

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:

"Though dark be my way, since He is my guide, Tis mine to obey, Tis His to provide...By prayer let me wrestle, and He will perform. With Christ in the vessel I smile at the storm." (John Newton, 'Begone Unbelief')

Wed. Night Prayer Meeting-- Jan. 14, at 7:00 PM.

ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday Jan.16, @ 7:00 PM "How to Make Good Decisions"

ROCC Young Adults—Saturday Jan.17, 3:00 PM, "How To Be A Good Disciple Of Christ"



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.

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The terrible, tragic, and senseless killings of 12 people in Paris, France this past week was an act of weakness to induce fear. Those behind the scenes are staying anonymous and the misguided that carried out the sinister deed made sure they masked their faces to protect themselves but they shielded no one else. With the element of surprise and a heart -full of hateful idealism they gunned down unarmed and unaware people. Their selfish actions were a failure because millions of pens immediately began to draw and write around the world in support of freedom. So the first tragedy in all this is that the youth who committed this crime were diluted with deception and seduced with sensationalism. Very sad indeed!

The freedom of religion, speech, and choice should never be controlled by fear, guns, and manipulation. I may not personally agree with the religion, speech, cartoons, or choices of some but I do believe that they have the rights of freedom. When Jesus was arrested at Gethsemane, Peter the disciple mistakenly drew a sword and struck one of the temple guards, cutting off one of his ears. Although Peter was trying to protect Jesus he was told to put the sword away. Jesus explained that he could have asked for 12 legions of angels to deliver him but He actually came to deliver the world. Essentially, Jesus was indicating that his mission was to be God's Anointed Savior for Creation. I believe He was also demonstrating to the world that he would not use nor endorse the use of power over people's right and freedom to choose and believe. God chose us and patiently waits for us to choose him. **"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..."** (1 John 4: 18) We are called to love & prayer.

F.Y.I.



Please pick up your new offering envelopes for 2015. They are at the back of the sanctuary. If you don't have envelopes for giving but would like a personalized set please let us know.

The New Window Blinds for the church will soon be installed; if you would like to contribute, above your regular tithes and offerings towards the cost of the new blinds and the new paint please indicate that on an offering envelope. Thank you!