



# THE MYSTERY

*A Christmas Series  
with RCC*

DECEMBER 11, 2022



# 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:



**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**

# GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 12/07/22 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2022 Actual	\$38,423	\$1,366,511
2022 Budget	\$74,047	\$1,486,125
Difference	-\$35,624	-\$119,614

## HOW TO INVEST IN RCC

At RCC, we believe that support 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 investment in His church.

**If you'd like to invest in RCC, you can:**

1. Invest online at [richfieldcc.org/invest](https://richfieldcc.org/invest)
2. Click "giving" on the Church Center App
3. Text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Invest by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes in the church lobby

**Please note for tax credit in 2022, giving must be:**

- By mail - Postmarked by 12/31
- Online - Received by 11:59pm on 12/31
- In person - Delivered by 2pm on 12/30

# CHRISTMAS

*With RCC*



Dec  
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**Join us for our family service on Christmas Eve at 5pm.**

We will also be livestreaming the service. We'll have our hot chocolate bar, cookies, and fun for the whole family!

**On Christmas Day, we'll have one service at 9am.**

We will not be livestreaming this service, but we are offering a pre-recorded version of the service (found on our website beginning that day) for those of you who won't be at service that morning, but would still like to take part in the final week of our Christmas Series.

Please note that there will not be child care for either of these services.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12/26 - CLOSED

Monday 1/2 - CLOSED

Please note, the office closes at 2pm on Friday,  
December 23rd and 30th.

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

# **THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS: Jesus 2 in 1**

Matthew 1:18-25

Todd Chapman - December 11, 2022

Christmas is the celebration of God choosing to come to earth to become a human being in order to offer salvation to all. We call this "incarnation", God becoming a human being while always being God. This truth is an awe-inspiring mystery that is absolutely essential to our faith.

**Jesus has 2 natures.**

**Jesus' incarnation - 2 natures united into one person -  
MYSTERY**

**Why is the incarnation important?**

**Why is Jesus' birth, His incarnation, such a big deal?**

**NOTES:**

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