



Issue Forty-two

Please join us

Sunday

Sept. 21, 2008

"Who Deserves our Help?"  
by Pastor Chuck Holliday  
Matthew 8:5-13

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  
[gantt.brandon@gmail.com](mailto:gantt.brandon@gmail.com)

## Message from our Pastor

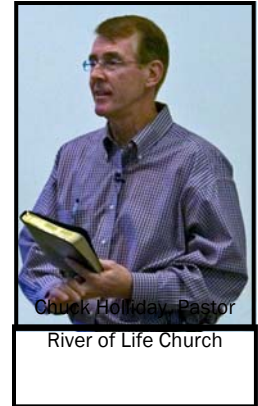
"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins." Isaiah 40:1-2

I've always wondered why God says Israel has received "double" for all her sins. This wouldn't seem feasible. First of all, her sins were many and vile. How could she possibly suffer more than she deserved. Secondly, What about grace? We know that the messiah came to die for the nation (and

for you and me). How can God say that his people will receive double for all her sins if Jesus paid it all? I heard a sermon this summer that cleared it up. Its so obvious, I can't believe I never saw it before.

Isaiah 61:7 says, "Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs." The double portion refers to the blessing; not the punishment. So, too, in Isaiah 40.

The gospel really does seem too good to be



Chuck Holliday, Pastor  
River of Life Church

true, doesn't it? God not only forgives us in Christ; He not only suspends the punishment we deserve, but He blesses us instead. And what a blessing! He says, "I won't just give you what you would have deserved if you had obeyed me perfectly, I will give you double what you would have deserved." The gospel does indeed promise more than we ever dared to hope.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Chuck

## Elections for Deacons and Elders

The following candidates have been approved by the elders for the offices of Deacon and Elder. Ballots will be handed out during the offering time on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Members should vote yes or no for Scott West to the office of Elder and Jim Reynolds to the office of Deacon. If elected, the two men will be installed to the prospective offices on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.





## ROL AND FUSION

Dignity Serves, the church-wide curriculum on service kicks off this Sunday the 21st! Home groups participating in the study, as well as the whole River of Life body, are strongly encouraged to take part in Fusion, a regional faith-based service weekend. Home group leaders and church members can sign up to assist with a project by going to [www.orlandofusion.org](http://www.orlandofusion.org), and clicking on serve.

River of Life and its members are sponsoring service projects during Fusion weekend. Jim and Rhonette Hukill and their ministry **Lift Disability Network** have a couple of excellent serving opportunities on the Fusion site, and would love to see ROL members participate. One project involves assisting at **Through the Roof: A Conference on Faith and Disability**, volunteering with hosting and registration, among other possible duties.



Another exciting opportunity sponsored by **Lift Disability Network**, in conjunction with Through the Roof, is a build-a-wheelchair team. Wheelchairs will be refurbished and repaired and sent to places around the globe for use wherever there is need. For more information on these opportunities, please visit [www.liftdisabilitynetwork.org](http://www.liftdisabilitynetwork.org). And to sign up for these particular works of service, visit the Fusion site and register for projects 25 and 26.

Another opportunity to **serve is with Emmanuel Baptist Church**. "We Have to do it" These are the words often uttered by the church pastor, Pastor Francois, when discussing the feeding of "his people" living on the streets of OBT. Greg and Annie Singleton met Pastor Francois 18 months ago, and got excited about his passion for the people living near his modest church. It's located at 25th Street and Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando. Greg and Annie quickly started a small group made up of several families to join Pastor Francois in serving those who come for lunch. They have been going to EBC on Saturday mornings to serve food for 25-50 people, while Pastor Francois delivers a message for their souls. Would you consider joining them in this "Fusion Project" by providing and serving a meal. Greg and Annie take their 4 children with them and work as a team! Greg says **"the blessing truly is ours!** If you are interested as an individual, couple, family, or home group, please contact Annie and myself for more information." You can email Greg & Annie Singleton at [anniechristine@bellsouth.net](mailto:anniechristine@bellsouth.net) or call them at 407.822.5245

If you know of a service industry that could benefit from Fusion participation, email Russell at [russell@riverpca.org](mailto:russell@riverpca.org) and/or Phil at [philhissom@gmail.com](mailto:philhissom@gmail.com)

"...the blessing is truly ours!"

**Serve for  
God's Glory**

## Share Christ with a Child in the Children's Ministry!

A great chance for ministry at River of Life is with our own children in Kids Connection. We worship through song, prayer, offering, and sharing the Word of God each week. We are using an exciting new Bible curriculum to teach our kids about the faith.



**Grab a friend and decide to teach a class together during one of the worship hours on Sunday mornings.** This is an incredible opportunity to experience the Gospel in a fresh way as you lead the children of our congregation. One of the most important things we have the opportunity to do as a church is to tell the next generation about our great God. Pray about how YOU might share in the blessings of leading young people to Jesus. Perhaps you haven't been around children for a while or are an empty nester and think you've been there and done that. But now is when you have the time and energy to have kids in your life again!

Specific needs:

preschool class of 3-5 year olds during 9 am service  
3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade students during both services

If interested, please contact Adam at [adam@riverpca.org](mailto:adam@riverpca.org) or 407.493.4013.

Adam Young  
Children's Director



### **TWISTEE TREAT THURSDAY**

**September 25**

All middle school girls are invited to **Twistee Treat Thursdays!** We will gather at the Twistee Treat located at the intersection of **Maguire and 50 in Ocoee** from **6:30 - 7:45 p.m.** for ice cream, amazing toppings, fellowship, and fun on **Sept. 25th!!** Ice cream is always more fun with others, so **please invite and bring your friends!** We will meet at Twistee Treat, so please do not come to the church first! If you have any questions, please contact **Kimberly Solovy** at **321.695.4994** or [Kimberly.Solovy@mac.com](mailto:Kimberly.Solovy@mac.com)

## HONORING VOLUNTEER BROOSE JOHNSON

Broose Johnson loves worship! Whether singing and playing the guitar on the worship team, leading children's worship in the portable or

and his whole family especially values the relationships they've enjoyed with others from the worship team as they have fellowshiped and practiced together.



**Bethany , Broose and Erika.**

participating in the congregation, he is fully engaged in exalting Christ. Broose became involved in the worship team at River of Life shortly after his family's first visit to check out the new church in 1995. He considers his efforts in this ministry more as a blessing to him, than one of service or duty,

Since 2004, Broose has served as an elder, a position he describes as "a challenge and a privilege." As an artist and creative storyteller, Broose feels he brings limited value to the administrative and business issues of the session, but he has loved teaming with Andy, Chuck, Pedro and Rob to pray for people and for God's direction for our church.

Through their years at ROL, Broose and his wife, Penny, have also

led, hosted or participated in numerous home groups, studies, and church activities which have given them opportunities to enjoy relationships and share hospitality with many in our church family.

In sharing his story of volunteerism at ROL, Broose is quick to point out that service has definitely been a two-way street for his family. Through a life threatening illness of one of their five children, the births of three of their children and financial struggles with job loss and changes, Broose attests to the support and loving encouragement of the ROL family that he has received. He is also grateful for the spiritual mentoring and teaching he has enjoyed at River of Life.

*Serving for God's  
glory!*

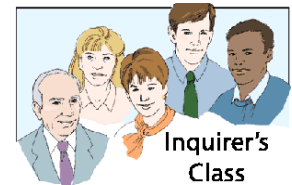
## INQUIRER'S CLASS STARTS TOMORROW

Led by Pastor Chuck Holliday, this weekend seminar is designed to introduce you to the heart and ministry of River of Life. Whether you are brand new to River of Life, considering membership, or somewhere in between, this

class is for you! It is designed to help you get a good taste of what River of Life is all about.

We will meet  
**Friday, September 19,  
6-9pm** (dinner provided)  
and  
**Saturday, September  
20, 9am-Noon**

(breakfast provided.)  
Child care is available upon request  
We would **love to have you join us** for this upcoming class! **Sign up on line by clicking [here](#)**, in the foyer after church, or by calling the church office at 407-351-4333.





Get ready for the rescue of a lifetime. The makers of *Facing the Giants*, the film with a less than giant budget that grossed over \$15,000,000, will release *Fireproof* in 800 theaters on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Our beloved teen idol all-grown-up, Kirk Cameron (*Growing Pains*), stars in this gospel-message film about a hero firefighter Lieutenant who learns that his true calling as a husband is a personal 911 orchestrated by God. He is shocked to hear that saving people from burning buildings is excellent, but won't reconcile him to a Holy God. Turns out the rescuer needed rescuing by the real hero of this film, Jesus Christ.

This should be a refreshing film with a message that speaks boldly to our culture infatuated with immorality and convinced that divorce is freedom. *Fireproof* is a must-see and unlike others in the past, is produced with excellence and relevant applications to us all about the nature of

true love. The film's focus is on marriage, our most intimate relationship. Every marriage strong or weak, healthy or teetering on the brink of divorce, should be strengthened and encouraged by the truths and challenges of this biblically based film. I am grateful for this movie and pray for its success according to God's will.

With enough support, Sony pictures will pick up the film. Based on the initial response and overwhelming support by such organizations as Focus on the Family, Family Life, and The Marriage Commission, resources based on the movie are already available from the website such as devotionals, small-group study materials and couples kits.

Make plans now to "sit down" for your marriage; in a theater on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

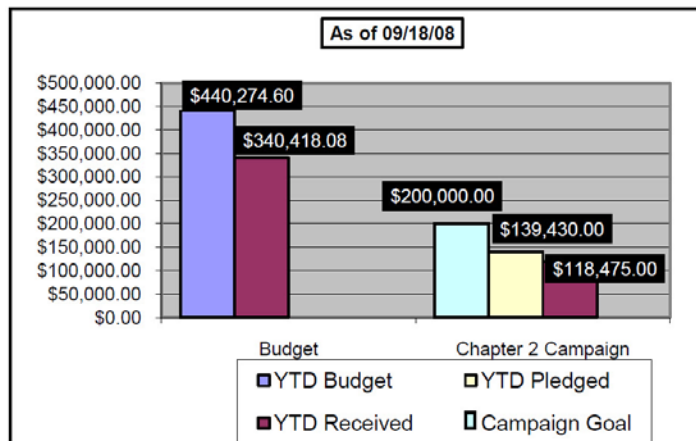
For more information on the movie go to [www.fireproofthemovie.com](http://www.fireproofthemovie.com)

Terry Griffo

**Fireproof** will be showing at the following theatres:

- Altamonte Mall 18, 433 East Altamonte Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
- Cinemark at Festival Bay 20, 5150 Orlando Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
- Pointe 21 Theaters, Pointe Orlando, Orlando, FL 32819
- The Loop Stadium 16, 3232 N. John Young Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34741
- Waterford Lakes 20, 541 North Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32828
- West Oaks 14, 9415 West Colonial Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761

*Financial Update*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

One of the most valued treasures we women have is friends. There is no better place to form and nurture those friendships than being a part of one of the studies that the Women's Ministry at ROL has planned for us. Below are three of the women's studies that are planned for this Fall. Pick the one that fits your schedule and **sign up in the foyer after church on Sunday**. A workbook or book will need to be purchased for the study you attend.

### Survey of the Book of Ruth

Debbie Holliday will be leading this small group study on Ruth.

- Where: Debbie's home  
Winter Garden, FL  
321-217-5845
- Start Date: Tuesday,  
September 30, 2008

#### Note new starting date.

- Time: 7:30pm -9:30pm
- 10 sessions. We'll meet every other week.
- This class is limited to about 12 participants.

### Survey of the Gospel of John

Dorcas Cepeda will be leading this study.

- Where: ROL Church
- Start Date: Sunday,  
October 5, 2008
- Time: 9am
- 9 sessions We'll meet every Sunday except October 12 (Women's Retreat.)



### Believing God, by Beth Moore

Darby Blanchard will be leading this study.

- Where: Darby's home  
Winter Garden, FL  
407-574-2763
- Start Date: Wed.  
September 24, 2008
- Time: 10am-12noon
- 10 week study. We'll meet every other week unless we decide to meet weekly after our first meeting.

Childcare will be provided.



*Girlfriends*

## Message to the Ladies of River of Life

Please accept our invitation to join us for the **ROL Women's Retreat Fall 2008**, on October 10th, 11th and 12th. The Retreat will be held at Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center in Tampa. The \$175.00 cost includes: 2 night stay in a 2 BR/2BA suite with 4 double beds, meals (3 on Saturday and Sunday breakfast), conference speaker and worship leader, all materials. The theme is "Women in Real Life".

Many women have already signed up to attend, but we don't want anyone to miss out! We have a gifted team lined up and a great facility. This weekend will be a balance of spiritual growth, relationships and relaxation. We are busy women and we need REST!

Our speaker, Angel Richard, is returning by popular request. In addition, this year we will be privileged to have a worship leader. Tammy Jensen has traveled with Travis Cottrell's Worship team for Beth Moore's Living Proof events for 9 years. For more information on Tammy, click [here](#).

You may be thinking, "I've missed the deadline" or "I can't commit at this moment" or "I'm not sure of finances." NONETHELESS, you still have an opportunity to sign up!! We understand you may have concerns or are unsure about the particulars. The women's leadership is committed to helping you work through any concerns. If God is nudging you to attend, but you are not sure of the details - please sign up and let us know that you are considering. Together with God all things are possible. Sign up online by clicking [here](#), email Susie at [office@riverpca.org](mailto:office@riverpca.org) or call the church office at 407-351-4333.

The business side of planning the retreat causes River of Life to contractually commit to room counts with the hotel by September 22nd, for guaranteed pricing. Therefore, **we need your deposit by Sunday, September 21st**. After that date, we will do everything in our power to work with you and the hotel for late booking.

Please call Patricia Schreckengost at 407-704-0823 or the church office at 407-351-4333 for more information.

