



# UNSTOPPABLE

WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

JULY 9, 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:



**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 07/5/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$93,872	\$619,452
2023 Budget	\$146,191	\$756,128
Difference	-\$52,319	-\$136,676

## 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](http://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"

# PRAY FOR KIDS CONNECT SUMMER ADVENTURE

With dozens of kids and volunteers on our campus this week for Summer Adventure, please pray that:

- Everyone celebrating on our campus this week will feel safe, welcomed, and encouraged by God.
- New children and families that are looking for a church home would find a connection to the people and the joy at RCC.
- All of our volunteers would be filled with the Spirit as they help to guide these young lives.

Thanks for joining us in lifting up the next generation of believers!



This summer, we are going to enjoy another combined Kid's Connect and Student's event at the Angel game. On **Wednesday, August 9th**, we'll cheer on the Angels as they play the Giants, sitting together behind the bullpens in left field.

To get your tickets, register at [richfieldcc.org/events](https://richfieldcc.org/events) or scan the QR code



**Cost:** \$22 per ticket

**Time:** 6:38pm

We encourage you to arrive 20 minutes before game time to maximize our time together.

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## Acts 9:1-31

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

<sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go,

for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup> And all who heard

him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>23</sup> When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup> but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. <sup>26</sup> And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. <sup>30</sup> And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. <sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

## NOTES:

# **MOVE THAT BUS!**

Acts 9:1-31

Steven Huggins - July 9, 2023

No one is too far from God's transforming power.

**I. No matter our condition, God can save us.**

**II. No matter our condition, God can use us.**

**III. God is always moving among us.**



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