

A LETTER FROM PASTOR JOHN

In the Fall of 2011, God led our family to move to the Boro and re-dream the dream with you about what ROCC could be and should be in order to bring glory to Jesus by reaching our community for Him. We have seen our church grow in the last 5 years in so many ways. More than 600 people now call ROCC home; we have baptized more than 200 people; our giving has more than doubled annually; and we are preparing to move into our first permanent home! But this move is not the end of God's dream for ROCC. It is only the beginning. As we are preparing for this big move, I believe that God is inviting us to get out of the boat and take a greater step of faith than we have ever taken before. But what does that look like?

For the next 2 years, we are entering an exciting season of spiritual impact and generosity called Devoted/365. We are going back to the first church in Acts 2:42, 47 and looking at their devotion and impact: *"They devoted themselves...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*

So, I began to ask: What would it look like if every ROCC'er went all-in in our devotion to Christ and His mission everyday for the next 2 years? What would it look like to see God "add to our number daily" people whose lives were being transformed by Jesus over the next 2 years? What difference would that kind of devotion make in our schools, neighborhoods, and community?

My challenge for you is to consider going all in with me in every part of your life through Devoted/365. Let's make investments of our time, talents, and treasure in things that will make a difference in eternity.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at ROCC! I am looking forward to seeing what God can do through us as we go all in for Him!

- John

DEVOTED / 365

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WHAT IS DEVOTED / 365?

It is a Generosity and Spiritual Impact Initiative that includes 3 major generosity areas that we pray will result in 365 people a year whose lives are being transformed by Jesus. The three generosity areas are:

DEVOTED FOR OUR MISSION: \$1.2 MILLION

Our mission is helping people take their next steps with Jesus. We believe God has blessed us in order for us to continue that mission. As we are continuing to grow, we are devoted to maintaining that momentum while making sure that our existing ministries are healthy and adequately staffed.

DEVOTED FOR OUR COMMUNITY: \$600,000

We have devoted ourselves to making room for the people in our community who will be coming to our new facility. This commitment will include paying down our mortgage as quickly as possible, as well as paying the expenses (utilities, maintenance, etc.) that come with owning a new facility.

DEVOTED FOR OUR WORLD: \$200,000

Since ROCC began, we have been devoted not only to growing the influence of our church, but also growing the influence of THE Church. Thus, we have given, and will continue to give, 10% of our revenue to missions. These funds will go toward planting new churches and sending ROCC'ers to serve alongside our local and global mission partners.

Total 2-Year Generosity Goal: \$2 million

ONE-FUND INITIATIVE

You may have participated in church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a gift "above and beyond" your regular giving to the church in order to make special projects like new buildings and new ministries possible. Normally, you would write one check to the "building fund" and another check to the "general fund." This type of giving is potentially confusing to people who either don't have a baseline for their "regular giving," or they are not able to celebrate their total giving to ROCC in one total amount. We believe that it's all one MISSION that we are on at ROCC, which is to help people take their next steps with Jesus. So, our church leaders have decided that from now on, we want to have one fund to which we give generously at ROCC.

The Devoted/365 initiative will last for two years. In those two years, every gift that is given to ROCC will go to Devoted/365. This will help us go all in for our mission, our community, and our world.

The 24-month Generosity Goal is \$2 million.

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?

PRAY.

Ask God to show you any areas in your heart that are not fully devoted to Him. Ask God what He wants you to give to Devoted/365.

REFLECT.

As you are praying, believe that God will be speaking to you through His Holy Spirit. Take your time and reflect on what His Spirit is saying to you. If you are married, pray together with your spouse about what you sense God is leading your family to do and give.

TAKE A BOLD STEP OF FAITH.

Discipleship and stewardship go hand-in-hand. Growing as a follower of Jesus is a journey of ongoing steps of faith in Jesus. We don't grow without taking a step of faith. So, growing in stewardship requires us taking bold steps of faith because we value Jesus more than anything else.

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