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## A NOTE 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!

In December 2013, many members of our ROCC family took a 24-month faith journey together called Beyond. We believed that God would provide for our needs as we gave above and beyond our regular tithes toward 2 goals:

- **Paying off the 10.4 acres at 210 Rucker Lane.**
- **Securing a loan to begin construction of our first permanent home for ROCC.**

God once again proved Himself to be the "Beyond God" for ROCC! We received \$491,569 toward Beyond, which allowed us **to pay off our land** debt completely, and secure the financing to build phase 1 of our first permanent home for ROCC. Here are some additional ways that God used ROCC to bless our city and world during the Beyond Campaign:

- **Mega Sports Camp helped over 1,000 children and their families discover real life in Christ through sports.**
- **We sent missionaries to Murfreesboro, Nashville, Vancouver, Connecticut, North Carolina, Kenya, and Haiti.**
- **We baptized over 70 people in 2 years.**

The best is truly yet to come,



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## WHAT'S NEXT?

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."

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?

Why don't you consider going all-in 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! We are looking forward to seeing what God can do through us as we go all in for Him!

## 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**

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# THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY

We must always remember there is much more to generosity than just a financial transaction. In God's eyes our growth in generosity is less about a financial transaction and more about a transformation. It is truly a matter of the heart!

The Generosity Journey can help us think about this transformation. Make no mistake; to move along this path requires a heart change.

Moving along the path does not make us super Christians; it brings us to a greater understanding of God, not a greater view of ourselves.

As you look and think about this journey, ask yourself this question; "What drives you to be generous?"

## Initial Giver

An initial giver is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift. – [2 Corinthians 8:7-15](#)

## Consistent Giver

A consistent giver is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving on a regular basis. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the behavior of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well of course; it just requires more discipline. – [2 Corinthians 9:6-8](#)

## Intentional Giver

An intentional giver is someone who is beginning to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. So for example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to AT&T than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize it in relation to other things they spend their money on. This may also be the point of intentionality when someone begins to tithe, reflecting that they are being intentional about a certain amount/percentage that they want to give to God. – [Luke 14:28-35](#)

## Sacrificial Giver

A sacrificial giver is someone who recognizes the cost that Christ paid on the cross for us and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A sacrificial giver is someone who gives in a way that changes them, in a way that reflects that their giving is governing their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A sacrificial giver isn't just concerned with what they ARE giving but is more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why. They seek to honor God with 100% percent of what He has given them, whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle. – [2 Samuel 24:18-25](#)

## Lifetime Giver

A lifetime giver is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. A lifetime giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. A lifetime giver might be someone who has a lifetime giving goal, something that will govern their larger-ticket decisions. Much like a sacrificial giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, a lifetime giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger-item purchases like homes, cars, investments, and the like. – [1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

*Every gift that is given to ROCC allows us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Murfreesboro and beyond. Each person who trusts God with their resources plays a pivotal role in our mission to help people take their next steps with Jesus.*





# WHAT DOES ONE-FUND MEAN?

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.

*We hope you’ll join us on Commitment Sunday, November 20th, as we prepare to embark on this 2 year spiritual initiative. We are expectant about what God will do as we fully devote our lives to Him 365 days a year.*

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY / NOVEMBER 20TH

**Conventional Annual Tithe**  
This amount is your normal giving.

**Expanded Annual Giving**  
Enter the amount you are giving beyond your normal giving in support of the Devoted / 365 initiative.

SAMPLE GIVING CHART				ESTIMATE OF GIVING WORKSHEET	
WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	2- YEAR TOTAL	\$	What I normally give in a year (General Budget, Building Fund, Additional Gifts)
\$10	\$43.33	\$520	\$1,040		
\$25	\$108.33	\$1,300	\$2,600	+	
\$50	\$216.67	\$2,600	\$5,200	\$	My expanded generosity for Devoted / 365
\$75	\$325.00	\$3,900	\$7,800	=	
\$100	\$433.33	\$5,200	\$10,400	\$	x 2 years -----> \$
\$150	\$650.00	\$7,800	\$15,600		
\$200	\$866.67	\$10,400	\$20,800	+	
\$300	\$1,300.00	\$15,600	\$31,200		Stored Resources Gift \$
\$500	\$2,166.67	\$26,000	\$52,000		(Savings, Stock, Real Estate, Appreciated Assets)
\$1,000	\$4,333.33	\$52,000	\$104,000	=	\$

This commitment schedule is for quick calculation of weekly, monthly and yearly giving. No one should feel confined to this schedule.

**Grand Total**  
Sum of all giving over the next two years

**Stored Resources Gift**  
These gifts can be stocks, tax refunds, real estate, or cash reserves you want to give to the church.

# 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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**-ACTS 2:42,47**



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