

# 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 coming.

## TODAY:

We are engaged in a sermon series from the book of Romans, entitled **"RENEWAL THROUGH ROMANS"** It was Paul's longest, most theological and most influential writing. As we prayerfully examine portions of Romans; my prayer is that our faith will be enhanced and our lives will be encouraged. I am encouraging each one to read from the book of Romans on a daily basis. Today we will be looking into Romans 2 & 3, where Scripture declares that humanity cannot right itself before God, so God has provided Christ as our righteousness.

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### **\*Wed. night Prayer Meeting Oct. 8, at 7:00 PM.\***

I encourage you to find the time to join us and pray for your family and our church family. Come with your Bible and let's worship and believe God together. *"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night...For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!"* (Psalm 92: 1-5)



## JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

Nursery is also supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.

## MANNA



Silence is almost a lost experience in our noisy, busy, cluttered world. We can find it but it takes much more discipline and effort now, than years past. The simple truth is that we need to silence our lives for health and to hear from God. ***"Be still and know that I am God"*** (Psalm 46: 10) It appears that the stillness comes before the knowing, not the other way around. Life today is described as the tread-mill; the rat-race; the hustle and bustle; dog eat dog; go-go-go; busy-busy; etc. This type of life-style takes its toll on society because humanity was never designed to go at such a pace. We really think we are getting somewhere but I have to ask "what is the end product?" I realize that we are not called to escape the reality of everyday life; we are called to ***"occupy till He comes"***. Nevertheless, we are to exist with wisdom, balance, quality, foresight, and inner-peace. I am even troubled at times with some of the things I read and see being promoted within the modern church. Some of these messages only serve to create a spiritual tread-mill of dissatisfaction, often resulting in believers chasing some style of worship, or some human promise that can't be delivered. Upon careful examination some of this communication is being promoted through human-hype, isolated texts, slick marketing skills, idealism, and even romanticism. Jesus delivered what He promised and still does!

***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*** (Jn. 14: 27) We do not have to fear that we are missing something if we have Christ, His Word, and His Spirit! We just need to quiet our souls in His majestic presence. ***"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."*** (Is. 30:15) ***"He leads me beside quiet waters"***. (Ps. 23:2)

Silence and solitude are ancient disciplines that many Christians including Christ himself, practiced for spiritual strength. I encourage you to embrace the truth; less is more and treasure the peace and strength, found only in silence before Him.

## COMING:



**We are welcoming a new pastor to ROCC on Sunday, October 19, as a general assistant to Pastor Mills.**

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