

Sermon Series: The Focused Church

The Three-Fold Balance: Focused Up

1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-5:11

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

Outline:

1. Jesus came back from the dead

2. Jesus is coming back from heaven

3. Jesus is coming back for us

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. **Membership** - if you are considering RCCC to be your home Church, let's make it official and become a member! Contact Pastor Rob, Kaili or Joe for more info.
3. **2022 FPO pledge form can now be accessed online through the following link.** We encourage all brothers & sisters to obey the Great Commandant through prayers and actions to support our missionaries. Please fill in and return the form either in e-copy or paper copy. <https://www.raleighccc.org/main/2022-rccc-mission-challenge-pledge/>
4. **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 (10/19/21) is \$34,427.80 . If your Sunday offering is designated to FPO, please specify "FPO" in your check.
5. **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!
6. **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.
7. **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

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| 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 |
| Worship By Responding to Christ | |
| Offering | |
| Welcome and Announcements | |
| Benediction | Pastor Rob |

*After a moment of silent meditation, please welcome one another. Drop off Connection Card in drop box.

Youth Announcements

1. **Youth Parent/Leader Prayer Time** - Youth parents and leaders are encouraged to join us for prayer on this Thursday, October 28, from 7:30-8:10 p.m. through Zoom.
2. **This Friday Youth Group** - Join us on this Friday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel for Youth Group. We have started our new series, "Road Trip to Truth."
3. **New Youth QT Plan - Jesus Knows How You Feel—October 26-30**—Do you ever feel misunderstood or alone when you're going through a hard time? Good news: Jesus understands how you feel because He experienced a full range of emotions during His earthly life. You can go to Him with whatever you're feeling, knowing that He will be with you, will listen to you, and will love you. Contact Pastor Jerry to join this plan.
4. **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.
5. **Wednesday Youth Prayer** – Join us every Wednesday from 7:00-7:40 p.m. through Zoom for Youth Prayer.
6. **Pray for More Youth Co-Workers**—Pray for the Lord to bless us with the additional Friday Youth Counselors, Youth Sunday School Teachers, and Disciplemakers needed in our Youth Ministry. If interested in serving in our Youth Ministry, contact Pastor Jerry at jmillerrc3@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Sermon

10/31/2021

Pastor Rob