

RBC Monthly



Behold, I am doing a new thing!

New year. New (revised and updated) newsletter. New staff member.

New energy. New dreams. New discoveries.

NEW LIFE!

The first 6+ months as your pastor have been wonderful! My family has become a part of the RBC family. We have shared stories and lived life together. We have worshiped together, prayed together, laughed together, cried together, eaten together, celebrated together.

We have *become* together. We are *becoming* together.

Behold, I am doing a new thing... -Isaiah 43:19

The prophet Isaiah continues, “...***do you not perceive it?***” This question was posed to a people who experienced exodus and exile, and were finally on their way home. Babylon to Jerusalem and everywhere in between. Yet, their God was in the business of restoration and redemption and re-creation and renewal and revival.

This question is also posed to us - as individual members of the Body of Christ, and as a church family - ***do you not perceive it?***

We are not exiled, nor have we experienced real exodus. We are, however, on a journey together. This church, this family of faith is where our individual journeys converge and become a part of the journey of God and God's people. This church, this family of faith is where our individual stories intersect and are woven into the fabric of God's Great Story of Redemptive Love.

In this new year, God is saying, “***Behold, I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it?***”

William

Music Notes

*The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely, I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:6-8.*

Are you having a happy new year? Have your new resolutions made a difference in your relationship with God and other people? One of my more practical resolutions this year was to try to be more prompt in responding to emails. This caused me to click a small button on my phone labeled, "allow notifications." Like many of you, I receive a seemingly endless number of e-mails each day and often my schedule doesn't allow me the time to check and/or respond quickly. Last year in an attempt to reduce

my stress throughout the day and save my phone's battery life, I turned off my e-mail notifications. Of course, this did not reduce the number of e-mails needing my response, but it did help me to focus on my work without stressing about the pile of e-mails stacking up. Those who needed a quicker response from me were urged to call or text me. I got to thinking this year about what it would be like if we were to turn off our notifications from God? In essence, when we set God aside for designated worship times, we

are doing just that. Unlike e-mail, God does not fill our Inbox with junk mail. His messages are always timely and if we listen closely, He partners with us, offering guidance and help through our work tasks, relationships with others, and decisions throughout the day. The more we tune into him, the clearer we can distinguish his voice, care, and presence throughout the day. Will you allow God access for notifications? This Sunday as we sing, "Take me, mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's hand." I pray you will!

- Dr. Deborah Herring

Music Ministry Announcements

Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument in the worship team or choir, please join us!



The Worship Team needs experienced singers, keyboard players, drummers, and guitarist. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

The Worship Choir is open to anyone who loves to sing! We sing on Sunday mornings,

partnering with the Worship Team, perform anthems on a regular basis and have just started rehearsing for the Easter Musical. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15.

Please see Deborah Herring for more information.

Youth and Children's Ministries

Youth on the "Move"

The youth recently just got back from the *Move Conference* in Macon, GA. These conferences are always refreshing because the youth get to see the power of God at work. Getting to see other people their age experience the love of Christ and commit their lives to Him just like others did gives everyone hope. This hope that God can move through their schools and at home. The kids learned from the speakers about the

power of God and how He wants to move in every one of their lives. They got to look at see that there are kids out there just like them that want to grow and want to further the kingdom of God. They got to spend the weekend wor-

shipping and fellowshiping with others while having fun along the way. The main take away from the weekend is that God wants to move and He wants to use everyone.

- Andrew Smith



2019 in RBCKids!

2019 is looking to be an exciting year for RBC Kids! Planning is underway for Parents' Night Out activities, Easter, VBS, and summer fun! We will have a calendar of events coming out next week. Please consider where you can plug in to help.

If you can commit to one Sunday morning a month or one Wednesday night a month, this growing ministry could use you! We have an awesome group of parents who are already willing to help but we need more! We welcome EC students Jenna Fitzpatrick and

Caitlyn Meekins back from break. We love these students and the work they do for and with our kids. We are also thankful for Kimberly Humphrey and her daughter Cassandra who have been wonderful in the nursery area.

We are ready for Student Life Kids camp this year as we have 6 students eager to attend. Be in prayer for these kids. This will be the first year for all of them. Camp can be life changing and we are excited

to be able to give them the best experience possible. Thank you!

- Teresa Phillips





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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Deal	1/03
Adeline Deal	1/03
Daniel Moorehead	1/04
Scotty Phillips	1/07
Jerry Carey	1/07
Levi Thomas	1/09
Vivian Esco	1/11
Robert H. Rice	1/12
Jeanie Sams	1/12
Lex Turner	1/12
Mae W. Davis	1/13
Benet Berryman	1/14
Trey O'Kelly	1/14
Piper O'Kelly	1/14
Mark Boyd	1/15
Matylda Swails	1/15
Melanie Westbrook	1/18
John Jordan	1/22
Andrew Smith	1/24
Eric C. Burrell	1/25
Joseph Strickland	1/28
Louise B. King	1/28
Mike Elrod	1/29
Don Johnson	1/30

WEEKLY MINISTRY LEADERS

January 20

Deacon of the Week	Jerry Gaines
Nursery Volunteers	Colleen Phillips Autumn DeGrave Ginny Swails

January 27

Deacon of the Week	Kevin Harris
Nursery Volunteers	Amy Thomas Taylor Thomas Rachel Scoggins

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In memory of Mitchell Beard
by Larry and Jan Bowen

In memory of Tom Jackson
by David and Jina Harris

**In memory of Tom Jackson
and Mitchell Beard**
by the Royston Baptist Church Choir

In the Chris Tiller Memorial Library

Check out these books for your January reading:

Mending Places, Saving Grace, and Finding Faith
by Denise Hunter

