

Church of the Palms

Worship

September 4, 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***

**3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34239
Phone: (941) 924-1323 Fax: (941) 923-9594 - www.churchofthepalms.org**

**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 in October, date and time to be announced. Please contact Laurie Haas, Director of Family Ministries, 924-1323 or email 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. 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 in plastic tiered holders, the Campus Center, in 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.

In Memoriam

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Howard Rogers, who died August 23, 2011.

Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today

Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth	Executive Pastor
Rev. Phil Bliss	Visitation Pastor
Rev. Fred Marsh	Visitation Pastor
Laurie Haas	Director of Family Ministries
John W. Ferreira, C.A.G.O.	Director of Music Ministries
Judy Lutes	Assistant Organist

Dr. McConnell is away this weekend performing a wedding.

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

Scripture Reading

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

Guest Pastor Brian Taylor

Responding To The Word

Celebration of the Eucharist

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.

*Communion in The Garden @ Church of the Palms is received via intinction. When instructed by the Pastor, please proceed to the center aisle. Upon reaching the Table, break off a piece of bread, proceed to the cup on the side on which you are seated, and dip the bread in the cup. Anyone needing to be served in their seat is asked to remain seated; you will be served where you are.

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

Worship Leadership

Pastor: Brian Taylor

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

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

Worship Leader: Heidi Groff

Worship in the Sanctuary

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Jan Gilbert

(11:00 a.m.) Paul Ross

We come to you this morning, O God, for you are the source of life. We come to you, O Lord, for you are the reason for our hope. We come to you, heavenly Father, for you are the author of love. We come to you, Holy Spirit, for you are our helper in time of trouble. We come to you, loving Savior, for you are the One who knows our inner being. We come to you, our Redeemer and King, for you are the One who cleanses our souls. Triune God, hear our prayer, accept our worship, and draw us into communion with you – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Minuet”

W. A. Mozart

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” arr. David H. Hegarty

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #460** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105:1-5)**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wonderful works.

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Leader: Seek the Lord in his strength; seek his presence continually.

People: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Gracious God, you call us this morning and always to bear witness to the gospel, your covenant of grace that was perfectly embodied in our Lord Jesus Christ. He taught his followers to welcome the “little ones,” to seek out the lost, and to forgive over and over again even as we have been forgiven. We confess that we are sometimes prideful, sometimes impatient, and sometimes without the strength of will to be faithful followers of the Savior. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us the power and perspective of your Holy Spirit that opens paths, unlocks doors, and gladdens hearts. These things we ask in Jesus’ name. 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 commu-
nion 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.)

MUSIC MEDITATION

“You Are the Potter”
Susan Welsh, Soprano

Carlson and Lemonis

You are the potter and I am the clay;
I put my heart in your hands.
I give my life to your perfect plan.
You are creator of all I can be;
I trust your will and your way.
Into your image I long to be made.

You are the potter and I am the clay.
Take me, shape me as your work of art.
Mold me in your likeness after your own heart.

You are the potter and I am the clay;
I put my heart in your hands.
I give my life to your perfect plan.
You are creator of all I can be;
I trust your will and your way.
Into your image I long to be made.

Still me, fill me, as I wait on you.
Let me be a vessel you can always use.

You are the potter and I am the clay;
I put my heart in your hands.
I give my life to your perfect plan.
You are creator of all I can be;
I trust your will and your way.
Into your image I long to be made.

OFFERTORY

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”
Chancel Choir
(See page 8)

arr. Drennan

***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.**

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19 (Pew Bible N.T. p. 127-128)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Damascus"

Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth

*HYMN #396

"O For A Closer Walk With God"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Praise and The Lord's Prayer (together)

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.

WE GO

*HYMN #341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the heart from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE

*Congregation, please stand if able.

FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

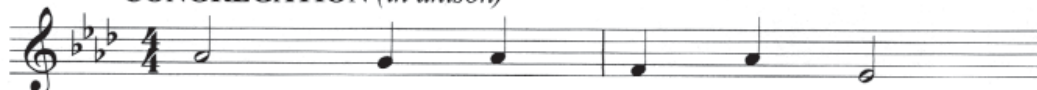
I. Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Words by
CHRISTIAN BATEMAN (1813-1889)

Tune: **MADRID**
by BENJAMIN CARR (1769-1831)

Arranged by
PATTI DRENNAN (ASCAP)

CONGREGATION (in unison)



1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing,
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let prais - es
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Life shall not



Christ our King, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
fill the sky, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
end the strain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His
He is our guide and friend. To us He'll
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness



throne re - joice. Praise is His gra - cious choice,
con - de - scend. His love shall nev - er end,
we'll a - dore, sing - ing for - ev - er - more,



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
"Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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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.

We would like ALL parents of Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade to come over to register your child for the new school year and to meet their small group leaders right after worship today in their classroom (even if your child is in the Chapel singing.) Come Grow and Glow with Us!

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, or at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Miss Judy at 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

We're really enjoying learning more about the Old Testament, and how relevant it is for our lives today, as we study The Bible Jesus Read by Philip Yancey. After an overview, we've spent time exploring the books of Job and Deuteronomy. Now we are focused on The Psalms - a wonderful collection of poetry/hymns that beautifully express the full range of human emotion as we pour our hearts out to God. Please join us for "this life-changing journey to the heart of the Scriptures that Jesus himself grew up on... and that laid the foundation for everything he ever said or did."

Christians Under Construction -

Resumes Sunday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. - Room 211

We begin the fall session with a study of the Book of Romans, the Apostle Paul's seminal message to Christians. It is not the first of Paul's letters – actually, one of his last – but it is placed first among his letters in the New Testament as the most significant theological statement of Christianity. Paul's major theme – salvation by grace through faith – eventually inspired Martin Luther and other leaders of reformation. Led by Tom Webber

Book Group - Sunday, September 18, 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

For its September meeting, the Book Group has selected a fictional novel entitled Rooms by James L. Rubart. Anyone interested is welcome to read the book between now and September 18, and then join us to discuss your insights and questions. (Even if you don't have time to finish the book - you're still welcome to attend!) Here is a "sneak peek" at our Fall schedule:

- September: Rooms by James L. Rubart (fiction)
- October: The Scent of Water, Grace for Every Kind of Broken by Naomi Zacharias
- November: Shepherds Abiding by Jan Karon (fiction)

Questions? You can reach Suzanne Butsch at rando250@verizon.net or 706-7138, or Doris Kamphuis at rakamphuis@aol.com or 360-8474. We look forward to seeing you!

Companions in Christ - "The Way of Grace"

Beginning Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. - Room 206

The Way of Grace is a small covenant group experience in Spiritual Formation designed to help experience more deeply the grace of God at work within us. "The Way of Grace follows a series of encounters with Jesus by various characters in the Gospel of John. Together these encounters explore key movements in spiritual formation. Grace predominates in each encounter, even as it does in our personal journey of faith in company with Christ. The stories from John's Gospel thus provide a way for us to connect biblical witness with our own experience of God's grace." This is a nine (9) week series. For more information, and to register, please contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091 or email pmercer10@comcast.net.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

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 - Tuesdays - Off Campus

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

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

Tuesday, September 6, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

We will discuss chapters 1-5 of Surprised By Joy by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.



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

This long-standing men's group – historically the longest continuously running Bible Study at Church of the Palms – 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 our new Palms Buffet and Grille. Come and enjoy our new 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

Hot Buffet: Black Oak Ham with Au Gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, includes salad bar, fresh roll and dessert.. - \$8.00

Sandwich Bar: which will include hot turkey burgers with all the fixin's and sweet potato fries., and dessert. - \$ 4.50

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

We look forward to seeing you!
- Ms. Nancy

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

Wednesdays @ 6:12 - The Head, the Heart & the Hands of Christian Living Wednesday, 6:12 p.m. - Sanctuary

This 12 week 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"

Beginning Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. - Room 202

Companions in Christ - WEAVINGS welcomes all women to this reading group experience. We will 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.

ECC Corner...Celebrating 50 years of Love and Learning

Who is this?

Dear ECC Committee,

The Early Childhood Center at Church of the Palms has been an important part of the lives of my children and myself. As a fulltime working mother, it was a blessing to know that I was able to have my girls in a safe, educational, and fun childcare center. They looked forward to going to the center each day and were happy when I arrived at the end of the day. There were so many fun activities and many friendships that still exist today.



The staff at the Early Childhood Center were always excited to be working with the children. They had a special talent for giving the children the tools to learn and allowing them to develop in their own way. Both of my girls entered into elementary school confident and capable. The Early Childhood Center has had a very positive effect on my family and many families in our community. Thank you to a tremendous staff of dedicated educators.

Very Truly Yours,
Leanne B. Swain

Resurrection House “Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness”

Pat is a 64 year old lady who sleeps outside on the ground in the Burns Court area. She comes to the Resurrection House (RH) Monday-Friday to take her insulin that is stored in the refrigerator there. Periodically, she comes to the RH medical clinic, staffed by volunteer physicians and nurses, to be evaluated. Patients like Pat receive a free evaluation and treatment for acute and chronic problems and are referred to the appropriate local agencies if further services are needed. **CRITICAL NEED NOW:** white socks, men’s white underwear sizes 32-34-36, and back packs. Please leave your donations at the Church office marked with “RH”. If you are interested in finding out about volunteer opportunities at RH call 966-0425. Thanks for helping Church of the Palms fulfill it’s mission to reach out to the homeless in Sarasota County.

PALMS’ MEN

We’ll Start A New “Season”
With Our Palms’ Men Kickoff
Breakfast on Saturday, September 17 at 8:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast and hear about the plans for the year ... including a special focus on the upcoming movie “Courageous.” Tickets are \$6 per person or \$10 for two, so we encourage you to invite a friend. For more information or to signup, stop by the Palms’ Men table under the Fellowship tree.



New Team Leaders Needed

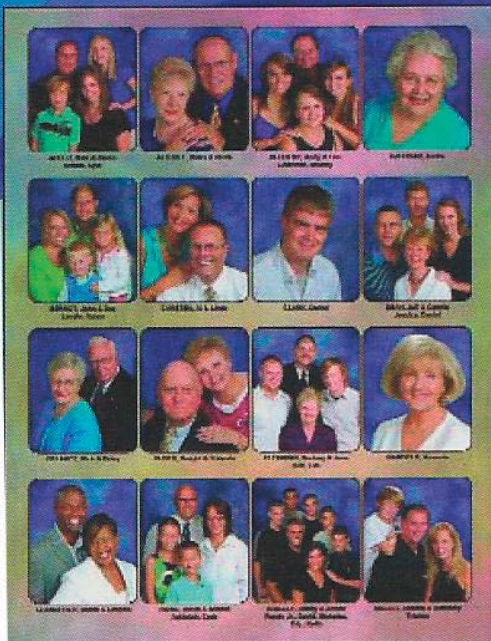
A team Leader for the Emergency Planning Committee is an important volunteer service requiring approximately one hour of your time. This responsibility involves contacting a list of other church members living in your Zip Code area; updating their information, and offering them a personal contact should an emergency occur and they need assistance. This network of help within our Church could make a difference at a critical time. Team leaders are needed for Zip Codes: 34232, 34234, 34240, 34238, and 34233. If you live in one of these areas and can help, contact George Jenkins, 345-3243 or uncgeorge@comcast.net.

Do You Have The Time?

Time Tithers strive to use their God-given gifts in service to others. Time Tithers are persons who have made a private and personal covenant with God, promising Him that they will, on average, devote at least one-tenth of their discretionary time to studying his Word and doing his work. Some of the projects they do to help and serve others in our community include installing grab bars (#1 job request), basic plumbing, Comcast box installation and minor home repairs. If you can lend a helping hand or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Time Tither, please contact the Time Tither’s cell phone at 941-927-8585 or email timetithers@gmail.com.

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.

We have selected Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to service our congregation at no cost to the church. A variety of poses will be taken and one will be chosen for the 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.

Our first portrait session will begin in October. The October dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday, October 20 2:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 21 2:00-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sign up online at 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, especially during the 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. shifts October 20 - 22. Everyone is invited to help. Contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464 with your name, phone and email address. Thank you.

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). You can secure a seat by bringing your full payment to the Church Office.

World Communion Sunday

You are invited to participate in our Church's celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 2, 2011. 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 room or you can make your own. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the event, please contact Robin Segó at 322-0494 or Segó1@Juno.com. She will also be under the tree between services during the month of September.



Fifth Annual Samaritan Counseling Golf Tournament and Church Challenge

Please save Saturday, October 15 for our annual golf tournament. The event is held at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club and promises a rewarding day of fellowship and sporting fun. If you would like to learn more and register for this event please visit our website at Samaritangulfcoast.com/events.html. If you are not a golfer and want to contribute to this worthy organization, sponsorship opportunities also abound for you or your business. For additional questions please contact Donna Dudash at Dudaek@verizon.net. Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast is an accredited ministry providing a haven to those in our midst suffering from depression, grief, and anxiety. Church of the Palms began this important ministry which now partners with a multitude of churches in this area.

Sanctuary Flower Sponsorship

You are invited to select a special Sunday to designate Sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or event, or just in thanksgiving to God. Upcoming available dates are September 11, October 9, 23 and 30. Contact Betsy Morris, 924-1323 and send a separate check of \$40.00 payable to "Church of the Palms" and marked "for flowers" to her attention in the Church Office. After worship, your gift continues as the Sanctuary flowers become part of the Visitation Ministry. Your gift of flower sponsorship is both a blessing in our worship and reaches beyond to show God's love.

School Supplies For Honduras

Although the 2012 mission trip to Honduras is several months away, now is the time to take advantage of all the “back to school” sales. In previous years the team has taken school supplies to be used in the VBS program and then donated them to the school to be used in the classrooms. Following our next VBS trip, we would also like to present each participating child with their own package of school supplies consisting of children’s scissors, a glue stick, washable markers, a box of 24 Crayola crayons, and pencils for his/her personal use. If you would like to help us fulfill our goal by purchasing any of these items, we would welcome your contribution. They can be brought to church on Sunday and placed in a box marked Honduras VBS or taken to the Administration Building during the week. Thank you in advance for assisting us in sharing God’s love with these little ones.

Dates to Remember:

- October 16, 10:15 a.m.: Informational Meeting (learn about the trip)
- February 11-18: Honduras VBS Mission Trip 2012

If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Perry, 349-3282.

Thirty-three Embarks Tonight

Thirty-three, the high school youth group, will have its beginning celebration tonight, September 4, from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. in room 208/210. Come join in fellowship with us and share the ups and downs with others on the path to Christ. We will be incorporating a small group curriculum into Thirty-Three this year. Contact Derek Thompson for more information.

Confirmation 2012

Orientation September 25

Eighth grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend a Confirmation orientation to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 25. We will be explaining the mentor relationship and the whole Confirmation process. Confirmation will begin in January 2012. Please contact Derek or Moira for more information or to RSVP.

Pulse Meets Each Wednesday

PULSE, the middle school youth group, had its kick off celebration last Wednesday. PULSE meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 208/210 each Wednesday. We are introducing a small group ministry into PULSE this year, and it will be a blast! Each week we will play games, learn about the path God would have us follow, and grow in our community. If your student will be having dinner with us, meet in the Campus Center at 6:00 pm and bring \$5. Those who do not want dinner, go straight up to Room 208/210. Bring a friend! Contact Derek 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, mdunn@churchofthepalms.org or 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:

Scott Armitage, Sally Bahlman, Ken Brennan, John & Del Burgio, Gene Burns, Randy Butsch, Cheryleen Christie, Adrienne Combs, Janet Deremer, Beth Ellis, Bill & Jan Evans, Edward Frazier, Rick Hager, Jim Hart, Karen Hildreth, Shelton Jones, Marge Knoblock, Trevor Korn, Mary Ann Kramer, Sherry Merschoff, Sharon Piver, Sally Robbins, June Rudder, Margaret Saliba, Lee Stewart, Sophie Stewart, Marguerite Taylor, 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

Dear Father,

Thank you for giving us unique abilities, equipping us to contribute to our world.

At escalating speeds, we steer our efforts blindly toward goals we have defined for ourselves, seldom taking time to question our objectives and destinations.

It is hard, Lord, to objectively see ourselves – to assess our strengths, recognize our weaknesses, and embrace unexpected changes in our chosen life paths.

When we negotiate a pathway encompassing behaviors of the world contrary to your teachings, open our eyes to your stop signs while there is still time for change.

We need you to be central in every endeavor, each step of the way.

With your help and guidance, we can turn around any situation in our homes, our neighborhoods, workplace, social circles, nation, and even in the world.

Help us begin today with more loving relationships with our family and others. Guide us toward a closer daily walk with you, through prayer and study of your Word, that we will see your will for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, September 4, 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 9
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.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Thirty-three Kick-off (High School)	Room 208-210

Monday, September 5, 2011

Labor Day - Office, ECC and Food Pantry Closed.

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Creative Signers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
6:00 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Reading Group	Chapel Reception Room
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Committee	East Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
10:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
4:30 p.m.	Palms Buffet and Grille	Campus Center
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	Music and Arts Building

Thursday, September 8, 2011

9:30 a.m.	Mary Magdalene Circle	Chapel Reception Room
1:30 p.m.	Claudia Circle	Chapel Reception Room
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Sunday, September 11, 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 9
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 211
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Service of Remembrance	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Thirty-three (High School)	Room 208-210



A Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a “Service of Remembrance” to honor those that lost their lives a decade ago. Dr. McConnell will lead the worship and John Ferreira will lead the Handbell Choir, Creative Signers and Chancel Choir.

The Jubilee Handbell Ringers will be doing a piece with a powerpoint visual display that was especially written to depict the events of that day. The Signers will sign the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14 “I Will Heal Their Land” and Chancel Choir will be singing “In Memorial”, another piece written for this occasion that incorporates “Dona, Nobis Pacem”.