



Please join us
for worship on Sunday
August 30, 2009

Sermon Series:
The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13
"Deliver us from the evil one"
By Pastor Chuck Holliday

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 entire Worship Service
- Children's Programs for Pre-K through 5th

Children stay in sanctuary with parents for the praise & worship time, then are dismissed to their classes during the sermon time.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

YOUTH GROUP
(Middle & High School)
6:30 pm Wednesday
meet at the church

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Young Adult Group
Sun. 6:00-9:00 pm
Brandon Gantt
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MESSAGE FROM OUR WORSHIP DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe my family and I have been a part of River of Life for over six weeks now! I am settling in the office, and am thrilled to finally be putting more names with faces. This church truly is an answer to prayer for me in my personal ministry calling, and just as importantly for my family: Evie and Isaac love coming, meeting new friends, and articulating and applying biblical truths each week from their Kids Connection classes (the lollipops last week were a big hit too!). Weekly, someone new has introduced themselves to Lance and me, and it is already beginning to feel like home—what a blessing.

As Worship Director, my heart rejoices to serve a congregation passionate about corporate worship through music. I love to hear you lift your voices and see the joy on your faces as we gather each week (how much more must our Heavenly Father delight in our praises?). When we hear the word "worship" in church, most of us think first of music; however, music is just one expression of our worship. When we see someone hurting and comfort them, it is worship; when we choose not to take things too personally and give one another the benefit of the doubt, it is an act of worship. When I apologize to my kids and spouse for being impatient and insensitive, it is worship; when I can put my own opinions aside and seek to understand, that is an act of worship. All of these situations have a common foundation that Paul describes in Romans 12 as becoming "living sacri-

faces". He goes on to say "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought"(3). This is our spiritual act of worship as we humble ourselves before God and each other. This leads us out of a life of self-service and self-preservation so we can begin confessing our weaknesses one to another, and spurring each other on towards love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)

As we walk in relationship with Christ, He enables us to be in genuine community and worship together. Lance and I desire to be in community in this way at River of Life, and we know that Sunday mornings are just the beginning! Our corporate worship will only go as deep as our private worship, so I exhort you to sing and dance before the Lord every day, sometimes literally, and more often through obedience to His Word and in accordance with the promptings of His Spirit. It's not always about joyous songs and warm gatherings, but it is real, raw, and authentic—it's living in the fullness of Christ! I'm so thankful to be a part of the story God is weaving at River of Life.



Jodi Sewell
Worship Director

Jodi





THE RIVER EXPLORED

The River Explored is an informative, engaging seminar introducing you to the heart and ministry of River of Life. Whether you're brand new to our church or have been attending for some time; are considering entering into membership or just interested to find out more about the church, *The River*

Explored is for you! You will also **learn more about yourself** and the unique ways in which **God has gifted you.**

Our next event will take place at the church on **Friday, Sept. 18 (6-9pm)** and **Saturday, Sept. 19 (9am-noon)**. We start with dinner together

on the Friday and breakfast on the Saturday. Attendance on both days is required. Childcare is available on request.

We'd love to have you join us! To sign up or for more information contact Susie in the church office at 407.351.4333.

Secret prayer sisters to be revealed at the Ladies End of the Summer Social!

Please Come

Ladies End of the Summer Social

Where: Home of Missy Franke

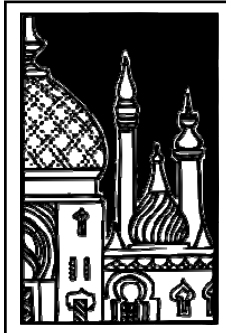
What to bring: dish/ appetizer/ salad or desert to share

date *6:00 pm August 29th*

“Will you join me and listen to Jesus asking us to love our neighbors the way we love ourselves? “

Call to pray for Muslims during Ramadan

When I think of Muslims I don't think of impersonal crowds of people who follow the religion of Islam. I think of my friend who tutored me as I struggled to learn my third language; I think of my neighbor who invited my family to his daughter's wedding feast; I remember the guys I played badminton and basketball with. This month



(August 22-September 20), my Muslim friends are fasting every day from dawn until dusk to seek cleansing and nearness to God.

Will you join me and listen to Jesus asking us to love our neighbors the way we love ourselves? He loved me when I was far from him, and he makes love grow in me so I can share it the people around me. Let's pray this month for Muslims around the world.

At this website, <http://www.30-days.net/resources/email/>, you can sign up to receive a daily email that will give you information to allow you to speak to God about Muslims. It is true: We love because God loved us first.

Mike Wilcox

Mike serves in a pastoral care ministry with Pioneers, together with his wife Joan.

2009/2010
Kids Connection
Class Changes

MOVE UP SUNDAY—AUGUST 30

If your child is now in **Pre-Kindergarten, first or third grade**, they will be moved up to their **new classroom** for Sunday school.

If your child is **now a sixth grader**, they will **stay with the congregation for the entire worship service.**



Questions? Contact Adam Young at adam@riverpca.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE



Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 9,134.62
Last Week's Offering.....	\$ 6,036.44
YTD (Deficit).....	\$ (22,408.94)



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ROL is in need of volunteers to help with routine office functions and to help with Sunday service preparation. This need is ongoing *but especially* for the next three weeks (August 30 through Sept 20). Training will be provided and the hours are flexible. If you can volunteer two to four hours a week, please contact Susie at Susie@riverpca.org or 407.351.4333. Thank you.

HOME AT LAST II

West Orange **Habitat for Humanity** will be building a home for one of our own families, **Marcus and Andrea Griffin**. Army SPC Marcus Griffin is a 5 year US Army veteran. On his second deployment to Iraq, he sustained serious injuries in an IED explosion.



Andrea has attended our church since she was a child, and Marcus started attending in High School. They have two young boys, Isaac and Joseph. We have loved and prayed for them a long time.

You can support the building of a home for Andrea and Marcus by signing up for a **Golf Tournament fundraiser**. The Home at Last II golf tournament is being run by volunteers associated with Habitat for Humanity. Their goal is to build a house for the Griffins that they can provide debt free. The golf tournament is one of many methods they use to raise funds. The tournament occurs on Monday, September 21, at the West Orange Country Club, with a shotgun start at 8:30 followed by lunch, auction and prizes.



Marcos and Andrea
with their two sons,
Isaac and Joseph

Following are some ways you can assist:

1. Golf – golfers can enter as an individual or a team. The price per golfer is \$100, or \$400 for a foursome. To sign up to play, please download the application form at this website and follow the instructions to submit: http://www.woh4h.org/home_at_last_ii_events.htm
2. Serve – by assisting with the silent auction, which will occur at the end of the golf tourney about mid-day on September 21 at the country club. This event requires at least 6 staffers to catalog prizes, monitor the bidding, designate the winners, collect the money and deliver the prizes. Leticia Saavedra, Andrea's mother, will be spearheading this effort.
3. Donate – prizes for the silent and live auctions. These prizes generate a lot of money for the tournament. If you or your company can donate services, vacations, trips, restaurant meals, memorabilia – or the like – the tournament is the perfect place to convert them into cash for the cause.
4. Contribute money to the cause. If you can't serve in any other way, cash is always valuable. You can use the information at the website listed above to send a check or donate on-line.

If you have questions or want to contribute directly, the person in charge of the tournament is Darrell Gardner at 407.876.8651. Blaine Strickland is serving as a local coordinator for River of Life. Contact Blaine bstrickland@mainsaildev.com if you have questions or if you want to sign-up to assist with the silent auction.