



# RCC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ROSENDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH—MAY 2019

## Mother's Day



Mother's Day is Sunday,  
May 12th.

## Senior Banquet & Baccalaureate

Senior Banquet and Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 5th here at RCC. The Banquet is at 5:30 and is for graduating seniors and their immediate families. The Baccalaureate Service is to follow at 7pm and everyone is invited to this service. Graduation for North Andrew is Sunday May 12th.



## May Sermon Series



May's sermon series will be called the Forgotten God and will deal with the role and identity of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

## Church Events

- May 1st –Women's Study
- May 5th– Senior Banquet & 5:30pm & Baccalaureate 7pm
- May 8th - Elder's/Board Mtg 5:30/7pm
- May 12th—Men's Study, Mother's Day, Graduation
- May 15th—Women's Study
- May 19th—Nursing Homes
- May 26th – Men's Study
- May 27th –Memorial Day

# The Equipper

*Equipping the leaders of RCC through the plain and faithful teaching of God's word."*

“And their words seemed like idle tales, and they did not believe them.”

Luke 24:11

**IDLE TALES!?** Did you know that the most dominating response to the resurrection was disbelief? (Mark 16:11, 13-14, Luke 24:11). We tend to have a romantic, over-inflated view of Jesus' followers that assume that Jesus' death and resurrection—the Gospel came easy to them and they believed everything without question. That's not quite the way it happened. If faith were easy, then everyone would have it all the time. Even, those closed with Jesus really struggled to transition their life from the visible, material world to the invisible, immaterial Kingdom of God. Faith is definitely challenging to our human sensibilities. I have a picture in my office that says, “Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eye can see.” I don't know who wrote that, but, that is a great summary of faith. I believe the Hebrew writer penned the definition of faith even better. “Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” I think it is interesting and even seems oddly ironic that Jesus required the disciples to believe, even though they had Jesus (His teachings, miracles and resurrection) right in front of them. So, just because we “see” doesn't mean we always believe. That's why I don't believe if Jesus came today and performed His miracles that many people would put their trust in Him. The natural, sinful heart of man is the same in any generation. The religious leaders saw things Jesus did too, but didn't believe. Along with many others in the crowds that followed Jesus and witnessed the many miraculous things He did. Their superficial trust in Christ gave way to their abandonment of Him (John 6:66). So, let's consider why the disciples thought the women's words to them were like “idle tales.” These are some of the barriers that will challenge faith every time.

1. The women were the ones given the testimony to Jesus' resurrection. The women were convinced of the truth of Jesus' rising from the dead—he stone had been rolled away, the two angels at the tomb, the empty tomb and Jesus' promise to be crucified and

Rise again. But, women's testimony didn't hold much clout in the 1st century times. They weren't even allowed to testify in a court of law. While Jesus elevated the status and value of a woman during His ministry, the disciples couldn't bring themselves to believe their testimony.

2. Their words were like idle tales. Myths, fables, just stories made up to make them feel better. They're tales because people coming back from the dead just doesn't happen. To keep people from believing the disciples' story of Jesus' alleged resurrection, the soldiers were told to say their skewed version of the tale—that the disciples came in the middle of the night and stole the body. That's impossible if you really stop and think about it. The women's account was the true account and the many stories that follow are attacks against the truth. This is how the Devil attacks and undermines the validity of Jesus' life and resurrection. He is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). The women's account was easily defensible:

1. Where is the body? If Jesus is still dead, where is His body? The only body that people witnessed was a live one?
2. The grave clothes were still in the tomb and maintained the form of a body that once inhabited them. It was like Jesus's body evaporated through the grave clothes. And, of course;
3. Jesus' actual appearances. In the 40 days after His resurrection, Jesus revealed Himself to different people at different times. On one occasion, to over 500 people at once (1 Cor 15). If a Christian claimed that Jesus was alive, which they did and it wasn't true, all someone would have to do is take them to His tomb and reveal the body. But that never happened. We can be thankful to these fearful yet courageous women that witnessed Jesus' resurrection regardless of what the disciples thought. Amen! He is Risen!!



## RCC Missions

The school year is winding down fast!! I can't believe it is already May. The kids have worked hard on learning their letters and the sounds they make - we finally finished the alphabet this month! We are now working on our numbers. Our Bible story for the month was Easter. We learned that it is not all about the Easter Bunny.



- Trans World Radio
- Indian Mission-Church of God
- Salvation Army
- Andrew County Ministries
- Emmanuel Children's Home
- Grace Covenant
- 3:18 Ministries
- Heinrichs
- Show Me Christian Youth Home
- Lighthouse
- Campus House Ministries
- Rapha House
- Back Pack Buddies
- Creation Truth
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Amanda W -Thailand

## Volunteers

### Greeters:

- May 5: Richard & Jen Edwards
- May 12: Betty Hewitt & Margaret Grace
- May 19: Gary & Theresa Nie
- May 26: Phil & Tatia Shahan

### Lead Deacon:

- May 5: Sallie Jo Potter
- May 12: Phil Shahan
- May 19: Jay Warder
- May 26: Tracie Warder

### Hospital Callers:

- May 5: Jim & Kathy Ray
- May 12: Gary & Theresa Nie
- May 19: Jay & Tracie Warder
- May 26: Bill & Barb Elliott

### Teachers: Nursery

- 1st Sun: Lisa Hughes & Lindsey Thomas
- 2nd Sun: Deb Wehr & Lauren W
- 3rd Sun: Toni Hurst
- 4th Sun: Judy Lewis

### Children's Moments:

- 1st Sun: Sallie Jo Potter
- 2nd Sun: Tracie Warer
- 3rd Sun: Nova Hughes
- 4th Sun: John Boles

### Children's Church Craft:

- 1st Sun: Amy Nester & Kendall
- 2nd Sun: Shanna Brincks & Holly Mitts
- 3rd Sun: Shannon Schuman & Tyler
- 4th Sun: Andrea Schildknecht

May Communion: Stacey Boles





# RCC Youth News

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## Camp

Camp registrations are really taking off right now. If you haven't signed up or if you haven't signed your student up you can do it right now at [flamingspirit.com](http://flamingspirit.com). Remember, if you know of a student that isn't going to camp because they cannot afford it financially, RCC has funds to help. Please let Rich know the need.

## Baccalaureate

I just have to say that it's going to be hard to let go of this group of Seniors. Not only because my daughter is one of them, but because they have been such great leaders and servants in the youth ministry at RCC. We will celebrate with them at our Baccalaureate dinner and service on May 5. The dinner is for the graduates, the parents/guardians, and siblings. At 7 pm we will hold a baccalaureate service that everyone is invited to attend. The baccalaureate is basically a Christian graduation service. This year 3 of our seniors will be leading the worship music. Our guest speaker is Cort'Ney Turner. Cort'Ney will be a challenging and entertaining speaker. It would be a blessing to have our congregation turn out to show our support for the class of 2019. Rich <><

## Youth Missions

We have 26 students and 9 adults signed up to travel to Loveland, Co for a Week of Hope community service mission trip in July. We are looking forward to growing closer to God as we serve others this summer. Thank you to those who have been contributing prayerfully and financially to the trip. The truth is we still need more of BOTH. Please consider making an extra donation to help our kids go. The Wall of 144 fundraiser will be up until May 21. After that, we may be doing more fundraising to get funded. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!!!

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Women's Study KICK/Momentum	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Senior Banquet Baccalaureate 5:30/7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> KICK Elder/Board 5:30/7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Men's Study 6:30am Mother's Day Graduation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> KICK Momentum Women's Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> SMBS Breakfast 8am Nursing Homes	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> TLC Last Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Last Day of School-NA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Men's Study 6:30am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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Congratulations to all the 2019  
graduates from Rosendale Christian  
Church!



Many of our sign-ups are now online! Go to: [rosendalecc.com](http://rosendalecc.com) to sign up!

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