



UNSTOPPABLE

WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

JULY 23, 2023

r 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

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 07/19/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month of July	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$68,083	\$688,684
2023 Budget	\$72,074	\$828,202
Difference	-\$3,991	-\$139,518

HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

If you'd like to give, you can:

1. Give at richfieldcc.org/invest
2. Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
3. Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes"

ENCORE

MINISTRIES

Gathering for BBQ

Come join us for our Encore Gathering for summer on **Wednesday, August 2nd**. We will gather together and enjoy chicken & brats and spend time with friends - old and new! As always, friends and neighbors welcome.

Time: 12-2:00pm **Cost:** \$10

Where: Outdoor Pavilion (under the tent)

To register go to richfieldcc.org/events.

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

Second First BOOK CLUB

WomenConnect's "Second First Book Club" is starting back up on **August 13th**. We meet the second Sunday of each month during first service (9am-10:15am) and will be reading Francis Chan's *Forgotten God* as our next book. This group will meet for a minimum of two times (Sept. 10 is next) to discuss this book.

Cost: Free to join (you just need to buy the book)

To join, please register at richfieldcc.org/events.

Any questions, please contact Stephanie at womenconnect@richfieldcc.org or Sonya at the Front Desk – frontdesk@richfieldcc.org or 714-524-1744.



SPORTFISHING DAY

AUGUST 28, 2023

MENCONNECT

Join men from RCC and their friends for a day out on the open water, getting to know each other and cheering on each other as we catch fish.

We'll leave from Dana Wharf in Dana Point on **Monday, August 28**, on a 7am boat (please arrive at the wharf by 6:15am)

When: 8/28 - Arrive at 6:15 am, boat returns at 4pm

Where: Dana Wharf (Dana Point)

Cost: \$65 (includes boat and lunch; does not include fishing costs - rod rental, fishing license, etc).

Note: This event is limited to 35 men so please book soon!

For more info, contact Steven at stevenh@richfieldcc.

Registration is open!

Register ASAP at
richfieldcc.org/events
to reserve your spot



Women's Weekend Retreat



This year's Women's Weekend Retreat is up at Forest Home. Rooms will be double occupancy in their newest, and nicest accommodations. Our theme this year will be "Deeper Still", as we spend time planting our roots in God's Word.

Dates: 10/6-10/8

Where: Forest Home in the San Bernardino Mountains

Cost: \$295 (includes double occupancy room and 5 meals)

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie at womenconnect@richfieldcc.org or call Sonya at the church office at (714) 524-1744.

Registration is open!

Register at
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or scan the barcode



SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Acts 13:1-14, 44-50, 14:8-28

Acts 13:1-14

¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord. ¹³ Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴ but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

Acts 13:44-50

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" ⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

Acts 14:8-28

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past

generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. ¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. ²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

NOTES:

The First of Its Kind

Acts 13:1-14, 44-50, 14:8-28

Keith Gove - July 23, 2023

On the heels of Peter's vision from God about the Gentiles, the goals of the Church are clarified, the doors are flung open, and the message of Jesus goes out into the world in new ways.

- **The People**

- **The Cities**

- **The Message**

- **The Reactions**

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