



THE SPARK

BEING THE LIGHT OF GOD

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Mission Statement

Riviera Presbyterian Church is a spiritual community that accepts and embraces all God's children

RIVIERA BEACH BREAKFAST AND BEACH CLEANUP!



Join us for our annual beach breakfast and beach cleanup at Dog Beach off the Rickenbacker Causeway.

When: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Where: Dog Beach, Rickenbacker Causeway (see map)

Time: 8:30 AM -? until we decide we've had enough sun!

RSVP: Rivierachurch@bellsouth.net or see Allison Anderson for further details.

Bring your beach towel and your favorite swimsuit and your hungry tummy and join us for food and fellowship and love and care for our beaches! We will be having breakfast and then we will be cleaning up the beach. Dog beach welcomes our furry friends, so bring Fido too!

Bring your favorite breakfast food (Bagels and Coffee will be provided) and join us! Hope to see you there!



Gloves, pick up sticks and trash bags will be provided.
Don't forget to wear your Riviera t-shirt.

Missy's Message



June 2018

Dear Riviera family,

In an article written by my friend Tracey Lind, who was diagnosed with dementia over a year ago, she wrote that even as she lives into the diagnoses, she has been more joyful in the past year and a half than she ever has before. In trying to understand her joy, she read a book written by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu called *The Book of Joy*, an account of a week long conversation between the two men on the subject. Without going into the whole article, the bottom line is that what Tracey took

from the book (which is now on my reading list) is that joyfulness is an approach to life and that it radiates even in the midst of hardship, pain, and suffering. We have to cultivate this approach to life realizing that it blossoms in forgiveness, acceptance, and an attitude of gratitude.

And as we look around at our friends and associates who are truly happy, it is not that their lives are perfect, their bank accounts are overflowing, or even that they are physically in the best shape. It is in how they approach life and that they do not allow the trials and tribulations life to define them. I like the idea of practicing forgiveness, of working on accepting all people, and being grateful for all that is good in my life. It puts things into their proper perspective.

Comedians have said that they have so much material because of the news reported each evening. Well, that might be true, but recently, I have found that the news also points us to areas where the church must be present and minister to our hurting world. Just this week, Rosanne Barr's racist tweets brought to light a growing acceptance of hatred that is contrary to God's call to love others as ourselves.

If we are to cultivate joy in the world, we need to spread the message of love, forgiveness, acceptance, and gratitude to others. This summer we will have the opportunity to talk about these issues in our summer book group reading Jodi Picoult's book *Small Great Things*. Please join me! Through learning and living and serving we live out our ministry with JOY!

In Christ and love,
Missy

1967 Austin Pipe Organ Renovation Needs, Part 2

Riviera's 1967 Austin Pipe Organ has served the church for many years, and its use has been loved and appreciated by many. Because the pipe organ is a breathing instrument made out of wood, metal, and leather, time can take its toll on any pipe organ. Currently, the Austin is in need of repair. Last month, I submitted a picture of the 8' Gedeckt pipes from the Choir division of the organ which is keeping its tuning by being stuffed with paper towels to create a proper seal. The renovation project would include repacking the stopper seals for the Choir 8' Gedeckt and other ranks of pipes that need the same type of repair.

One of the major components of any pipe organ is the leather that is used throughout the instrument. The leather of the organ can be related to a pair of lungs – breathing and flexing with each note played. The different leather components of the organ are kept under pressure until a pipe is asked to play. If the leather is damaged, the air pressure required to play a certain pipe will not be possible, and the pipe will not function properly. Below are two pictures: a recently releathered stop action (white in color), and an original 1967 stop action (brown in color). The main leather of our Austin is still using its leather from 1967. Generally, an organ's leather needs to be replaced every 40-50 years, so it is expected that our leather is due for replacing. The renovation project would include releathering the entire organ back to factory original condition making it ready for another 50 years of making music at Riviera.

--Seth Carlson

Original stop action with 51 year old leather



One recently releathered stop action



Sunday, June 24th we will recognize our graduates during the 11:00am worship service. Please join in the celebration.

A blessing for the road ahead



May you be strong and courageous, not afraid or discouraged, because God is with you wherever you go.

Deuteronomy 31:6

May you remember that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ.

Romans 8:31

May you trust that God has good plans for you—plans for your success in this life and future with him ever after.

Jeremiah 29:11

May you embrace God's will as he fills you with wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:9-10

May you love others as God loves you.

1 Corinthians 16:14

May the Lord of peace give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you from now and forever.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Congregational Care News ...

happy
birthday
to you!

June Birthdays

Henry B - 6
Camilla T - 8
Gerry B - 10
Bo S - 10
Dylan V - 14
Kyle D - 15
Steve P - 21
Jordan A - 26

Christian Education News...



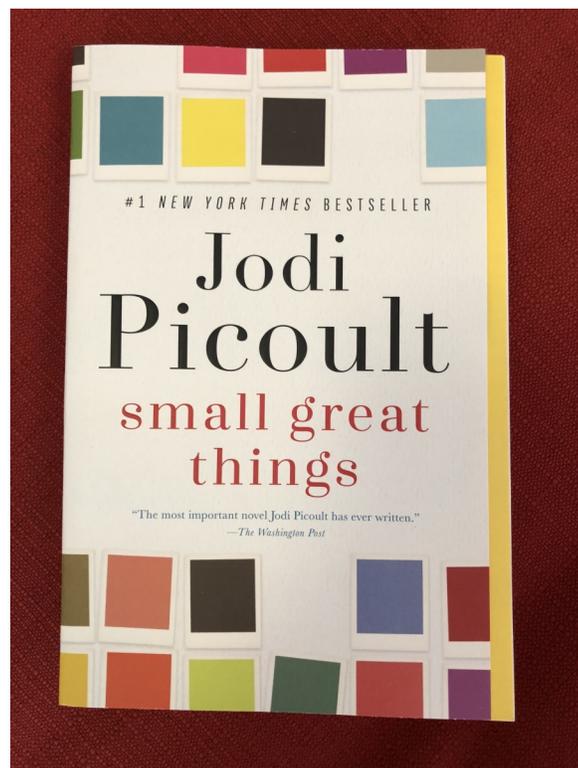
You are invited to **Theology Over Morning Java** Sundays at 9:30am in the church library. Elder Chuck Hannemann leads this class for all adult ages and all spiritual stages.

THEOLOGY uncorked

2nd Sunday of the Month
5-7pm
Titanic Restaurant & Brewery
5813 Ponce De Leon Blvd,
Coral Gables

June 10th

Come for an afternoon of
Fellowship, Food, Adult
Beverages &
Topical Conversations



SMALL GREAT THINGS is **the most important novel Jodi Picoult has ever written**. Frank, uncomfortably introspective and right on the day's headlines, it will challenge her readers...The difficult self awareness is what sustains this book...forcing engaged readers to meditate on their own beliefs and actions along with these characters....It's also exciting to have a high-profile writer like Picoult take an earnest risk to expand our cultural conversation about race and prejudice.
--*Washington Post*

**Book Discussion on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00pm
In Pastor's Office.**

Mission News...



Earthcare Committee – Love in Action Campaign

Riviera's Earthcare Committee used Earth Day to kick off a series of three environmental advocacy projects providing the congregation the opportunity to participate in three postcard campaigns to County and Federal officials. This is another way that Riviera shows its love for all God's creatures - protecting, restoring, and rightly sharing God's creation.

We urged our County Commissioners to "hold the line" and not allow the building of roads past the Urban Development Boundary into the Everglades.

We shared with our US Representatives concerns about changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that would overturn almost 100 years of precedent and protection for migratory birds.

We advised our US Senators that the protections of the Endangered Species Act must be maintained.

If you have not yet had a chance to sign a postcard, they are available at church in the Welcome Area/Narthex. Won't you add your voice to important issues affecting God's creation?

Fellowship & Community News...



Fellowship and Community committee would like to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU! To those of you who generously donated your time, talents, and food for our Page Brother's Coffee House Concert and Sax & Spaghetti events. Without you, the events would not have been a success!

Stewardship News...

A wills and legacy giving program that encourages giving through charitable bequests, permanent endowment funds, and other estate plans enable you and your family to share God's material gifts with the church and help fund its mission. We have resources, including an estate planning workbook, that can prepare you to leave a legacy to Riviera. Please contact the church office to obtain a copy of the estate planning workbook.

May at RPC...

Sax and Spaghetti Concert



Children's Sermon



Pentecost Sunday



Remember to share your pictures with us. Please email them to the church office at rivierachurch@bellsouth.net or tag us on Facebook.

Hidden Figures and Super Heroes Summer Sermon Series

Sundays at 11:00am



THE BIBLE GAVE HER ONE LINE...
NOW HER LEGEND WILL BE TOLD.

Keeping with our summer theme of *Hidden Figures and Super Heroes* on Saturday, June 23 starting at 6:30pm all are invited to and see the movie *The Red Tent* in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be provided