



THE MYSTERY

*A Christmas Series
with RCC*

DECEMBER 18, 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**.

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:



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 12/14/22 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2022 Actual	\$102,659	\$1,430,748
2022 Budget	\$148,094	\$1,560,172
Difference	-\$45,435	-\$129,424

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
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

COMING IN JANUARY!



There is nothing more rewarding than helping others find the joy we have in Jesus!

Beginning 1/8, RCC will start a 21-day initiative called Sharing The Joy. In this series, we'll use our guides (given out for free) to reflect on our joy, how people helped us get it, and how we can help others get it too. We believe this is a great way to begin the year.

Your RCC staff did this together last fall and we've all enjoyed the experience and are excited to share it with you too.

HOLIDAY HOURS

CHRISTMAS
Eve

12/24, 5PM

CHRISTMAS
Day

12/25, 9AM IN PERSON
12/25, ON DEMAND

NEW YEARS
Day

1/1, 9AM IN PERSON
1/1, 9AM LIVESTREAM

OFFICE
Hours

FRI 12/23 - CLOSED AT 2PM
FRI 12/30 - CLOSED AT 2PM
MON 12/26 - CLOSED
MON 1/2 - CLOSED

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS: The Unfathomable Gift of the One United God

Luke 1:26-38

Todd Chapman - December 18, 2022

God loves us. Out of His infinite love for us, He acted to save us, from ourselves and from our sin. He sent His Son into the world to be born of Mary. God the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Son were all indispensably involved. The baby Jesus is the heartfelt, unreserved, unfathomable gift of the undivided God.

God the Father orchestrates the birth of Jesus.

God the Holy Spirit made Mary pregnant.

God the Son is born.

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