

Small Affect, Big Effect

Matthew 13:31-35



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Sep 11-17:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 9,025.18
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 533.00
Community Offering: Mission French Africa	\$ 35.50
Backpack Buddies	\$ 80.51
Access	\$ 40.00
GEMS	\$ 140.00

Community Offerings

TODAY: Rehoboth Christian Schools

RCS was founded as a ministry to the Native American people of the Four Corners region of New Mexico. Today, RCS continues its ministry through education with multiculturalism as a backdrop. RCS is committed to building students up not only intellectually, but also spiritually and emotionally, helping them grow into mature Christians.

- Oct 8:** Love Your Neighbor
- Oct 15:** World Renew
- Oct 22:** Tent Schools International

THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, Oct 1

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Church School
- 10:45am Adult Bible Study
- 4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School
- 6pm Youth Group-High School

Monday, Oct 2

Tuesday, Oct 3

- 9:15am Small Group-Faith Practices, Session 1
- 6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Oct 4

- 11:30am Renewal Lab Book Study
- 7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 5

Friday, Oct 6

Saturday, Oct 7

Sunday, Oct 8

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Church School
- 10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

- Oct 10** Exec
- Oct 11** Gathering Event
- Oct 15** Youth Group
- Oct 23** Elders
Deacons
- Oct 28** Youth Group Corn Maze

STAFF

- Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)
- Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
- Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
- Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
- Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
- Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

October 1, 2023



Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship:
Nursery for infants & toddlers;
"Busy Bags" with kid's bulletin & activities;
Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up
(found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS
are available at the sound booth

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TODAY: Kingdom — We might like to think of the kingdom of heaven as huge and powerful; but Jesus points to a kingdom that shows up in the smallest places.

NEXT WEEK: Kingdom — The Bible talks about the kingdom as something which exists within our world today; but that doesn't mean the world shares equal priority with the kingdom.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Great Are You Lord
The Praise Is Yours*

Communion

Behold The Lamb

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Matthew 13:31-35*

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

Message "Small Affect, Big Effect"

*Be Thou My Vision
Take My Life And Let It Be*

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we celebrate the sacrament of communion during the worship service.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Today we will begin a new study on 1 Corinthians. The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

OCTOBER GATHERING EVENT Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 11, for the first Gathering Event of the year. We will be meeting at church at 10am to tour Guiding Light Mission. We will have the opportunity to learn about the impact that Guiding Light has on the community and we will be served lunch. On the way home there will be an optional stop at Marge's Donuts for dessert for those that are interested. If you would like to come, sign up by **Sunday, Oct 8**, on the M&CC bulletin board or email **Diane Ronda** (dianeronda@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

***Note:** All ages are welcome to attend The Gathering events. This year we are meeting on the 2nd WEDNESDAY of the month.

SMALL GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION (6 sessions)

The book:

This Too Shall Last: Finding Grace When Suffering Lingers
By K.J. Ramsey

When:

Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:15, October 10, 17, 31, November 14,28, December 12

A description of this book:

There are times when we say the phrase "this too shall pass" to encourage ourselves or others to persevere in difficult places. Yet, there are some difficult places physically, emotionally, relationally that do not pass; they last. K.J. Ramsey, author of the book, This Too Shall Last, writing from her own experience of living with chronic pain writes, "I'm well aware that some diseases aren't healed. Some hard things stay in our lives until Jesus returns, so I'm here to tell a story from the middle, where so many of us live yet so few describe (p. 19). In these pages is my outstretched hand. Instead of claiming to have solutions, I'm inviting you to sit in the place where I've found sustaining grace." (p. 23)

A few years ago, [The Banner](https://www.thebanner.org/sites/default/files/38846%20Banner%202021-06_final%20lr.pdf) (June 2021, page 39) had a review of this book. https://www.thebanner.org/sites/default/files/38846%20Banner%202021-06_final%20lr.pdf

Plans are to have a 6-session group focusing on this book. If you would like to participate in this group or have questions, please contact:

Barb Sanders (bsanders@felloshpccr.com) or
Barb Smalligan (btsmalligan@gmail.com)

★ Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipccr.com/crl

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Bob Aardema, Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo's** sister), Ellie Klifman, (**Sheryl Offringa's** mother), Kim Mulder (family of **Bonnie Houtstra** and **Tamie DeWitte**), **Lois Oom, Jo Postema**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister), Susan (**Sharon Walcott's** daughter-in-law).
- For **Rehoboth Christian Schools** as they have begun their new school year. Pray that they are able to build up their students not only intellectually, but also spiritually and emotionally; and that their students are able to grow into mature Christians.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY The Food Pantry is accepting donations.

Food items needed are: hamburger helper, Manwich or sloppy joe sauce, flour tortillas, taco shells, taco sauce, kidney beans, maple syrup, bags of rice, graham crackers, ritz crackers, peanut butter, jelly, hand soap, dishwashing soap, laundry detergent

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES The first month of school has revealed much need in our community. We are currently at 38 children, one of our highest years since we started the program. Hungry children have a hard time learning in school and we want to help them succeed. We appreciate your help in the past and for filling our pantry now for coming weekends!

our current needs:

Snacks: granola bars, pretzels, fruit snacks etc
Fruit: applesauce, fruit cups, small boxes of raisins
Canned chunky soups
Canned Chicken
Nutrigrain bars
cash donations can be made through the deacons

Please place your donations in the wooden box in the narthex.
Thank you for your continued support! **Sandy Campo**