

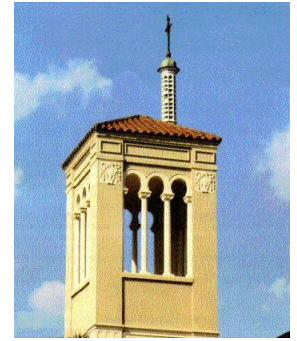
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Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Psalms 96:3, NLT



Dr. Kevin James, Sr.

Kevin's Corner

COME, LET US GIVE THANKS!

In November 1954, a unique tradition began. Reverend Paul Wagner and Rabbi David Zielonka had become acquainted in joint community activities in which they participated. From that acquaintance, a decision was made to have a joint Thanksgiving Service. The first of those services was held at Palma Ceia on Thanksgiving Day 1954, with Rev. Wagner leading the service and Rabbi Zielonka of Congregation of Schaarai Zedek giving the message. Lay members of both congregations participated in the service.

This service met with such approval that it was decided to have it as an annual affair, alternating each year between the Church and the Temple. This tradition, begun as a most unusual combination of Christian and Jewish worshippers, has continued to the present day. The guest minister is the speaker of the day, and the lay members of both congregations participate in the service.

The above paragraphs are from the booklet, "Palma Ceia United Methodist Church – the Early Years":

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us give thanks for the following: life, faith, freedom, family, food, health, and home. You and I both know that everyday is a day of thanksgiving, regardless of the season. It's a fact, "God is good all the time and all the time God is good."

You are cordially invited to attend the 56th Thanksgiving Service in our Sanctuary with the Congregation of Schaarai Zedek on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Please encourage family members and friends to attend this interfaith worship service.

Time will change this weekend. Be sure to move your clocks **back** Saturday night.

Thankfully,

Kevin

Ministerial Staff

Dr. Kevin M. James, Sr.

Rev. Larry E. Cook

Worship Services

8:30 Informal Traditional

9:15 Contemporary

10:30 Traditional

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O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Psalms 136:1 (KJV)

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for November is our Youth Ministry. We have an awesome and growing Xtreme Youth group, directed by Misty Winter. These students are learning and developing a strong spiritual and social foundation. Thanks to all of you who support our students and this special ministry. You may use your Mission of the Month envelope to give to this worthy endeavor

SHARE

The SHARE food program specials for Thanksgiving are always a bargain. The turkey package with all the trimmings, including dessert, will be \$30 and the popular spiral cut hams will be back. This is in addition to the regular meat and produce items. If you did not order this past Saturday, you can order at the church office through Friday, November 5th. For more information call Maxine Smith at 289-0140 or Betty Crislip at 835-0191 for more information.

Reading Suggestion from Tom...

Three inspirational Christmas gift books that are inexpensive and capture the true meaning of Christ's birth through scripture and devotional stories. Great gifts for family and friends the Christmas spirit by Joel Osteen this Christmas night by Ruth and Billy Graham the purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will hold it's monthly meeting at 12:30 P.M. on Friday, November 19, in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch (\$6.00 each) our own Rachael Higginbotham, Physical Therapist, and her mother, Ann Morrison, will discuss the necessity for maintaining your independence in your aging years. OR - Living Successfully when "Home Alone" OR - Use It or Lose It. All ages are welcome.

Book Exchange: If you have too many books at home, bring them to exchange with others. We will have a table set up each month for this purpose. Also, you are welcome to join our book club that meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. No age limit.

Book Club News

Wednesday, November 10th, at 9:30 AM, in Parlor I. Our book selection is "**Cutting For Stone**" by Abraham Verghese. For more information call Linda Dortch at 287-8503.

Part-time Job Opportunity! Work up to ten hours per week as Children's Ministry Assistant. Must love children and have a commitment to Christian ministry! Person needed every Sunday Morning and Wednesday night, and other days as needed for special events. Visit our church website at: www.palmaceiaumc.org for full job requirements, job description, and to apply. **Deadline to apply is November 7, 2010.**



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Dear PCUMC Families,

You are invited to the FIRST gathering of Rock Solid Families (**which includes all parents of children from nursery age - 5th grade**) on Wednesday night, November 10th at 5:30pm at PCUMC. We will have dinner together as a group of Children's Families in the Fellowship Hall (at the regular cost of \$6/adult, \$2/child, and \$15/max per family). At approximately 6:15pm, we will gather in room 203/205 West (upstairs) as the kids move to their respective Rock Solid or Pebbles activities.

You are receiving this invitation because you are a caring adult and you have an interest in your children's spiritual growth as your child may attend the Rock Solid or Pebbles programs. We need your input and support. Rock Solid Families is designed to be a group based in a Christian setting with the commonality of providing "Horsepower" to Children and Family Ministries of PCUMC. Prepare to laugh, love, and have a blast with other families at Palma Ceia.

This first gathering will be used to gauge interest, brainstorm activities, but mostly get to know each other. We look forward to seeing you there!

For His Children,

Children's Ministries Team

**PLEASE RSVP TO PATTI'S EMAIL ABOVE BY:
Sunday, November 7, 2010**



The Million Dollar Mystery

Why Do Rich Athletes Go Broke So Quickly?

Sports Illustrated recently published a revealing article about the financial struggles of many former professional athletes. Within two years of retirement, 78% of former NFL players have gone bankrupt or are in financial distress because of joblessness or divorce. Sixty percent of NBA players are broke within five years of retirement. Think about that. **Eight out of every ten NFL players are bankrupt or under financial stress within two years of leaving the league.** These are guys that have made an absolute minimum of nearly \$400,000 a year!

NFL stands for “not for long.” The average player lasts only 3.7 years in the league. So if a player lasts four years and makes the minimum salary—with the minimum increasing for each year of service—he can expect to make nearly two million dollars. Two million dollars!

So how does this happen? How can someone blow that much money in that short amount of time?

It’s pretty simple, really. **Athletes blow money the same way the rest of America blows money!** There’s no difference! Sure, they have more to burn through. But what’s the difference between a guy who is spending \$50,000 a year on a \$40,000 income and the guy who is spending \$500,000 a year on a \$400,000 income? Neither one has any clue how to make a plan for his money! Too many Americans work their whole lives and have nothing but a Mastercard, student loan, and car payment to show for it. That’s stupid!

Maybe you think, *Well they are just dumb football players.* But some of those football players are smarter than some of us ever thought about being. At least they had a goal and purpose for their lives. At least they reached the top of their profession. Sure, we can fuss at them for squandering it all away—but too many of us do the exact same thing.

So before you start judging athletes for burning through millions, take a look at your finances. **How many stupid decisions are you making with money?** Don’t buy a car you can’t afford! Don’t get in over your head with some tricked-up mortgage! Stop piling up debt on your credit cards! Get a clue! It’s ridiculous to work your butt off your entire life and retire broke. Professional athletes have no excuse for it, and neither do you.

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PC Stickers

The PC Stickers will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month in Parlor 1, at 11:30. Contact the church office for more information.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Children’s Choir Practice Continues!

On Wednesday nights (beginning October 6th) from 6:30-7pm, children Preschool - 5th grade will practice in the Choir Room with Mrs. Elizabeth Richter. **Meet Mrs. DiOssi outside the Fellowship Hall after dinner!** Children will practice one or two songs to sing for the shared Thanksgiving service hosted by Palma Ceia UMC on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7pm. This shared service is a longtime tradition between our church and the Schaarai Zedek Temple. The PCUMC children will also sing on Christmas Eve and Easter. If you have any questions about our PCUMC Children’s Choir, please contact Patti DiOssi at patti.diossi@verizon.net. See you on Wednesdays!

TURKEY TROT – Thanksgiving Day @ 9am!!!

Before you chow down on that BIG MEAL, drop by the Coleman track and join the Rock Solid (3rd-5th grade) PCUMC kids when they sponsor their annual “Turkey Trot”. Children and adults will complete laps around the track by foot, skates, or whatever. Admission to the trot will be gently used clothing, toys and blankets. These items will be collected until they are distributed to the **Migrant Farm Workers** on Saturday, December 11th. Many families enjoy coming to this event and enjoying the music and fun shared with other families!

Sunday Stretch - Coleman Track

The **Turkey Trot** also kicks off the “**Going the Distance For God**” training. Each Sunday after Thanksgiving until late February, children and parents meet on the Coleman track to train for the Gasparilla 5K walk/run race. These **Sunday Stretch** late afternoons are open to all! (*Meet about 4-ish?*) This is a healthy way for families to bond away from our church campus!

Christmas Eve – Family Service (5pm this year!)

Watch for announcements for planning and rehearsals in future church bulletins, emails, and the November Newsletter. We have some exciting plans for a Christmas Eve children’s program involving music, costumes, and customs from around the world! If you have any costumes or music from different countries, please let Patti know! Thank you!

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