



Please join us

Sunday

November 2, 2008

"The Most Important Thing"

by Pastor Chuck Holliday

Matthew 26:6-13

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](mailto:Joey@riverpca.org)

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wed. 6:30-9:00pm  
Adam Young

[Adam@riverpca.org](mailto:Adam@riverpca.org)

#### COLLEGE GROUP

Sun. 6:00-9:00 pm  
Brandon Gantt

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Luke 6:12-19

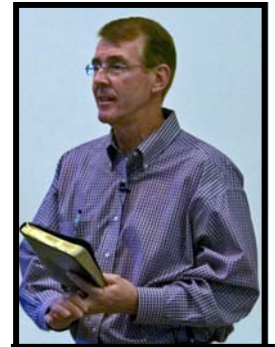
<sup>12</sup>One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. <sup>13</sup>When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

<sup>17</sup>He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup>and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

I want to share with you an [article by Henri Nouwen, "Moving from Solitude to Community to Ministry."](#) Nouwen's insight sheds a clear light on our mission "to exalt Christ, love people, and serve for God's glory."

He reminds us that Jesus prepared for ministry by spending the night alone with his Father. This is where we hear His voice reminding that we are the beloved! Exalting Christ on Sunday mornings will never take the place of our meeting with Him in solitude. Our quiet and alone times with the Trinity are what fuel our celebration of his presence when we come together to worship on Sunday.

Solitude with the Trinity leads us into community. "In solitude you realize you're part of a human family and that you want to lift something together," Nouwen continues. "Why is it important that solitude come before community? If we do not know we are the



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beloved sons and daughters of God, we're going to expect someone in the community to make us feel that way. They cannot."

Community that is rooted in the discipline of solitude leads us to ministry. "When you are aware that you are the beloved, and when you have friends around you with whom you live in community, you can do anything. You're not afraid anymore. You're not afraid to knock on the door while somebody's dying." And then he shares something we must never forget if we want to be used by God, "Those who ministered to me were those who were not afraid to be with me."

Pastor Chuck

## Family Thanksgiving Day Basket Program

ROL is having our annual FTDBP. This program serves families in need. On November 23 we will prepare and deliver approximately 100 baskets for families in need.

We need your help on Nov. 23 to help put together the baskets and/or deliver them.

Questions? Call Emmett Bradford 407/656-3438 or the church office 407/351-4333.



## Special Thanksgiving Service

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

We would appreciate if people would come early on the 23rd and help put together the turkey baskets at 9am.



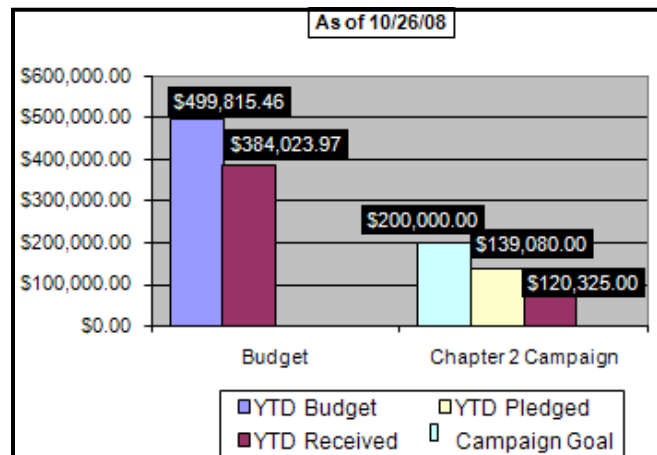
## MOMMY & ME OUTING

Moms and Children two years old and under are welcome to participate in our next Mommy and Me event. We will be meeting on Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> at

10:45AM at the Mall of Millennia. Pottery Barn Kids is hosting a child's sing-along with Silly Sam leading the music and dancing.

Please feel free to contact either Stephanie Holliday at 386-334-7464 or Marie Lagares at 321-246-8178 for more details.

### Financial Update



Set your clocks  
back one hour!

## Set your clocks

We will revert to Standard Time at 2am this  
Sunday, November 2.

Set your clocks back one hour.



*“...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.

200 boxes.

You may pick up  
boxes in the church  
foyer on Sunday, Nov.  
2 or Nov.9. Each  
box has a pam-  
phlet with a list of  
suggested items.  
Return the filled  
boxes any Sunday  
up until Nov. 16,  
2008. Our goal is

For more information  
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mail Gene or Patricia  
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or go to  
<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>



## LADIES OUTING!

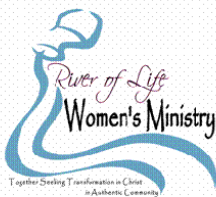
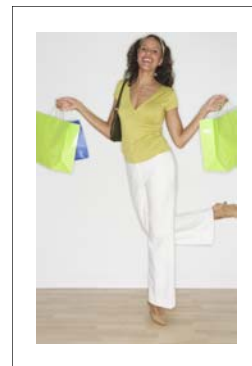
Ladies- Please join  
us on an outing to  
The Barn in Lake  
Alfred (Winter Ha-  
ven) on November  
8th from 10 AM to  
4 PM. The Barn  
features different  
shops for Christ-  
mas decorations,  
home decor, an-  
tiques, small gifts  
and knick

knacks. You  
can also relax and  
have lunch at The  
Backyard  
Porch Café.

Please sign  
up in the  
church foyer  
for one of  
the two car-  
pooling sites  
(ROL church

and 429/Winter  
Garden) and indi-  
cate whether you

can drive or  
not. Call  
Mary Jo with  
any ques-  
tions at 407-  
8772829



## SARAH JULIEN RETURNS FROM MISSION FIELD

Monday, Nov 3- Coffee shop Day  
Location: Dr. Phillips Starbucks  
Time: 10-4:30

What: I'll be hanging out there all day, and anyone is welcome to join me for a chat and a cup of coffee.

Friday, November 7- Open House  
Location: The Julien House, 6044 Silk Oak Drive  
Time: 7:00

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



## OPPORTUNITY TOMORROW

The Fall Festival at ROL is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to this outreach event. We are doing the Fall Festival to serve people in our community by providing a fun, safe, and enriching environment on Halloween night, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Because it falls on a Friday this year, many people are going to be looking for something to do, whether they have children or not. This is a chance for a first-touch

for many people we live and work with everyday who maybe wouldn't come to a church service (yet!) but would come out for a carnival. Much like our church picnic, this will be a great time of fellowship and building relationships with both ROL people as well as new and old friends. Many people drive by or recognize our church building but have no clue what the people inside are like. This is a chance to allow people to get a



glimpse inside our fellowship. This gives you a natural in-road to then follow up and invite people to come to church to worship and hear God's Word at a later time. So pray about who YOU want to invite this year and come on out and help make this a wonderful Festival. See you there!

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## Fall Festival at ROL

Come join us tomorrow, Friday October 31 for a fabulous family fall festival. There will be activities for kids and grown-ups of all ages including a costume contest, a chili cook-off, safe on-site trick-or-treating, carnival games, face-painting and bounce houses. Dine on burgers, chili, popcorn, snacks, drinks, and CANDY. We hope for a great turnout, so bring along friends, neighbors and coworkers. For more information click [here](#).

We are still in need of more candy and volunteers to clean up.

## SERVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

If you are handy or have some technical abilities (gift of craftsmanship) and would like to serve for God's Glory at ROL or for a family in need please contact Russell by calling the church office at 407-351-4333 or by e-mail at

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