

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



October 8, 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**.

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 10/4/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$77,639	\$1,021,048
2023 Budget	\$14,955	\$1,183,915
Difference	\$62,684	-\$162,867

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"

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's Operation Christmas Child time!

Families, save the date for our annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on November 12. We'll meet after 2nd service, have lunch, and pack boxes for kids in need.

For everyone, if you'd like to do your own box, you can stop by the Children's Check-in Desk and grab as many as you'd like, plus a packing list.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

NOTES:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 1:15-23

For the week of October 8, 2023

Reading the Text:

1. What was the big idea of last week's text?
2. Read v. 17 aloud together. How would you summarize what Paul is saying here in your own words? What specifically is Paul praying that God does in the lives of those connected to the church in Ephesus?
3. In v. 18, Paul wants his readers to "know" three things. What are these three ideas? After noting these ideas, how would you state them in your own words?
4. It seems like Paul shifts his focus in this passage in vv. 20-23. What does he shift his focus towards? What does he say about Jesus in these verses?
5. When we read the Bible, we're always trying to understand the author's intended meaning - their "big idea". 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. How would you describe your experience or practice of prayer right now? Is there anything you would want to change about it? If so, what would you change?
2. What does it mean to "know the hope" to which God has called us? What is the hope we have in Him, and what does that hope feel like? Describe it.
3. In the sermon, Jonny gave us the "GIF" framework for prayer ("[God's] Glory, [our] Increased Faith"). Could this framework be helpful for your time in prayer? How?

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