

November 26, 2023

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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 <u>our mission</u> is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together.**

And <u>our vision</u> 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
- **S** 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 11/22/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date		
2023 Actual	\$73,989	\$1,191,666		
2023 Budget	\$105,478	\$1,390,337		
Difference	-\$31,489	-\$198,671		

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.

RCC Quarterly Snapshot Q3 2023

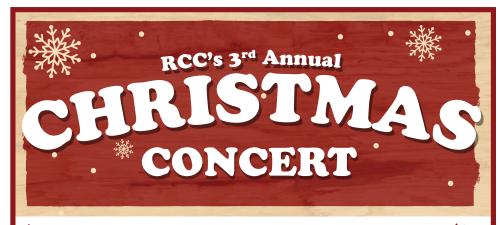
On 11/14 we shared our Quarterly Snapshot Report for Q3 2023 and we'd love to have you check it out.

This report includes updates on some of the quantifiable

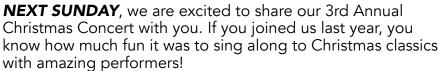
things happening at RCC, like the 14% increase in Sunday attendance over the last year, a map of our global ministry partners, and our financial picture at the halfway point of the year.

You can get it through the QR code included here.





Sunday, December 3rd, 6:30pm





Join us for our Encore Progressive Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, December 9**, from 5:30-9:00pm. We will begin the evening with appetizers, beverages, and singing in the Worship Center Lobby, followed by dinner in the Student Building and end at Thengvall House for dessert.

Location: RCC campus

Cost: \$20 (Scholarships available.)
Register: www.richfeildcc.org/events or

with the QR code:

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

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Ephesians 3:7-13

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

NOTES:

Why I'm Wholeheartedly Devoted to the Church

Ephesians 3:7-13 Todd Chapman - November 26, 2023

Though flawed and filled with imperfect people, Paul tells us that the Church is the showpiece of God's eternal plan of the gospel.

We are wholeheartedly devoted to the Church (church) because...

•	No one	is	beyond	the	power	of	God's	grace.
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 Jesus is the boundless source of hope, meaning and joy for our hearts.

 God has chosen the CHURCH (churches) to be the people in and through whom He displays His GRACE and LOVE.

Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 3:7-13

For the week of November 26, 2023

Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 3:1-6 from last week?
- 2. What does it mean that Paul was "the very least of all the saints"? What do you know about Paul's background (both positives and negatives) from before his encounter with Jesus that may influence our understanding of this phrase?
- 3. What are the "unsearchable riches of Christ"? In what way are these riches "unsearchable"? How do we access these riches?
- 4. According to v. 10, what is God doing through the Church? How would you state this idea in your own words?
- 5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 3:7-13 in your own words?

Living It Out:

- 1. What is the best gift you've ever received? In this passage, Paul repeats that grace is a "gift" from God (repeated from 2:8). In what ways have you experienced grace as the greatest gift?
- 2. There are many amazing communities throughout the world. What are some of the characteristics that make a community great? In what ways does the Church improve upon some of the best communities on earth?
- 3. How can this Life Group encourage each other to pursue the infinite hope and joy that exist in Jesus? How could this make an impact in your Life Group, and at RCC?

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