



Please join us
for worship on Sunday

November 30, 2008

"Finding God in the Desert"

by Pastor Chuck Holliday

Psalm 63

If you missed a sermon,
click [here](#) to listen on-line
or download to your iPod.

Sunday Schedule

- 10:30 AM Worship Service.
- Nursery during Worship Service
- Children's Programs for Pre-K through 5th Grade during Worship Service

YOUTH SCHEDULE

MIDDLE SCHOOL (OBX) YOUTH GROUP

Mon. 6:30-8:30pm

Joey Redd

Joey@riverpca.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wed. 6:30-9:00pm

Adam Young

Adam@riverpca.org

COLLEGE GROUP

Sun. 6:00-9:00 pm

Brandon Gantt

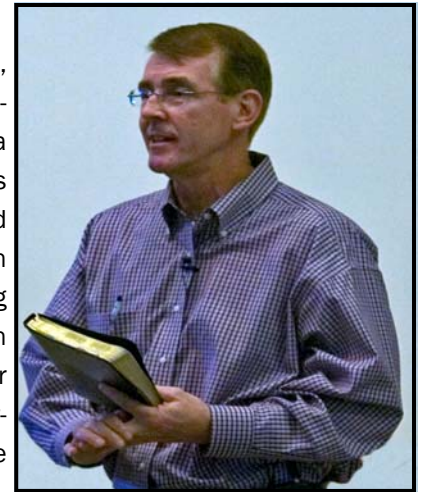
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The first Thanksgiving in America was celebrated by the 50 surviving Pilgrims. Over half their group had died of famine and disease since setting sail from England on the Mayflower. As they gathered in the Fall of 1621 with their new Native American friends they were preparing to face another harsh New England winter. Each of them had buried family members and close friends in recent months. They gathered not so much to celebrate a bountiful harvest as to thank God for their mere survival and to acknowledge their utter dependence upon His merciful providence for what lie ahead.

They had learned the lesson of Psalm 131.

David writes in verse 2, "I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me." When a nursing mother starts to wean her child the toddler has no way of understanding why the one who gave him birth and has sustained him with her milk would now deny him the comfort and nourishment of her breast. Indeed, it must feel cruel and confusing. God must do the same thing for his sons and daughters. There are times when he must deny us the things that feel like life to us, so that we might rest in the deeper joy and contentment found only in



Chuck Holliday, Pastor
River of Life Church

Him. Spurgeon writes, "It is a blessed mark of growth out of spiritual infancy when we forgo the joys which once appeared to be essential, and can find solace in Him who denies them to us." Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Pastor Chuck

Happy
Thanksgiving



CHILDREN CLASS UPDATE

Due to having only one service time at 10:30 am, some of our age groupings have changed for kids.

The age break-down now holds the following classes:

- 2-4 year old preschoolers
- 5 year olds and Kindergarteners
- 1st-2nd graders
- 3rd-5th graders

Please take note if your child is affected by the class change.

New

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAYS

We have started having only one worship service on Sunday mornings. That service takes place at 10:30 am.

The nursery and children programs for Pre-K through 5th Grade are available during the 10:30 a.m. worship service time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY UPDATE			
Attendance Last Sunday	Offering Last	Average Weekly Budget Need	
255	\$17,269.74	\$11,723.29	
YEAR TO DATE			
Offering	Budget Need	(Deficit)/Surplus	
\$434,268.42	\$546,956.53	(\$112,688.11)	
CHAPTER TWO CAMPAIGN			
Goal	Pledged	Received	Need
\$200,000.00	\$139,080.00	\$120,550.00	\$79,450.00



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34



WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA



*At the Christmas Tea we'll remember and celebrate the **The Treasures of Christmas** "the good news of great joy" just as "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart"(Luke 2:10,19)*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

6:00 PM *Candlelight Service*
7:30 PM *Candlelight Service*

Invite your friends and neighbors.

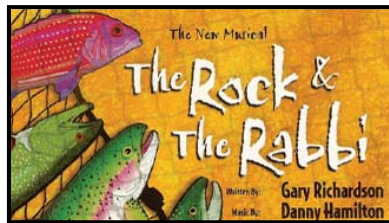
Limited childcare will be available in the nursery during both services for children ages 2 and under.



WHOLESOME, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

By Terry Griffo

The Rock and the Rabbi - My #1 pick for any season. I have personally been to see this show five times over the past three years. It is a powerful presentation of the



Gospel from Peter's perspective. Beginning with his initial call by Jesus, through his doubt, the crucifixion and resurrection. Prepare for spiritual goose-bumps! Check www.theplazatheatre.com for dates in December soon. All ages.

2. A Christmas Story—A stage adaptation based on the award-winning and time honored film, A Christmas Story follows 9 year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother, his teacher and even Santa Claus himself, at Goldblatt's Department Store. The consistent response: "You'll shoot



your eye out." All the elements from the beloved motion picture are here, including the family's temperamental exploding furnace; Scut Farkas, the school bully; the boys' experiment with a wet tongue on a cold lamppost; the Little Orphan Annie decoder pin; Ralphie's father winning a lamp shaped like a woman's leg in a net stocking; Ralphie's fantasy scenarios and more.

A Christmas Story debuted as a play adapted for the stage by Philip Grecian in 2000. As the beloved movie celebrates its 25th anniversary, Orlando Repertory Theatre is poised to introduce this classic story to a new generation. This story is a classic American Christmas story. It illustrates a simpler time and holiday tradition that may be becoming increasingly undervalued in the fast-paced, digital society of today, said director Tad Ingram. We live in an era where the Internet, cell phones, and text messaging seem to have diminished and maybe even

replaced, for many children, the appetite for face to face contact and the delicious experiences of childhood that usually occur in the absence of parents, among friends, with no fearexcept for bullies, of course. There is a lot for us all, particularly we parents, to be reminded about life in the days before the technology boom. This story is a story about kids being kids. Ages 5 and up should enjoy!

A Christmas Story, Orlando Rep Theatre, November 21-Dec 21, 2008

Show times: Fridays 7 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. and 7p.m., Sundays 2 p.m.

Call for tickets @ 407.896.7365

www.Orlandorep.com



3. A Christmas Carol - A traditional telling with added music and dancing.

A good family night out, for ages 6 and up because of scary ghosts of Christmas!

Nov.28-Dec.21

Click [here](#) for more information.

Celebrate the Season!