sign up online at [www.churchofthepalms.org](http://www.churchofthepalms.org) (just look for the Lifetouch Button) or under the Fellowship Tree today. Handouts and more information will be available for those signing up under the Tree. For those who sign up online, the same helpful information will be emailed to you once you sign up. Questions? Contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464.

Helping hands are needed. Everyone is invited to help. Contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464 with your name, phone and email address. Thank you.

### **One Bag Of Groceries Every "5" Minutes!**

During August, distributions at your Deacon's Food Pantry reached a new high of 1444 bags of groceries feeding some 1972 needy people in Sarasota. That works out to one bag every "5" minutes, five days a week and six hours a day! All this is not without effort, as over eighty volunteers are busy all week long making it happen! New volunteers are currently needed to meet this heightened level of demand! If you feel able to contribute your time, contact Pete Nowak, 924-2350 for more details.



The Food Pantry is in need of your used plastic grocery bags as our supply is running low. Over the next few weeks, please bring your plastic bags and place them in the collection basket at the rear of the Sanctuary, the Church office, or the wheel barrow in the Campus Center. During the week, they can be taken to the Food Distribution Center during open hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your help with this need.

### **Honduras Mission Trips 2012**

It's time to start planning for our next excursion to Honduras and this year we will be taking two trips with two totally different focuses. The first will be January 15-21. This group will be returning to the village of Paujiles where we began to develop a relationship with this small community in 2009. The purpose of this trip will be to complete several construction projects at the school where we have conducted VBS for the past two years. We hope to take 15-20 workers (skilled and unskilled all welcome) to focus on much needed repairs. The second trip will take place February 11-18 and will be our seventh VBS trip. This year we will take our team to the small village of Kilometro Setenta. As always, we will come loaded with everything to make this the best week of their lives and to leave them having seen Christ at work. If you have been thinking about joining in on one of these life-changing trips, why not come to the information meeting on Sunday, October 16, to learn more? We'll share more of the details and answer your questions. We will meet in the Chapel reception room at 10:15 a.m. and split into two groups depending upon your area of interest. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Be Courageous

Here's a chance to take a break from yard work! Palms Men is hosting a special event that you won't want to miss. On Saturday, October 1 at 4:15 p.m. at Hollywood 20 theater, men, spouses, friends and teens are invited to see the movie "Courageous." From the makers of "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof," Courageous is an action-oriented movie with an important life message. For only \$10 per person (or \$20 per couple), you'll get a movie ticket, pizza after the movie (and free childcare, programs and food for your kids at church if needed). We've reserved seating for 80 people on a first come, first served basis. So sign up now before it's too late. After the movie, we'll meet briefly at the Church for pizza and ice cream. Get more details and sign up today at the Palms Men table under the Fellowship tree. Child-care is provided. Please RSVP to Moira Dunn, 924-1323 or email [mdunn@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:mdunn@churchofthepalms.org) if you have children coming to the event.

FROM THE CREATORS OF  
FIREPROOF

# COURAGEOUS

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

*"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15*

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**Keep a stiff upper lip...** That's what you hear. But no one knows how very badly things are at home – nearly going off the rails! It isn't advice you need – it's caring. Stephen Ministers are trained to give this care by listening instead of pushing advice. What's more, confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one will ever know what is talked about in a caring relationship between you and your Stephen Minister. To find out more, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, use the Stephen Ministry request folder available in every pew rack -- or feel free to call Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

#### **A Service of Remembrance**

DVD's of the September 11 Service of Remembrance are available for purchase in the Church Office for \$5.00.

#### **Do You Like to Garden?**

You are invited to join a group of dedicated gardeners who are preparing the church vegetable garden for our fall planting season. The purpose of the garden is to supply fresh, nutritious vegetables for distribution through our food pantry. The garden is located on the Church property by the pond and is accessible from Maiden Lane. You are welcome to visit the garden at any time. We would love to have you join us whether you are a master gardener or a novice. For more information or to sign up, contact Helen Dickinson, 923-0125.

#### **Resurrection House "Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness"**

Most of the homeless are very appreciative of small acts of kindness and being treated with respect and dignity. "God bless you" is an expression often heard by volunteers at Resurrection House. If you feel called to volunteer to work with the homeless, please call 966-0425 and a member of Church of the Palms will discuss this with you. Medical clinic needs: Small unopened bottles of Advil, Aleve, Aspirin and Tylenol. Boxes of band-aids and ACE wraps are also very helpful. Please continue to bring your donations to the Church Office. Thank you for helping Church of the Palms fulfill it's mission to reach out to the homeless of Sarasota County.

#### **Flu Shot Clinic**

A flu shot clinic will be held at Church of the Palms on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Room. Flu shots will be available for \$25 and pneumonia shots for \$65. A high-dose flu vaccine, recommended for ages 65 and over only, will be available for \$50. Medicare will cover the cost of all three of these vaccines. Only one flu shot is needed this year as the H1N1 vaccine is included in the seasonal vaccine. Both tetanus vaccine and tetanus with pertussis vaccine (recommended if you are frequently around infants and small children) will also be available. However, Medicare does not cover the cost of these last two vaccines. No appointment is needed. If you have any questions please contact Don Schalekamp, 923-4803.

### **Just a Couple of Hours**

Volunteers are needed In the Church Office on the fourth Sunday of every month, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There are folks who have questions or need a bit of guidance between and after services; there are even the occasional emergencies. Could YOU be the person to help them? We also need help during those hours whenever there is a FIFTH Sunday. Please call Carol Boehmke, 923-9410 if you can spare just a couple of hours on Sunday. Thanks a lot!

### **Lighting Up the Garden**

The Garden team is looking for people who would be interested in helping run our theatrical lighting system. It is very simple, as we will pre-program the lighting control board. You follow the script, and the system does the rest. Talk to Mike Bassett or Steve Lenz, and they can let you do a test drive. Whether one service or two, once a month or whatever works for you will be a big help to our team. No previous experience needed.

### **Be the Eyes of Church of the Palms!**

Church of the Palms Photography Ministry would like to encourage you to join their team. If you love taking photos and would like to volunteer your time to capture the events and life at our Church, please feel invited! For more information contact Dick Thompson at BRASS2RING@aol.com.

### **The Screwtape Letters**

The recent Broadway show of The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis will be performed at Ferguson Hall in Tampa. Church of the Palms has secured a block of tickets for the October 8, 4:00 p.m. performance of this highly acclaimed show at a group rate of \$51.50 per ticket (all inclusive). Tickets are currently sold out. However, a second block of tickets may be secured. If you would like to see the performance, please put your name on the waiting list by contacting the Church Office.

### **Two Cents a Meal - Today is the Day!**

This church-wide mission program is managed by our Presbyterian Women. Look for the red baskets with pamphlets



explaining the program. They are located in the Narthex, Campus Center, Music and Arts Building and under the Fellowship tree. Every cent is given to our Deacons' Food Pantry, Peace River Presbytery and PCUSA hunger programs. Jesus asks us to care for those who are hungry. Contributions are an expression of thanksgiving to God for our abundance. Please consider giving pennies, loose change, dollars or checks in any amount (memo: Two Cents a Meal.) God bless you.

### **Back to Basics Tutoring**

Would you like to assist a student with his/her school work, maybe increase his/her interest in the subject, help a student to be more confident in completing school assignments and, perhaps, see an improvement in his/her grades? Do you have at least one hour free on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. and/or Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.? Back to Basics Tutoring, a mission of the Church of the Palms, which begins in the Campus Center on Tuesday, September 27, provides these opportunities as well as non-tutoring jobs. Over eighty students have registered and requested assistance with a variety of subjects ranging from elementary level reading, spelling, math and writing, to high school subjects such as algebra, geometry, pre-calculus, physics, chemistry, biology, English, Spanish, American history, American civics, government, economics and study skills. Several students need to attend the Tuesday evening sessions. Stop by the tutoring table under the Fellowship Tree or contact Judy Armitage, 924-1323 or 323-8115 to volunteer or get more information. Many thanks, Judy.

### **Take Stock in Children**

Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County is a scholarship and mentoring program for at-risk youth in low-income families. Students apply starting in Middle School and once accepted - must maintain a 2.5 GPA, meet with their mentor once a week and stay crime & drug free. After they successfully graduate from High School, we provide them with a full-ride tuition to any Florida university or technical school. Many of our students are currently without a mentor. Mentors are what make the difference in the success of this program. If you can donate ONE hour per week, you can help change a life by helping a child build a solid foundation of values, establish goals, improve their academic and life skills, while developing their self-esteem and confidence. To apply and find out more, please contact Dana Bakich at [dana@takestock Sarasota.org](mailto:dana@takestock Sarasota.org), visit our Facebook page or [www.takestock Sarasota.org](http://www.takestock Sarasota.org).

### **World Communion Sunday**

You are invited to participate in our Church's celebration of World Communion next Sunday, October 2. Participants dress in native costumes of their national heritage (or a country of your choice) and are part of the processional for the Church service. We would love to have people represent the countries where our Church has mission projects (Haiti, Honduras, Iraq) and countries that have not been represented in the past such as Russia, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Italy, any country from South America and the United States. There are several costumes available for use in the Music and Arts Building, or you can make your own. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the event, please contact Robin Segó, 322-0494 or [Sego1@Juno.com](mailto:Sego1@Juno.com). She will also be under the tree between services during the month of September.



### **PULSE - Middle School Youth Group**

PULSE meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 208/210 each Wednesday. Each week we will play games, learn about the path God would have us follow, and grow in our community. Meet in the Campus Center at 6:00 p.m. and bring \$5 for dinner and a friend! Contact Derek Thompson for more information.

### **Thirty-three**

#### **High School Youth Group**

Thirty-three meets each Sunday from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. in Room 208/210. Come join in large and small group fellowship with us and share the ups and downs with others on the path to Christ. Contact Derek Thompson for more information.

#### **Courageous Family Event**

Join other families on October 1 for dinner and a movie that matters. Adults will travel to Hollywood 20 for the 4:15 p.m. showing of "Courageous" while the kids have a movie, crafts, and play games back at church. We will have a family pizza party and discussion in the Campus Center after the movie. Kids can be dropped off at 3:30 p.m. Child-care is free. The movie and pizza are \$10 per adult. Contact Laurie Haas or Moira Dunn to reserve your spot and for more information.

### **Confirmation 2012 Orientation**

#### **Today**

Parents of 8th graders are encouraged to attend a Confirmation orientation at 10:30 a.m. today in Room 208/210. We will be discussing the mentor relationship and the whole Confirmation process. Confirmation will begin in January 2012. Please contact Derek or Moira for more information.

### **High School**

#### **D-now Retreat**

Reserve your student's spot for the D-Now Retreat on October 21-23, sponsored by Sarasota Baptist Church. The theme of this discipleship retreat is Redefining Normal. Students will learn how to live out their faith, to be people of influence from the standpoint of their faith. Come join worship leader Casey Darnell (North Point Music) and Speaker Dave Rhodes (Wayfarer) for this exciting weekend with other COP high schoolers! Contact Derek Thompson for more information.

### **4th And 5th Grade Girls Group**

The 4th and 5th grade girls group meets this Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 208/210. We get together once/month for conversations, games, crafts, and fun. Contact Moira Dunn for more information.

For more information or to RSVP for Children's or Student Ministry events, please contact Derek Thompson, Moira Dunn or Laurie Haas, 924-1323 or email [dthompson@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:dthompson@churchofthepalms.org), [mdunn@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:mdunn@churchofthepalms.org) or [lhaas@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:lhaas@churchofthepalms.org).

## Remember in Prayer

### **MISSIONS:**

An updated list of our supported worldwide and local mission partners and missionaries that appreciate our prayers is available on the literature racks, at the doors in the Sanctuary, the Campus Center, and the office. Our particular prayer request is to lift up the country of Nigeria as we partner in prayer with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Our Wycliffe mission partners are Dale and Carole Hoskins, who work with 24 of the 231 Bible-less people groups in Nigeria and Chris and Christie Winkler and family as they continue their work in Nigeria.

### **INDIVIDUALS:**

Sally Bahlman, Ken Brennan, John and Del Burgio, Gene Burns, Randy Butsch, Cheryleen Christie, Adrienne Combs, Janet Deremer, Beth Ellis, Bill and Jan Evans, Rick Hager, Jim Hart, Karen Hildreth, Shelton Jones, Trevor Korn, Mary Ann Kramer, LaVerne Mahloch, John McKinnon, Sharon Piver, Sally Robbins, Betty Rose, June Rudder, Gloria Sabalauskas, Margaret Saliba, Lee Stewart, Sophie Stewart, Marguerite Taylor, Richard Torrey, Robert VanDerzee, Hannah Vrancken, Ruth Willig

### **MILITARY:**

Sgt. Adam C. Bell, Maj. Victor E. Bruno, SPC Ryan Chastain, First Lt. Rob Garner, Zachary Miller, First Lt. Tracy Prohoniak USMC, LCDR Michael Stokes, Lt. Jared Sweetser

*Names may be added to this list or extended for a period of 30 days by contacting the Church Office. Prayer requests may also be submitted to the Deacons' Prayer List on the green prayer cards which are located in the back of our pews and the Sanctuary Narthex.*

## A Prayer for Your Week

O Father in Heaven,

You know us so very well, our every thought, word and deed.

You see us make everyday choices that reflect our values.

Forgive our self-centered motives and decisions which seek to build earthly gain - in recognition by others, power, wealth, or other temporal profits. In the end of life, these lead no where.

You have given each of us a purpose in life according to your will – it is our cross to take up and carry on the road where you lead us.

Help us to deny ourselves – to choose your purpose over our own; to recognize the cross we can and must carry to follow you.

O Lord, challenge us to make conscious changes in our lives; that all we meet, will know we are your followers by our priorities, our actions and by our love. Through Jesus, Your Son, Amen.

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today, Sunday, September 25, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	God's Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Middle School Sabbath	Room 209
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 101
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Christians Under Construction	Room 206
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Orientation	Room 208-210
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
7:00 p.m.	Thirty-three (High School)	Room 208-210

### Monday, September 26, 2011

4:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Chapel Reception Room
5:45 p.m.	Pre-Twinkler String Class	Music and Arts Building
6:00 p.m.	Session	Campus Center
6:15 p.m.	Violin-Viola Class	Music and Arts Building
6:30 p.m.	Companions in Christ	Room 206
7:00 p.m.	Sounds of Glory Orchestra Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

### Tuesday, September 27, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
12:30 p.m.	S.H.A.P.E. Instructors Meeting	Room 211
2:30 p.m.	Back to Basics Tutoring	Campus Center
5:30 p.m.	Creative Signers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
6:30 p.m.	4th and 5th Grade Girls Group	Room 208-210

### Wednesday, September 28, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
4:30 p.m.	Palms Buffet and Grille	Campus Center

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

### Wednesday, September 28, 2011 (continued)

6:00 p.m.	Pulse (Middle School)	Room 208-210
6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
6:12 p.m.	Wednesdays @ 6:12	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center
7:30 p.m.	Jubilee Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 29, 2011

1:00 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group	Room 211
2:30 p.m.	Back to Basics Tutoring	Campus Center
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

### Friday, September 30, 2011

### Saturday, October 1, 2011

8:30 a.m.	Communion Preparation	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Childcare for Courageous Event	Campus Center
4:15 p.m.	Courageous Event	Off Campus

### Sunday, October 2, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
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