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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVE SCATTERED!

We hate the fact that the church is scattered right now. We love being together and miss one another, but God uses everything. In Acts 8:1-4 the new believers were SCATTERED.

The text says, “Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. ² (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) ³ But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. ⁴ But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

Whether we like it or not we have been scattered. Our large gathering has been shut down by a virus, and we are now staying home. Much like the apostles, the pastoral staff is stuck without physical access to the believers here. You are the minister that God has put in your neighborhood. You are the light of Christ.

Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

We are praying for you all. We are praying that you will be used by God to reflect the light of Christ to all who are around you. Although I can't wait to see you all together again, I am convinced that when God scatters us, He has a purpose. He who began a good work in us (Phil. 1:6) is completing it, refining us, and making us more like Christ. So, I remind you of our focus during this time. It is not to retreat but to advance. We call it the **PURSUING GOD**

CAMPAIGN

- **Pursuing Jesus** (Pursuing our spiritual growth and life)
- **Pursuing His Church** (Pursuing relationships so the body is connected and cared for)
- **Pursuing the Lost** (Pursuing the health and well-being of our neighbors both physically and spiritually)

THANKS TO THE TECH TEAM



A special thanks to the tech team that has been working long hours to bring us the Sunday services. Thanks for all the special efforts to bring us some clips of families this past Sunday. God has given us a great team of skilled tech volunteers for just such a time. While we feel like many of our body parts are tied behind our backs by the pandemic, your hands are carrying a large amount of the weight. Thanks for using your gifts for us right now: Jack Koski, Aaron “Hoss” Heise, Gideon Patrick, and Andy Wojtowski.

If we missed getting your video in the Easter Sunday mix, please accept our apology. There were a number of reasons why that happened. We hope to have more opportunities for you to send clips.

GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Giving 4/05/-4/11/20

Budget \$13,288

Actual \$15,657.64

Our budget year ends on April 30th. Our annual meeting is usually scheduled for the last Sunday in April. The elders have decided to extend the budget year until we can meet for our annual meeting which is postponed until we can gather.

ELDERS

Our elders are meeting via Zoom every week during this time to make sure we respond to needs as they come up. Each week we pray for you and your family. Our elders are:

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| Norris Batts | Ben Prevost |
| Caleb Ihrig | Matt Wilson |
| Eric Leinen | Neil Wilson |
| Adam Patrick | Pastor Dave |
| Ed Patrick | Pastor Wyatt |

If you have any needs, concerns, or information you think we need, let us know. We meet every Tuesday night right now.

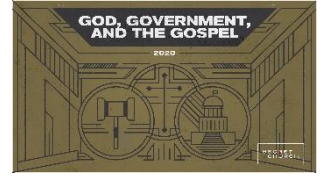
CARE MINISTRY

We collect an offering called our Care Fund on communion Sundays. That fund is used for people in our congregation who have short-term needs. If you know of anyone who has a need, has lost their income or just needs some help, let us know. You can write to <mailto:info@rvcoshkosh.com>, or call an elder.

We have helped with utilities, groceries, car repairs and even financial planning. We are just starting to tap the Care Fund for needs coming up as a result of Coronavirus.

SECRET CHURCH

Friday, April 24, is the livestream of Secret Church, a 6-hour event full of Bible teaching and intentional prayer times hosted by David Platt. This year’s topic is “God, Government, and the Gospel”.



We have ordered 35 workbooks and can share our streaming credentials with 35 people. Access to the stream and a copy of the workbook is \$10 per person. If money is an obstacle, please mention that in your email, and we will try to work with you. For more information visit secretchurch.radical.net. If you would like to sign up to stream this event in your home, email your name(s) and the number of “attendees” to: hunter.newton71@gmail.com.

CALLED HOME

Scott Neustifter finished his battle with pancreatic cancer on April 8th and went home to be with the Lord. His family had the graveside service this past week. A public memorial service will be held at a later date once the gathering restrictions are lifted. Pray for his family.



NEW ADDITION TO THE RVC FAMILY



The Belton Family welcomed Lillian Anna Belton on Thursday, April 9, at 4:27 p.m. She weighed in at 9 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 in. long. Along with the Beltons, we are praising God for such a wonderful gift!

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6 (NLT)