

Sermon Series: The Focused Church

The Three-Fold Balance: Focused In

1 Thess. 1:4-7; 2:1-3:5

Main Point: **Focused in**; Focused out; Focused up

Outline:

1. God's power in change
2. True discipleship brings change
3. Good faith produces faithful work

Announcements

1. We welcome everyone to our Church Gathering, and especially welcome those who are new. We pray that you will experience the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ. Please use our online welcome form to fill in your information and prayer requests, OR just speak with one of our church leaders. We are happy to get you connected and supported. Here is the link: <https://www.raleighccc.org/main/contact-us/>
2. Church Re-Opening - RCCC is now in **Stage 2** reopening for in-person ALL people (vaccinated and unvaccinated) who follow the same safety procedures set forth in Stage 1 (wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing, etc. It is very important as the threat of COVID-19 remains high from the new variants). The Sunday service, youth and children's activities started in person already. People who are properly wearing face masks can attend in-person worship service and other meetings. Check here for details <https://www.raleighccc.org/main/information-for-reopening-church/>. Online meetings and live streaming of Sunday services remain available through the end of the year.
3. **FPO (Faith Pledge Offering)** is dedicated to use on our supported Global Missionaries ministry. FPO budget this year is \$53,335 and offering received up to date (10/5/21) is 28,907.80. If your Sunday offering is designated to FPO, please specify "FPO" in your check.
4. **Campus Student Fellowship** started meeting in-person. We will also resume providing the meals for students before the meetings. We need your support in preparing dishes for our students. Please let Cecilia (Cecilia.c2@gmail.com) or Linjen (ljhuang@nc.rr.com) know if you are able to help. May God bless His ministry among NCSU students!
5. **Operation Christmas Child - In-Person and Online**—Prayerfully consider helping our students reach their goal of making 250 gift-filled shoeboxes this year. Gift items/supplies are needed to make the 150 in-person boxes. A list (in Chinese and English) of the needed items is available in the church lobby. Please place all new gifts/supplies in the collection containers located in the lobby by Sunday, November 7. You can also make a shoebox online for a suggested donation of \$25 (\$9 for shipping, \$16 for gifts). Building your shoebox online through our RCCC Operation Christmas Child link <https://sampur.se/3D9eJl> will help us keep track of the online shoeboxes that youth, students, families, and church members are making. Our deadline to reach our online goal is December 31.
6. Help is needed to clean up our kitchen due to the long duration of inactivity before it can be re-opened for service. Groups who have stuff kept in the storage room, or who like to volunteer time on kitchen cleaning please contact General Affairs, raleighccc.generalaffairs@gmail.com. Thanks.

Children's Info. (Kindergarten – 5th Grade)

Children's Ministry offers both in person in the old building and online program. Sunday program adopts Lifeway's trusted "Gospel Projects for Kids", while Friday program resumes beloved AWANA.

Programs are all in the old building:

In person children's Sunday School 9:30-10:45am

In person children's Sunday worship 11:15am-12:30pm

Online children's Sunday worship 11:00am-11:45 am

In person Friday night AWANA 7:30-9:30pm (co-workers are working on making part of that program online as well)

The Children's Ministry Committee members are: Sunday Worship/School - Kaili Sawyer; Friday Program; Mike Liu; Special Programs: Mo-Yuen Chow. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email to children.rccc@gmail.com or contact them individually.

Registration: Please follow the link below and complete an online form soon. <https://www.raleighccc.org/main/children-programregistration2021-22/> Teachers will send lesson summary and reminders to registered parents, so parents can communicate with teachers and help their children by reinforcing the lesson.

Church Gathered: Order of Service

Worship By Singing	Music Team
Spiritual Focus: Spiritual Disciplines	
Worship By Praying Together	
Pastoral and Congregational Prayer	Pastor Rob
Worship By Trusting & Hearing Christ	
Sermon	Pastor Rob
Holy Communion	Pastor Rob
Worship By Responding to Christ	
Offering	
Welcome and Announcements	
Benediction	Pastor Rob

Youth Announcements

1. **Youth Sunday School — In-person and online** - Join us every Sunday from 9:30-10:45 a.m. for in-person Youth Sunday School on the second floor of our new church building. We also have an online class from 9:00-9:45 am every Sunday.
2. **Wednesday Youth Prayer** – Join us every Wednesday from 7:00-7:40 p.m. through Zoom for Youth Prayer.
3. **This Friday Youth Group** - Join us on this Friday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel for Youth Group.
4. **New Youth QT Plan - Hope for Today—Devotions for Anxiety and Depression—October 12-21**— Find the hope that is abundant in God as you reflect on the devotions in this 10 day plan. Contact Pastor Jerry to join this plan.
5. **Pray for More Youth Co-Workers** – Pray for the Lord to bless us with the additional Friday Youth Counselors, Youth Sunday School Teachers, and Disciple makers needed in our Youth Ministry. If interested in serving, contact Pastor Jerry at jmlerrc3@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Sermon

10/17/2021

Pastor Rob