

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



April 28, 2024



WELCOME

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So, our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

r1 – A deepening relationship with God

r2 – A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE

TODAY

NEW TO RCC GATHERING

Have you started coming to RCC in the last few months?

Would you love to hear more about who we are and meet some new people and staff members too?

If so, please join us **TODAY, after 2nd service in C201**. Over lunch, we'll share all about what matters to us and how we go about our hope to help people find their joy in Jesus.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & MORE

SATURDAY MAY 4TH



ENCORE
MINISTRIES

Come join us (ages 55+) this Saturday, May 4, for a pancake breakfast and activities. Breakfast will be served from 9-10am followed by small group activities from 10-11:30am, which will include driving range, pickleball, walking/photography, gardening, crafting and fellowship.

Time: 9 - 11:30am

Where: Student Building

Cost: Will vary by activity, all include Pancake Breakfast.

For questions, please contact Julie at juliep@richfieldcc.org or call Sonya at the church office at (714) 524-1744.



Join us for Man Camp from May 17-19! We will be enjoying Dogwood Campground in Lake Arrowhead and all the amenities the mountains have to offer!

Cost: \$55 (for non-RV)
\$155 for an RV spot (limited)

(The cost for the weekend includes space and all meals for the weekend.)



For questions about the weekend, or to confirm RV space availability, contact Steven at stevenh@richfieldcc.org.

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 4/24/24 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2024 Actual	\$84,789	\$430,167
2024 Budget	\$105,084	\$445,296
Difference	-\$20,295	-\$15,129

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Ephesians 6:14-17

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,...

NOTES:

Standing Firm: Fighting For and Finding Joy in the Battle

Ephesians 6:14-17

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To most fully experience the joy that comes from standing unwaveringly against the Evil One, we must make use of the spiritual armor God supplies.

We stand firm by our putting on...

...the belt of truth

...the breastplate of righteousness

...shoes for readiness

...the shield of faith

...helmet of salvation

...the sword of the Spirit

Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 6:14-17

For the week of April 28, 2024

Reading the Text:

1. What was the big idea for the previous text in 6:10-13?
2. This paragraph (vv. 10-20) is about how we must rely on God in order to stand. In what way do these verses encourage the need for God and His power?
3. This passage is full of "battle-ready" imagery. How do you reconcile the "*gospel of peace*" preparing us for the fights ahead, while simultaneously suiting up for war? What does this fight look like?
4. What does Paul mean when he says "*the flaming darts of the evil one*" (v. 16)? How does the "*shield of faith*" protect and extinguish those attacks?
5. Does Paul give any practical instruction in regards to how we are to put on this armor? How or where do you think he would encourage us to start in our journey of "suiting up"?
6. How would you state the big idea of Ephesians 6:14-17 in your own words?

Living It Out:

1. As you read this text, where does it impact you, personally? Why?
2. How does putting on the whole armor of God help in your daily battles? What does this tell us about the kinds of attacks we may face each day as those who trust Jesus?
3. In what context do you find it most difficult to stand unwaveringly right now? In what ways does the provision of God's strength and armor prepare and motivate you for battle?
4. What role can this Life Group play in encouraging one another as we all increase our awareness of the war we are in? How can a "Biblically Saturated" community encourage you?

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