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# 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 & Tithing? "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 – Feb.1, 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 Feb.6, @ 7:00 PM Games, Snacks, worship, teaching "LOVE: God"

ROCC Young Adults—Saturday Feb.14, "RELATIONSHIPS" coffee & snacks.



## 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 prophet Isaiah began his ministry at about the same time as the founding of Rome and the beginning of the Olympic Games in Greece. His God ordained words are recorded as one of the great books of the Old Testament.

It is advantageous for us to be reminded that he was a godly person who ministered at a real time and place in history. Israel found themselves in exile and captivity in and around 721 B.C. It was a very insecure and uncertain time for them to say the least. God inspired Isaiah to write *timeless* words of comfort to His people. ***"Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold His reward is with Him And His work before Him."*** (Isa. 40: 10) These and other words of consolation and hope, found in the Scriptures are for us in our time also; because they were completely fulfilled in the revelation of Christ the Risen Lord.

In our own times of insecurity and uncertainty we need to receive the peace and confidence found in God's unchanging character. We are instructed to read His Word and embrace the comfort that is promised. Christ said ***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*** (Matt. 11:28) Christ began his ministry when the Roman Empire was at the pinnacle of its strength and was occupying Israel. But that was not the focus of our Lord; he simply did the will of his Father and ministered to the people. The Roman Empire eventually passed away but the words of Isaiah and the ministry of the Lord lives on.

***"...he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."*** (Heb. 7: 25)

## F.Y.I.



Come prepared for the "YOUTH BAKE SALE" next week, Sunday Feb. 8, right after the service. Proceeds will go to Youth Ministry!

The New Window Blinds for the church will be installed Tuesday, Feb 17. 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!