

RCC *Messenger*

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Church Events

- July 4th – Independence Day



2019 Youth Mission Trip team heads to Loveland, CO this month from the 13th through the 20th. Please keep the team in your prayers as they go out to be the hands and feet of God!

- July 14 & 28 – Men's Study
- July 10th Elder/Board Mtg 5:30/7pm
- July 13-20th—Mission Trip to Loveland, CO
- July 21st Nursing Homes
- July 29th - Aug 2nd—ROAR! VBS



VBS 2019
ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good!
July 29-Aug 2
Program Aug 4—10am
VBS is Monday—Friday
from
5:45pm –8:30pm

We'll be serving a meal for all attendees and helpers each night at 5:45. All kids from 3 years through 5th grade are welcome!

The Equipper

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

"Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt."

Rom 4:4

"To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."

Eph 1:6

Effort or Acceptance ? Many years ago I saw a bumper sticker that said, "I owe, I owe, it's off to work I go." That phrase is a spin-off from the song that the 7 dwarfs sang in the popular Disney movie, Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs. At least, that's what I thought of when I first read it. Not only does it describe the thoughts of many when it comes to debt and work, I believe it's also the approach many have toward our salvation. Deep in the human psyche, is the idea, belief that we have to work, earn everything we get in life. And, to some extent that is true— whether that is education, which earns you a diploma or degree. Or in your job, that earns you a certain amount of a wage. Or any number of things that we have to work for, to earn something. When you work or earn something, there is a reward, a payment for your efforts. (Even then, there is still an amount of grace from God that is extended to us.) But, for the most part, the work/reward philosophy of life is a big part of life here on earth. Even, the Bible states, "If you don't work, you don't eat." (2 Thess 3:10). What has happened, in the church, is that mindset of work/reward has spilled into the lives of believers. So, from time to time, even Christians can fall prey to the false notion that, we have to work for, earn our salvation. We must do things to please God, to make Him love us more and for Him to accept us. Is Christianity effort driven or acceptance driven? I think you know the answer to that question. But we need to be constantly reminded and taught about God's grace—His unmerited favor on undeserved sinners. The World's top religions are all based on a works-righteousness scale. If you do things (e.g. prayers, confessions, trips, attendance, abstinence, etc.), then you're accepted. Judaism, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam all have their various rules and

expectations that their adherents must follow to earn, achieve, merit their god's favor and salvation. Even, the New Age, Scientology and the cults (e.g. Jehovah Witnesses and the Mormons) espouse a human merit-based religion. The prolific amount of religions in the world speak of man's disdain with the things of God/ Someone once said, "Natural man hates grace." So, mankind ends up making up his own religion and his own gods (that he controls). Like the Athenians that Paul is preaching to in Acts 17. He tells them that He sees that they are very religious people.

They had built this altar "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." Paul, then proceeds to tell them of the one, true God of the Bible, who created the world and resurrected His Son, Jesus from the grave. John MacArthur says, "Man is hell-bent on revolt" In his stubborn pride, he would rather worship the wrong god and face eternity in hell. Religion (outward rituals, ceremonies) will not save us, even if we count all the "righteous" things we've done. Even, our righteous deeds are like filthy rags in God's sight (Is64:6). Jesus told the religious leader, Nicodemus that he had to be "born again." (John 3:3) I'm thankful that my salvation is not based on something that you or I do. We'd be lost forever. Timothy Keller wisely and succinctly gives us the difference between religion and Christianity. "Religion says: I believe, therefore, I'm accepted. Christianity claims: I'm accepted, therefore, I believe/" Oswald Chambers writes, "I cannot make my life perfect. I can only be right with God if I accept the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ as an absolute gift. Am I humble enough to accept it?" The work of salvation is totally of God and nothing of me. John writes, "To as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12



Have a great summer break!



RCC Missions

- 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:

- July 7: Roberta Schneider & Autumn
- July 14: Granville & Ellen Brown
- July 21: Richard & Jen Edwards
- July 28: Betty Hewitt & Margaret Grace

Teachers: Nursery

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

July Communion: Marcea Warren & Betty Hendricks

Lead Deacon:

- July 7: Lisa Hughes
- July 14: Jean McGuire
- July 21: Sallie Jo Potter
- July 28: Phil Shahan

Children’s Moments:

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

Hospital Callers:

- July 7: Jay & Tracie Warder
- July 14: Bill & Barb Elliott
- July 21: David & Sallie Jo Potter
- July 28: Phil & Tatia Shahan

Children’s Church Craft:

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





Please pray for the 2019 Mission Trip headed to Loveland, CO and all the team members!

Donations

The team is collecting donations of the following items that are in need for people we will be serving in Loveland:

- Paper Towels
- Copy Paper
- Sticky Notes
- Band Aids
- Lysol Wipes/Spray
- Moisturizing Hand Sanitizer
- Gently used men's & women's clothing and shoes
- Travel Size toiletries incl:
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Dental Floss
 - Chapstick
- Non Perishable Snacks
- Bottled Water
- Twin Size Blankets

Faith Atkins	Jade Herbert	John Riedinger
Rich Atkins	Allison Jones	Tyler Schuman
John Boles	Amanda Keck	Phil Shahan
Natasha Boles	Audrey Keck	Tatia Shahan
Brayden Brincks	Nicole Keck	Nick Taylor
Brylie Brincks	Daniel Langley	Gracie Taylor
Nic Crets	Kendall Nester	Kylah Todd
Kensey Edwards	Alaina Officer	Lauren Wehr
Dawson Eychaner	Caden Patterson	Anna Yarbrough
Drake Eychaner	Collin Patterson	Madison Yarbrough
Carlie Grace	Jaclyn Riedinger	Megan Yarbrough



Do Everything In Love
1 Cor 16:14

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10 Elder/Board 5:30/7pm	11	12	13 Mission Trip
14 Men's Study 6:30am	15	16	17	18	19	20 VBMission Team returns
21 Nursing Homes	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Men's Study 6:30am	29 VBS	30 VBS	31 VBS			

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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