

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:

What does the Bible say about **GIVING**? "God is the great example of generosity. No one could ever out-give God and he calls His Church to this grace. *"...see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* (2 Cor. 8: 7)

"Wed. Night Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study -- Jan.28, at 7:00 PM. We are examining the truths in the book of James. According to James the most fundamental expression of faith is joy. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit! "The Joy of the Lord (in all circumstances) is our strength." James calls the believer to live in godly wisdom and so protect the joy of the Lord.

ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday Jan.30, @ 7:00 PM Movie Night: "God is not dead"

ROCC Young Adults—Saturday Jan.31, "BOWLING" time & place TBA.



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.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

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

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The reactions I get from people when they discover I am a pastor have been amusing, interesting, and revealing. The responses range from apologies for using colorful language; "please pray for me"; to "what's a pastor?" And, as you can imagine some of the retorts are not appropriate to print! It is evident to me especially as our culture becomes more and more unchurched and non-Christian that less and less people understand the role and function of a person who is called to be a pastor. So, "what's a pastor?" Good question! I am sure we all have our own definitions and opinions as to what would be the best answer. But our responses may be based on personal desire, certain representations, experiences, traditions, and cultural expectations. When we consider that the idea or model of a 'pastor' comes from Holy Scripture; it is therefore appropriate to see what that unique source actually states regarding a pastor.

First of all Scripture reveals that a pastor is a gift (Eph. 4:11) given by Christ to His Body. It is my understanding that the Spirit places a very strong desire in the soul of certain believers to submit to the call and function of pastor. Not all believers are summoned to this specific task. I strongly discourage it in others unless a definite call by God is detected. So it is not a vocation as in the natural definition but rather a defined desire, realized through a deposit of supernatural passion. Among the many things that the pastor is called to do, such as teaching, equipping, administration, visiting, organizing, etc. the number one priority remains as being an example to God's flock and the culture. Consequently, godly character and righteousness are paramount in the pastor's life. A shepherd of sheep leads the flock and they follow. The comparison is in the spiritual sense of leading by godly example and the flock of God learning by watching. *"Be shepherds of God's flock ...entrusted to you...being examples."* (1 Peter 5)

F.Y.I.



The old alarm codes will be removed from the system on Feb 1, 2015. If you were given a new code please make sure it is working. Thank you.

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!