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From the President

**Welcome the New Year  
with a live Meeting of  
The Plantation Orchid Society!!**

January 4nd, 2022 at 7 pm

At our new meeting location;

**Plantation Presbyterian Church,  
901 N.W 70, Plantation, FL 33317**

**Map and directions follow after speaker biography...**

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Stay Safe !!

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# Brian Monk of Blu Llama Orchids

## “Orchid Photography”



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Brian Monk was born in Milton, FL. in 1969. Shortly after his birth, Brian’s family moved to Charleston, W.V. where he spent the next 18 years. Because of his ego, he will continue this bio in the third person. As a young man, Brian’s intense passion for nature led to his profession and his many hobbies, including bird-watching, orchid growing, fly fishing and natural history.

In 1992, Brian received his B.S. cum laude, from Hampden Sydney College in VA. Followed by his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Virginia Tech in 1997. In 2005, he moved to Ft. Lauderdale, and

established Blu Llama Orchids, Inc. (Blu with no “E”). In 2015, Dr. Monk moved to Naples FL., built a 3000 sq.ft. green house and opened a lab for orchid seedlings and tissue culture. In 2017, Hurricane Irma destroyed his greenhouse and practically wiped out his collection of almost 1000 plants. Blu Llama Orchids folded as a consequence. He has been in the process of re-building his collection, and recently re-opened his lab for new customers. He currently resides in Naples, FL., with his four ungrateful cats, a Boston Terrier with a tennis ball addiction and a French Bulldog with a passion for home security.

Brian started growing orchids at the age of 14, which gives him almost 40 years of experience. He has killed roughly his weight in orchids at least twice. He will grow anything green, but focuses on his hybridizing projects, which include the development of heat-tolerant Cymbidiums, intergeneric Brazilian Miltonia hybrids, and a standard pink Cattleya with an all white lip.

He is an award-winning semi-professional photographer who teaches seminars (both private and group), lectures on photography, and sells his limited edition prints. His images have won awards online, in the 2007 Miami International Orchid Show, and at the 2008 World Orchid conference, He has displayed as the solo artist at Henry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando, FL. He was a student judge with the American Orchid Society, and has lectured to many orchid societies, both in Florida and Nationwide, on his favorite topics (one of which you are about to hear)! Please come out and join us...

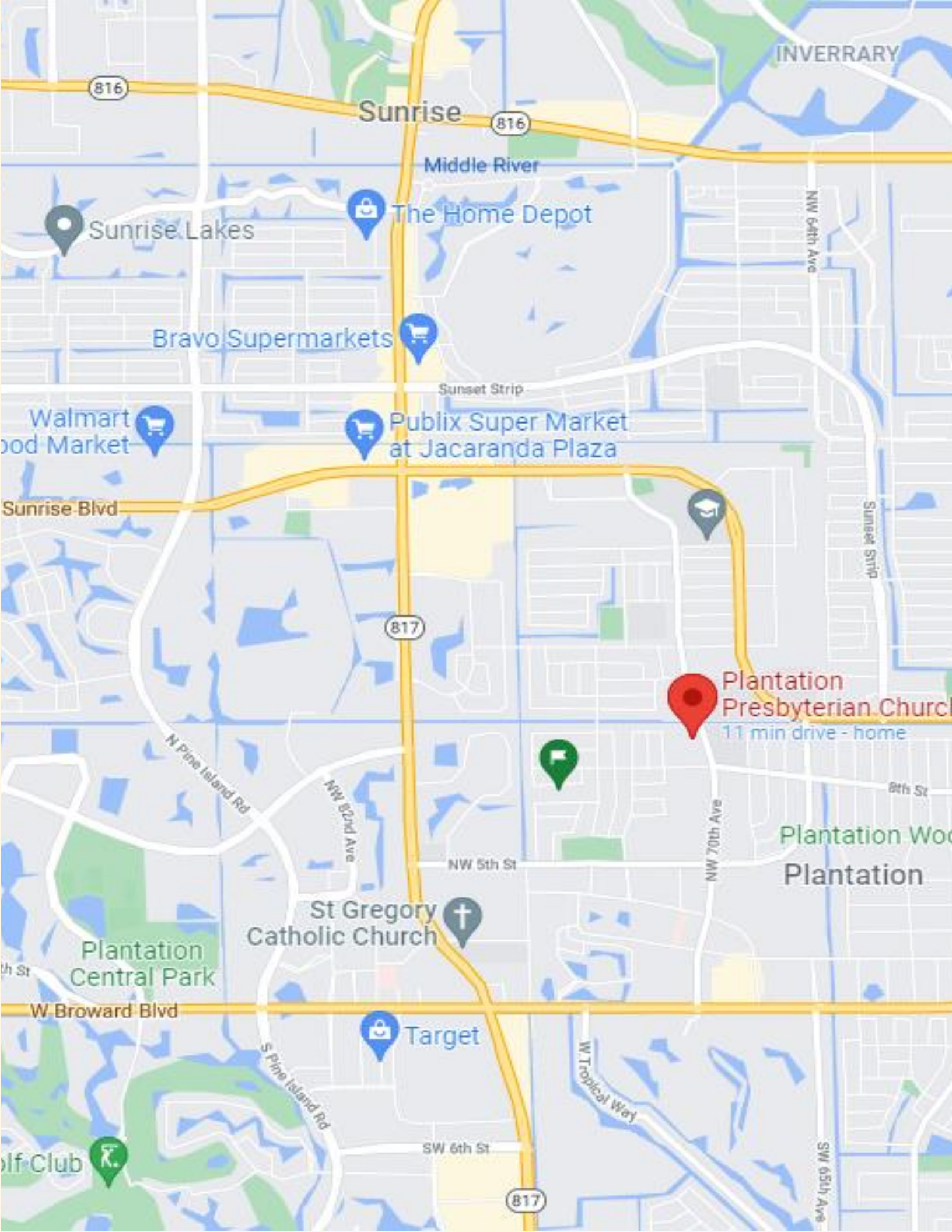
# Directions to Plantation Presbyterian Church

## LET'S MEET AGAIN!!

We're so excited to finally be back to meeting in person! Our meeting place will be at the **Plantation Presbyterian Church** which is located at 901 NW 70th Avenue. Coming from Broward Blvd. go north on 70th Avenue till you cross the stop light at Plantation Road (NW 8th Street). Continue about one block and the church is on the left hand side--directly across from the PAL field. Coming from University turn east at the NW 5th Street light (by the church with the fountain). Proceed to the light at 70th Avenue and turn left. It's about one block up on the left.

There is plenty of lighted parking in the church lot. Go to the rear of the church area past the lighted patio area. The fellowship hall is the long building in the rear.

Until we meet again we hope you have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS or whatever you celebrate! Let's ring in the New Year with lots of health and happiness and great blooms!



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Sunrise

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Middle River

Sunrise Lakes

The Home Depot

NW 64th Ave

Bravo Supermarkets

Sunset Strip

Walmart Food Market

Publix Super Market at Jacaranda Plaza

Sunrise Blvd

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Plantation Presbyterian Church  
11 min drive - home

N Pine Island Rd

NW 82nd Ave

NW 5th St

NW 70th Ave

8th St

Plantation Woods Plantation

St Gregory Catholic Church

Plantation Central Park

W Broward Blvd

Target

S Pine Island Rd

SW 6th St

W Tropical Way

Golf Club

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SW 65th Ave



### **October**

Peter Jeannopoulos

Corky Llewellyn

Dullie Boxx

### **November**

Phyliss Durst

Paul Gebrian

Marissa Gittelman

Pauline Kane

Cynthia Lawrence

Donna McWilliams

Lenide Pierre-Antoine

Ernest Rose

### **December**

Norma Jean Aker

Tony Blanc

Judith Cao

Just Goos

Sandy Langbart

Barbara Van Strander



Hello members of Plantation Orchid Society! It's been a while since we've had an in-person meeting so we thought it might be fun to do something new, but orchid related... without leaving home. We've put together a few links to YouTube orchid videos... a great way to learn more about orchids! You can do this on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

**Miss Orchid Girl**- from repotting, to new blooms, experiments with different media... watering, fertilizing, etc.

Miss Orchid Girl videos <https://www.youtube.com/c/MissOrchidGirl/videos>

Miss Orchid Girl playlists (lists specific plants/subjects) <https://www.youtube.com/c/MissOrchidGirl/playlists>

**Rick L. Orchids** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY\\_TGXULB-XfO6g\\_IAKI3lw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY_TGXULB-XfO6g_IAKI3lw/videos)

Rick really knows orchid nutrition, and orchids in general-from feed to repotting, light and temperature, etc.

**Rogers Orchids**- In addition to his regular videos, he does a Sunday chat video each week and on the 8<sup>th</sup> of every month he does a "What's in Bloom" video. He's very knowledgeable and frequently talks about everything from orchid culture, pests, and everything in between.

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