



# UNSTOPPABLE

WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

JULY 30, 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**.

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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

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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 07/26/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month of July	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$95,892	\$716,494
2023 Budget	\$98,628	\$854,756
Difference	-\$2,736	-\$138,262

## 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](https://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"

# PRAY FOR ROUTE 56 SUMMER CAMP

Please pray for our Fifth and Sixth Grade Students as they attend camp this week. Please pray for:

- Their desire for God and confidence in who He is to continue to grow.
- That their leaders will be filled with energy and wisdom in all of their interactions with the students.

Thanks for joining us in lifting up the next generation of RCC!



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](http://richfieldcc.org/events).

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



This summer, we are going to enjoy another combined Kid's Connect and Student's event at the Angel game. On **Wednesday, August 9th**, we'll cheer on the Angels as they play the Giants, sitting together behind the bullpens in left field.

To get your tickets, register at [richfieldcc.org/events](http://richfieldcc.org/events) or scan the QR code.



**Cost:** \$22 per ticket

**Time:** 6:38pm

We encourage you to arrive 20 minutes before game time to maximize our time together.

## 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](http://richfieldcc.org/events).

Any questions, please contact Stephanie at [womenconnect@richfieldcc.org](mailto:womenconnect@richfieldcc.org) or Sonya at the Front Desk – [frontdesk@richfieldcc.org](mailto:frontdesk@richfieldcc.org) or 714-524-1744.





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](mailto:stevenh@richfieldcc).

**Registration is open!**

Register ASAP at  
[richfieldcc.org/events](https://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](mailto:womenconnect@richfieldcc.org) or call Sonya at the church office at (714) 524-1744.

**Registration is open!**

Register at  
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# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## Acts 15:1-22

<sup>1</sup> But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." <sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. <sup>3</sup> So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup> But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses." <sup>6</sup> The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup> And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, <sup>9</sup> and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup> But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." <sup>12</sup> And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup> After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup> Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, <sup>16</sup> "'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will



rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it,<sup>17</sup> that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things<sup>18</sup> known from of old.’<sup>19</sup> Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God,<sup>20</sup> but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.<sup>21</sup> For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”<sup>22</sup> Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

**NOTES:**

# Big Picture Thinking

Acts 15:1-22

Brian Betts - July 30, 2023

The Early Church came together to wrestle with truth and unity to ensure the gospel superseded everything else...and the church hasn't stopped wrestling since.

**The Early Church leaned into their big view of God to seek truth and unity.**

**We can continue to lean into a big view of God to seek truth and unity for the health of the Church.**

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