

# WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for

## TODAY:

Summer Explosion Day Camp has come to end for another year. Today we are giving thanks to the Lord for eight weeks of safety, fun, ministry, and influence. Emily, our camp director is with us this morning to share some of the highlights.

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**\*\*Wed. night Prayer Meeting will be suspended for the month of August and will resume again on Wednesday September 17\*\***

I encourage you to find time to meditate and pray for your family and our church family, during the month of August. Prayerfully read a selection of the Psalms; like Psalm 1, 23, 37, 51, and 103. Allow the Word to wash over your soul and mind and encourage your heart.

*"For the grace of God has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."* (Titus 2: 11-14)



## JUST FOR KIDS

During the summer months our children will gather for **Kid's Summer Praise and Worship** at 10:00 AM. After worship they will head outside (weather permitting) on the church property to enjoy activities. They will be supervised by our workers and upon returning inside they will have a snack and gather for a special Bible lesson.

Nursery is available during the worship service, led by Len Hoh (Chan). Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.



## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

*"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor."* (Proverbs 22: 9)

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*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view...And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (2 Cor. 5: 14-16; 19b, 20a).*

If we consider the nature of a diplomat it assists us in understanding what the above noted Scripture is indicating to believers. An ambassador usually resides in a foreign country, knows his leader personally, communicates with him often, and speaks on his leader's behalf to the foreign country. He usually lives a life different than others; one that honors his home land and is marked with integrity, sound character, and a balanced attitude.

We truly are citizens of a distant land, as believers in Christ. But for now we reside in this world and what's more important, we are Christ's representatives. The Scripture captures this same theme in 1 Peter 2: 11 & 12 *"Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among (unbelievers) ...that they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."* Not an easy assignment but nevertheless a privileged one. The Holy Spirit is with us empowering us to be ambassadors for Christ. Let's be determined to represent him well to others.

## COMING:



**Rev. Clyde Williamson, Sunday, August 31**, Clyde and his wife Marion are members here at ROCC. They founded "First Century Foundations" ministry.

**John Hageman, Sunday Sept. 7**, John attends ROCC with his wife Cindy. They served at Elim Bible College, N.Y., USA, for several years.

**Church Membership Class, Sunday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM.**

**Annual Church Business Meeting, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM.**