

**OUR VISION:** RVCC's vision is to equip our church body to bring God's redemptive story to our community and the world.

**OUR MISSION:**

RVCC exists to love, serve and offer hope.



**OUR CORE VALUES**

1. God the Father is love; therefore, He calls us to love all people.  
*1 John 4:16; Romans 13:9-10; John 13:34-35*
2. God's love calls us to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. *Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8*
3. God's love calls us to mentor people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. *Matthew 28:19*
4. God's love calls every believer to discover and engage in their God-given ministry. *Psalms 139:13-16*
5. God's love calls us to participate in a biblical community and a life style of worship. *Acts 2:42-47*
6. God's love calls us to embrace the fullness of the Holy Spirit.  
*Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11*
7. God's love calls us to a lifestyle of generosity.  
*Isaiah 58:6-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Acts 4:32-35*



**New around here?** We're so glad to see you!

Welcome to RVCC! We hope you are blessed today as we worship The Lord together. If you are new to our family we have a gift waiting for you at Guest Services. Please feel free to fill out a COMMUNICATION CARD. Thank you!

**Mark Borrows, Lead Pastor**

**Simon Tracey, Assistant Pastor**

**Derek Letwinetz, Discipleship & Community Engagement Pastor**

**Ken Roset, Pastor of Care Ministries**

**RVCC OFFICE HOURS**

Tue-Wed 9:00am - 3:00pm (Closed for Lunch) Thurs – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
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**Hearing Assistance Device Available at the Sound Booth**  
Please bring your own headphones or earbuds.



**CALLED TO**  
*Love, Serve*  
**AND OFFER**  
*Hope*

**September 29, 2024**

**Public Wi-Fi Password is: RVCchurch**

**WWW.RIVERVALLEYCOMMUNITYCHURCH.CA**

# Welcome!

Pastor Simon Tracey  
"Called to Love, Serve and Offer Hope"

FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO

**LIVE IN FREEDOM,**

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

BUT DON'T USE YOUR FREEDOM

TO SATISFY YOUR SINFUL NATURE.

**INSTEAD, USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE  
ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.**

**GALATIANS 5:13**



## ARISE

CELEBRATION OFFERING  
(Towards the New Build)



We understand that some of you were not here and unable to participate in the Arise Celebration offering. Special offering envelopes are available at the back of the Worship Centre and at Guest Services for opportunity for you to give. We were overwhelmed by the level of generosity and will announce the total on Sunday, October 6 with great enthusiasm and celebration! Thank you!

**Communion:** is available every Sunday for anyone who would like to partake. It is on the table to the left of the platform.

**NEED A BIBLE?** If you don't have a Bible but would like one we have Bibles available. Speak to one of our staff and we will get you one.



**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:**  
to help at our KidCheck Kiosk  
Sunday Morning's. Contact the  
Church Office to get involved.

## LIFE GROUPS

Don't do life alone.  
FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

Small groups that meet on a regular basis to encourage one another. A safe place to find hope in your journey of faith.



If you are not in a Life Group and would like to be in one sign up at Guest Services.

**Prayer Requests & Hospital Visitation:**

If you have a prayer need and would like our Leadership Team to be praying we ask that you let us know by filling out a Communication Card or contacting the Church office.

## Upcoming EVENTS

### LIVING FREE

Mondays @ 7 PM in the Edge  
starting Sept. 30

### SIGN UP @ GUEST SERVICES

Identify how you can live in God's  
freedom & hope.

YHX Citywide Young Adults

Monday, September 30 @ 7 PM

@ Hillcrest Church (3785 13 AVE SE)

A citywide gathering for Young Adults  
to connect and worship together.

**Alpha**  
Ask. Learn. Discuss.



Alpha

STARTING Oct. 3, 2024

Thursdays: 10 AM-12 PM

Come explore the  
Christian faith together.

Space is Limited.... Reserve your spot  
today by **signing up @ Guest Services**

**RVCC YOUTH:**

Grades 7-12

Friday, Oct. 4 @

7 PM



*Young @ Heart* 55+

Bowling at Panorama Lanes

Thursday, October 24, Noon - 3:00 PM

COST: \$22 per person

(includes 2 games, shoe rental, 2 slices  
of pizza, coffee or pop) OR

*if you do not want to bowl but would  
like to join us the cost is \$10 per person  
for 2 slices of pizza and coffee or pop*

**SIGN UP & PAY @ GUEST SERVICES**

## Weekly EVENTS

*Sunday, September 29*

9 AM Journey of a Lifetime  
in Zone 1 of the New Build

Pre-Service Prayer

9:45-10:15 AM In Prayer Room

Worship Service : 10:27 AM

Will be live streamed on YouTube

**PROMISELAND**

**Children's Ministry**

Please check in at the Kidcheck Kiosk  
located in The Edge

**Nursery** (6mths - 2): Front of the  
worship centre straight through the  
double doors

**Junior & Grade School Promiseland will  
be dismissed during the Service.**

**Junior** (Age 3 - Kindergarten): Located  
in the room off of the Edge

**Grade School** (Gr 1-5): Located in the  
New Building

Youth Conversation Couch

Youth in Grades 6 and up will be  
dismissed during the service to join a  
Leader in the Youth Room to watch  
the service together.

*Monday, September 30*

7 PM Living Free

*Tuesday, October 1*

7 PM Divorce Care

*Thursday, October 3*

10 AM Coffee @ the Edge

10 AM Alpha Starts

*Friday, October 4*

7 PM RVCC Youth Alpha



# PACK A SHOEBOX!



[SamaritansPurse.ca/occ](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/occ)

## Shoeboxes are NOW AVAILABLE!

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gifts please follow the guidelines on the "How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlet and remember to include your \$12 donation to cover shipping.

## SHOEBOX DROP OFF:

**Deadline for RVCC is Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

## PROMISELAND and YOUTH PACKING PARTY!

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

We are very excited to have Diane Foster host a Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child this year at RVCC. In preparation for this we are asking for donations of items to be placed in the boxes. Please see the back of this insert for the types of items we are in need of.

## ITEM DONATIONS DUE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>

We are also accepting donations of cash to cover the \$12 cost per box for shipping and the purchase of items for boxes.

Please mark your envelope "Operation Christmas".

## Age Categories:

**Boys: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years**

**Girls: 2-4 years, 4-9 year, 10-14 years**

# SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



### "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



### DO NOT INCLUDE

toothpaste; used or damaged items; candy; gum; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; and breakable items. Please do not use repurposed medicine or food containers or boxes

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR PACKING PARTY

Please see the table set up at the back of the Worship Centre. There are tags with items that need to be purchased. Please take a tag and bring back the items to the Church by October 20<sup>th</sup>. These items will be packed into Shoe Boxes on October 27<sup>th</sup> at our Promiseland Kids Packing Party! We are also open to accepting monetary donations that will be used to purchase items to be packed and to help cover the \$12 cost for each shoe box for shipping. Please mark your offering envelope "Operation Christmas" to make a donation towards this ministry. Thank you for your support!

