

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Life On The Rock – Get more involved at Rock in 2019 by attending these three classes held on Sunday mornings from 10-11am:

**Discover 101** – Discover if Rock Family Church is a match for you and your family by learning more about our vision, history, core beliefs, doctrine, finances, culture, church government, and leadership.

**Grow 201** - The Grow 201 class will answer all of your questions about Thrive discipleship and get you plugged into a group.

**Belong 301** - In this class, you will learn more about becoming an official team member and joining a team to actively use your gifts to assist with the RFC vision

Be a part of our **2018 Year-End Giving Campaign** to knock out some special projects around RFC as we head into the new year. Choose to help us with Dare to Care, Switch Youth, Rock Kids, Building, or Missions projects.

**Thrive Discipleship Small Groups:** Take your walk with God to the next level. The new semester of small groups kicks off January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

\*All new participants **must** attend the Grow 201 class to join a group. The next class is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10-11am at Woodmen and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm at South.

**Financial Peace University:** 2019 is your year to get debt free! This nine-week video class taught by Dave Ramsey will give you the tools to finally master your money and walk in financial freedom. Classes begin Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> during the 3<sup>rd</sup> service at the Woodmen Campus and Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 PM at the South Campus. Purchase your kit online at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) before the start of the class.



THE CHRISTMAS TREE STORY

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- The Tree: The \_\_\_\_\_ & Tree of Life

**1 Peter 2:24** He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

**Deuteronomy 30:19** “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

- An Evergreen: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 4:14** (Jesus replied) “But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

**1 John 5:11-12** And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.

- The Star: The Holy Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_  
for Our Life

**Matthew 2:1-2** Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,<sup>2</sup>“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

**John 16:13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

• The Gifts: God's Imperishable \_\_\_\_\_  
to Us

**James 1:17-18** Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

- The gift of God's only Son
- Eternal life
- Unconditional love
- Forgiveness of sins
- Adopted into the family of God
- Washed and cleansed from all sin
- Healing, delivered and set free
- Faith
- Grace
- The Holy Spirit to dwell in us
- Supernatural power and authority over the enemy
- Provision for our needs and blessings to bless others
- Freedom
- Comfort
- Victory
- Peace
- Protection
- Joy
- Favor
- Right standing in God's sight
- Blessings
- And so much more . . .

**Psalms 103:2-5** Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. <sup>3</sup>He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. <sup>4</sup>He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. <sup>5</sup>He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

• The Lights: Our Call to \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Him

**Matthew 5:14-16** "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

• The Trunk & Branches: Our \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Local Church

**John 15:4-5** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

• Ornaments: Symbols of Those Being \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 10:9-10** If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

**Romans 10:13** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

"Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man."

## REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they've ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.

\*All scripture is the NLT unless otherwise noted.