



**Please join us
Sunday**

November 9, 2008
"Serving God in All We Do"
by Pastor Chuck Holliday
Genesis 1: 20-31

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

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:30 AM Worship Service.
- Nursery for all services
- Children's Programs for Pre-K through 5th Grade during 9AM & 10:30 AM services

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

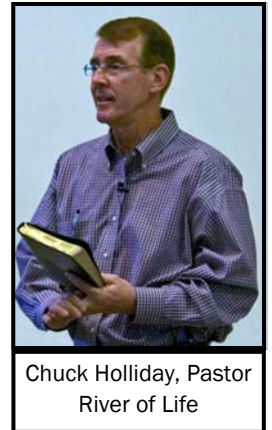
Sun. 6:00-9:00 pm
Brandon Gantt
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Someone has said, "There is no limit to the good a person can do, so long as he doesn't care who gets the credit." We are learning valuable lessons through our Home Group study, "Dignity Serves". We have also learned some things through our experience for many years now in distributing Turkey dinners after our Thanksgiving service.

We are excited to try something a little different this year. Through people that we have helped in previous years, we now have a small network of contacts in some needy

communities near the church. We are inviting these folks from the needy communities to actually come and participate in our effort on Sunday, Nov 23, to distribute Thanksgiving Dinners. We will provide the food and as much manpower as needed, but they will lead us in the distribution effort. After all, it's their community and they know best who needs the help. Some of these folks are very excited about the opportunity to lead this effort. They value the opportunity to do something for others and we need their leadership if we are going to make a long term impact. Our pres-



Chuck Holliday, Pastor
River of Life

ence may be more invisible to these communities but the ultimate impact on their lives could be greatly enhanced. The following article by Jennie Hissom will explain this a little more, and we will hear more about this on Sunday.

Pastor Chuck

FAMILY THANKSGIVING DAY BASKET PROGRAM

River of Life has an annual tradition of creating and giving away Thanksgiving baskets to those who might otherwise go without. This is a great tradition - we want everyone in our neighborhood to have a feast to celebrate with, and reasons to be thankful and praise God for his bounty.

This year, in addition to the blessing of food, we want to invite the basket recipients into the blessing of shared service. The feast will be sweeter if all time and work spent together to make up and deliver the baskets. We hope that this invitation to not just receive but to participate, will remind us of God's double blessing. The first blessing is our need, not just financial need or physical hunger, but the deepest aching need that ALL of us share. God gave us this need to bring us into relationship with Him and with each other. The second blessing is the God-granted abilities and gifts we ALL have, and that we are to use to serve God and each other.



The more we engage with each other in service and the more we invite participation from those we are trying to serve, the more our artificial lines between the "haves" and "have-nots" can fade into non-importance. Shared service can be a place where there is humble, grateful celebration of what we have to offer; and a place where there is no shame in weakness.

Emmett & Lori Bradford will be coordinating the event again this year. If you have questions you can call them at 407/656-3438 or call the church office at 407/351-4333.



Special Thanksgiving Service at 10:30 Only

Join us on Sunday, **November 23rd at 10:30 am** for our special time of sharing about what God has done in your life this year. **There will be no 9 am service that day.** We will be offering the

nursery for under 2 year olds, as well as a class for the preschoolers 2-3 year olds and 4-5 year olds. All elementary age children will stay with parents in the sanctuary for the service.

Please join us early (9 am) on the 23rd to help put together the turkey baskets and deliver them after the service.



"...bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations..."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.



You may pick up boxes in the church foyer on Sunday, Nov.9. Each box has a pamphlet with a list of suggested items. Return the filled boxes by Nov. 16, 2008. Our goal is 200 boxes.

For more information call the church office at 407/351-4333, e-mail Gene and Patricia Schreckengost at mymima124@gmail.com or go to <http://www.samaritanpurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>



SARAH JULIEN RETURNS FROM MISSION FIELD

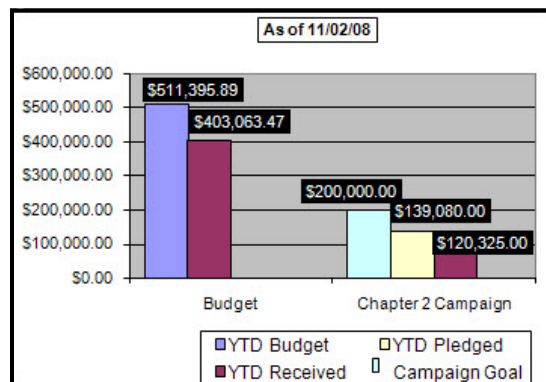
Friday, November 7- Open House

Location: The Julien House, 6044 Silk Oak Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

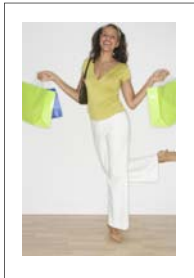
Time: 7:00 PM

What: Time to talk, look at pictures, etc. Beverages and light snacks provided.

Financial Update



*Home Groups
participate in service
projects!*



*Annual
Christmas
Tea*

Home Groups Serving for God's Glory

Some of our home groups have been participating in service projects to go along with the Dignity Serves series in the home group studies. During Fusion weekend Jim Hukill from Lift Disability Network said that a total of 17 people (14 from ROL and 3 from Northland) participated in his ministry projects. There were seven high school youth group members and leaders and five people from the Baker's home group that participated.

There were other

service projects done outside of Fusion weekend. The Singletons service project with Emmanuel Church had another family join them on October 4th to serve the homeless. The Singletons continue to serve there every Saturday. The Holliday/Nolan home group did two service projects. Six of them helped do yard work for a lady and then on October 12th eight people volunteered with Give Kids the World. The Reynolds/Guarisco home group took twenty-five people to the

Johnson's house to do some major yard work. They are also considering helping with Operation Christmas Child's packing/distribution center in mid November. Other groups continue to pray and seek how they can Serve for God's Glory. Join us in prayer, as we seek God as to how He wants ROL to serve the community and our body. Pray that we continue to apply the lessons learned personally and as a church with this home group study, Dignity Serves.

LADIES OUTING!

Ladies- Please join us on an outing to The Barn in Lake Alfred (Winter Haven) on November 8th from 10 AM to 4 PM. The Barn features different shops for Christmas

decorations, home decor, antiques, small gifts and knick knacks. You can also relax and have lunch at The Backyard Porch Café.

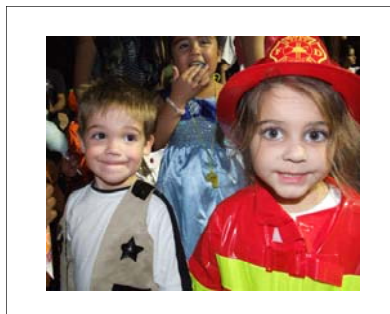
Please call Mary Jo at 407-877-2829 and sign up for one of the two carpooling sites (ROL church or 429 Winter Garden) and also let her know if you can drive.



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

FALL FESTIVAL AT ROL

Last Friday night's Fall Festival had a great turn out. According to the sign up sheets, fifty percent of the people who attended were from the community. Everyone had a great



time playing games, eating, visiting with people they don't get to see very often, and of course, trick-or-treating. The chili cook-off and costume contests were a blast. We had great participation. A great big THANK YOU to Vanessa Martinez for coordinating the festival and all our other volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Chili Cook-Off Winners:

1st place – Lesley Larche
2nd place – Rick Dunn
3rd place – Adam Young



Costume Contest Winners

0-3 year olds:

1st place – the comet/meteor
2nd place – the cheerleader
3rd place – the pot of gold

4-7 year olds:

1st place – Princess Jasmine
2nd place – Prince Charming
3rd place – Cheetah Girl

8-12 year olds:

1st place – Pink cowgirl
2nd place – Darth Vader
3rd place – Indian Girl

Teens/Adults:

1st place – Disco guy and girl (Joe and Leticia Saavedra)
2nd place – Mullet/tattoo man and biker girl (Chuck & Debbie Holliday)
3rd place – Race car pit crew man (Russell Bush)

Later this week, check
www.riverpca.org
More About Us>Pictures
to see more Fall Festival
pictures taken by
Amanda Saavedra.

Prayer Walk— Wycliffe Foundation

When: November 22nd 2008, Starting at 8:15am-9pm

Where: Events will be held at Wycliffe USA 11221 John Wycliffe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32832

Details: Prayer walk around the Tyndale lake, the Word of God in the language of the heart through a diverse expression of music and story, drum circle, games, crafts, an open market and more. International meal ticket: \$10 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5-12. A multi-media presentation that tells the story of Bible translation from the beginning to the end. Note: Admission to these events are free.

For more information call: Katie Bircham 407 852 3600 ex 4086

Link: <http://www.lastlanguagescampaign.org/LLC/llcmain.aspx>



ROL BEAUTIFICATION



You may have noticed some aesthetic changes to the ROL worship area and foyer entrance over the last few months. I had the privilege to see lay leadership step up and serve using their talents and past experiences for God's Glory. Terry Griffo and Kimberly Kalm did a great job picking

out the colors on the walls and many other design elements that greatly improved our décor. They also worked together getting new furniture for the foyer. It looks great!

The back wall is what I call "Art by Accident". Kimberly and Terry had such great ideas with the colors so I painted square samples on the wall so they could refine the colors better. Little did I know it would be such a big hit and inspire a creation of squares that lead to Rhonette Hukill up high in the air painting black words describing God in the different colored boxes. It was truly a team effort with Peter Weed and the Schreckengosts helping to prep for the painters.

Russell



Rhonette Hukill painted words on the wall.



Gene & Patricia Schreckengost Stage design and building the stage



Peter Weed paint prep and set-up

MANY THANKS to these wonderful volunteers!



Kimberly Kalm Professional Designer



Terry Griffo Décor design for the projects

