

# EPHESIANS

*PART OF SOMETHING BIG*



*October 15, 2023*



# 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 10/11/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$99,860	\$1,044,068
2023 Budget	\$41,125	\$1,210,085
Difference	\$58,735	-\$166,017

## 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"

# ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 29th

On October 29th, we're going to gather for an All Church experience.

Join us at 10am for one, All Church service followed by food and fun at RCC Park and The Pavilion. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends for a fun day at RCC and a great message from Ephesians.

## WOMENCONNECT

**Christmas**  
**BOUTIQUE**  
2023

**SATURDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 4TH**  
**10AM-2PM**

On Saturday, November 4th, from 10am to 2pm, welcome in the Christmas festivities and shop local vendors. There will be items for your home, yourself, and your loved ones plus some yummy treats available.

**\$1 Entry Donations. All boutique donations will benefit Women's Ministries at RCC.**

# **But**

Ephesians 2:1-7

Todd Chapman - October 15, 2023

We were spiritually dead BUT GOD made us alive!

- **We were dead.**

- **But God made us alive!**

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## Ephesians 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## NOTES:

# ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

Ephesians 2:1-7

For the week of October 15, 2023

## ***Reading the Text:***

1. How would you summarize the ideas in Ephesians 1 in your own words?
2. What does it mean that we were “dead” in v. 1? Dead in what sense?
3. What was “the course of this world” in Paul’s time? If you were to make a list of these values today, what would you include in the list?
4. Read vv. 4-7 together. Next, read 1:19b-21 together. Compare and contrast the language and emphases of these two passages. What do you notice, and what implications are there for us?
5. How would you state the “big idea” of this passage? What is the connection between last week’s “big idea” and this week’s?

## ***Living It Out:***

1. Has there ever been a time when you realized you were spiritually dead? What was that time like? What might we be missing if we haven’t felt this yet?
2. How would you finish the phrase: “I was dead, but God...”?
3. From the values listed above in question #3 (under “Reading the Text”), which value stands out to you the most, and why? What would this value look like in light of a clearer, more accurate picture of Jesus?
4. What are some of the emotions that come with being “raised up” to new life with Christ? What does this new life feel like?



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