WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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:



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



(:) WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE



Let's get ready for Fall by crafting some new decorations -Sweater Pumpkins. These events are a favorite amongst RCC women and, since the event is limited to 40, it will sell out!

Location: RCC Thengvall House

Cost: \$15 (covers craft supplies for Sweater Pumpkins)

Register: www.richfieldcc.org/events

If you have any questions, please contact the church office

at (714)-524-1744.

WOMENCONNECT



We are happy to partner with Living Well Pregnancy Center in Orange. Living Well provides free pregnancy services to the community, for women at the crossroads of an unplanned pregnancy.

One of those services is a class for women who are still working through the impact of abortion in their lives. If you or someone you know is dealing with the emotional impact of having an abortion, please consider going to this class.

The next Abortion Recovery Class, at their center in Orange, begins Monday, September 11, and runs for 10 weeks (through November 20).

For more information or to help you get connected to Living Well, you can contact *Keith* at *keithg@richfieldcc.org*.



Starting 9/10, we're excited to explore in Ephesians how, as the Church, we are all part of something big - Christ's Church! Paul's rich theology and guidance will help us explore how, as the Church, our minds and hearts are forever changed.

And, if you love the Scripture Journals we've offered for the last few series, be sure to grab your copy of Ephesians in the lobby, starting **this Sunday.**

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 08/30/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date			
2023 Actual	\$108,020	\$839,205			
2023 Budget	\$130,672	\$1,004,395			
Difference	-\$22,652	-\$165,190			

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Acts 28:17-31

¹⁷ After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. 18 When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹ But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰ For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain." ²¹ And they said to him, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. ²² But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against." ²³ When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: 26 "'Go to this people, and say, "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." ²⁷ For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' 28 Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." 30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

NOTES:

Jesus Is Unstoppable

Acts 28:17-31
Todd Chapman - September 3, 2023

As Acts ends, Luke wants us to clearly see through the Apostle Paul what made the Early Church and the spread of the gospel so UNSTOPPABLE.

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2. They trusted God's sovereign power and grace in all their circumstances.

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