

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 welcome our new General Assistant, Pastor Marco Gil, his wife Berenice, and their one year old son, Micah. Please pray for them as they integrate into ministry and fellowship with the ROCC family. We are resuming our series **"Renewal Through Romans"** as we examine Chapter four. How were the O.T. saints justified? Did they live by faith? The importance of godly faith in our entire Christian-Walk cannot be over-emphasized. The Scripture's caution us to guard our hearts (belief) and to be aware of an "evil heart of unbelief". An increase in faith usually comes through the testing of our faith!

Wed. night Prayer Meeting Oct. 22, 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



I recently read about a man who won 314 million dollars in a 2002 lottery. Apparently, the amount was the largest one time lottery win in lottery history at the time. When he won, it was reported that he conveyed a desire to initiate a charitable foundation and that he was going to help his family and the less-fortunate. He also expressed that the money would not change him! A follow-up interview a few years after later revealed that the man had gambled his fortune away, was involved in legal challenges, and had lost his reputation. That account reminded me of a conversation I had with a man about 15 years ago. He wanted to know why I did not buy lottery tickets. He initiated the conversation! I confessed that I have a healthy respect for the power of money and my fallen nature. I said to him that a large fortune, suddenly coming into my possession would without doubt; change my life and my focus. He replied by saying that he bought lottery tickets so that when he won he could give a lot of money to God's Work. The person who said that to me never won a lottery, at least not to date, and sadly, no longer serves Christ. Whether people buy lottery tickets or not is up to them. My real concern is how the lottery philosophy has gripped our world. The suggestion is that we will be better, happier, and more effective if we have a lot of money. Not necessarily true! Mother Teresa took a vow of poverty and was one of the poorest women in the world; her effectiveness is without question and lives on posthumously.

There is a reason why Jesus talked so much about money and earthly possessions. He knew that the lust for more could actually possess people and cause them to lose focus on God and others. **"Contentment and godliness are great gain"**; now there is a truth to pursue! A human spirit that is at peace and serenity with God and creation is satisfied. The Bible says **"You shall not covet..."** for a reason; a coveting spirit destroys contentment, relationships, peace, faith, and rest. God wants us to be healthy, so he gives us what we need, not necessarily what we want.

Father, help us to work with balance and learn to be content by realizing what truly counts in the long-run!

COMING:



Annual Church Business Meeting, Next Sunday, October 26th, 12:30 PM.

Annual Reports and updated Constitutions are available at the conclusion of the service today.