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10 YEAR CELEBRATION

January 11, 2026

DR MISSION TRIP

February 21-28, 2026

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“Rockbridge Church has provided the missing puzzle piece of our lives. Prior to moving to Lexington, we were always full of questions revolving around religion and our greater purpose. Since surrendering ourselves to the Lord, our lives finally make sense. We know that we were brought to Rockbridge County for a reason. We are finally home. Rockbridge Church has restored our belief in the Lord and given us hope for our future.”

- The Poulin Family

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- GIVING TOWERS - on either side of the entry table in the auditorium

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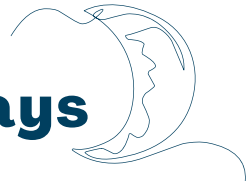
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FAITHFULNESS:
10 YEARS AT RBC**



These Are The Good Ol'Days



Dear Friends,

There's a scene in this old show called The Office where Andy says "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them."

As followers of Jesus, we live with a different level of awareness. Looking back over this past decade, I can see how faithful God has been. I remember prayers that He answered, friendships that He brought, baptisms that marked new beginnings, and stories of redemption that only He could write.

Since RbC was first planted those years ago we've seen God build His church— He's carried us through challenges, opened new doors, and reminded us again and again that His promises never fail.

But God's faithfulness in the past also gives us faith for the future. The same God who provided before will provide again. The same Spirit who moved among us is still moving today. The same Savior who walked with us through yesterday's challenges will lead us toward tomorrow's joys.

So while we celebrate what God has done, we also look ahead with great expectation.

Friends, these ARE the good ol' days.

In this new season, let's be a people who remember with gratitude and look forward with faith—trusting that the best is yet to come, not because of what we can accomplish, but because of who God is.

And maybe, years from now, we'll get to look back and tell the story of this very moment—how God was faithful and grew our faith. And we'll smile, knowing that by His grace, these really are the good ol' days.

In Christ,
Bryan Morrell

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In The Meantime

*Reflections from the
Book of 1 Thessalonians*

By Matt Vaught



Every year on vacation our family breaks open a puzzle and pours the pieces onto the dining room table. Suddenly we're staring at a sea of shapes and colors that don't seem to make much sense. I'll pick up one piece—just one—and try to imagine where it might fit. Maybe it connects here, maybe there. Sometimes it takes trying dozens before finally finding one that clicks.

This season for the Vaughts has felt a lot like that. We hold one small piece of the story in our hands—today's joys, today's challenges, today's prayers—and we can't quite see yet how it all fits into the larger picture God is creating. It can feel confusing at times and even discouraging when we can't see His full design.

That's part of what makes Paul's letter to the Thessalonians so meaningful. They were a young church, full of faith and hope, but living in the tension of the "in-between." They had heard the Gospel, embraced Jesus, and were learning what it meant to follow Him—but life was hard.

They faced persecution, uncertainty, grief, and waiting. They were learning to live in the meantime—between what Christ had already accomplished and what He had yet to complete.

As we've journeyed through Paul's letter this fall, we've been reminded that God is still at work, even when we can't see the whole picture. We've been encouraged to keep loving one another, to stay faithful, to hold on to hope, to live lives worthy of the Gospel—not to earn God's approval, but because we already belong to Him.

What seems to have stuck with me most has been Paul's tone. It's deeply personal. You can feel his affection and confidence in what God is doing. He writes with the heart of a shepherd who knows that following Jesus means learning to trust that every piece—every joy, every hardship, every waiting season—has a place in God's grand design. We are a people learning to trust "in the meantime."

We pray for things that haven't yet happened. We hold on to promises we can't yet see. We wrestle with uncertainty and long for the day when the picture will finally be complete. But just as Paul encouraged the Thessalonians, we can rest assured that God is faithful. The pieces that feel random or disconnected are not wasted. The story He's writing is still unfolding, and one day we'll see how it all fits together—every act of love, every moment of faith and quiet prayer that no one else heard.

So when you find yourself wondering how today fits into the bigger picture, remember the puzzle piece you're holding. It may not look like much on its own, but it matters deeply. It's part of something beautiful in the hands of a faithful Father.

In the meantime, keep waiting. Keep trusting. Keep loving. And let's keep allowing our small pieces into His larger story, confident that one day we'll see the full picture and recognize His handiwork.

Thank you RbC. Love, Matt

The Thread That Binds Us



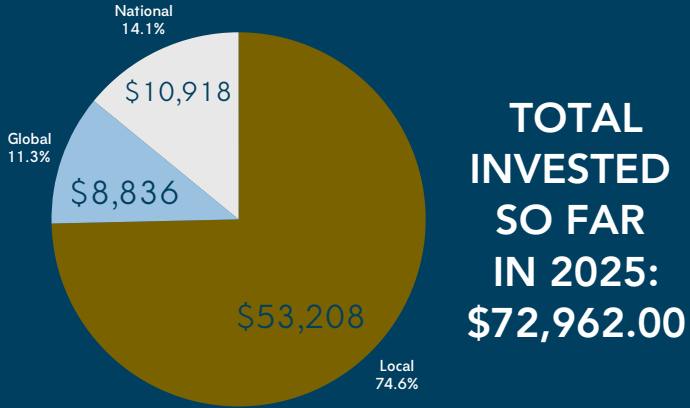
Men's Winter Weekend And Women's Summer Study

Discipleship happens best in community—we grow deeper when we grow together. This year's men's winter weekend and women's summer study were smashing successes. While they looked different on the surface—different seasons, locations, and rhythms—they're woven together by the same thread that holds us together: the incredible hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whether it's around a campfire in the cold of winter or across tables in a deep conversation with a warm cup of coffee,

when we gather—it's as one family discovering Christ in our stories. Both our women's and men's groups encourage one another to walk in faith, hope, and love this year. Through it all, there is a thread that binds us. It isn't our shared experiences or even our shared church—it's Jesus. His Gospel powerfully unites us, transforms us, and sends us out with one purpose: to create opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One body, one mission, one hope.

Giving Together

From the very beginning of RbC, 20% of every dollar given to our general operating fund has been reinvested directly into local, regional, and global ministry opportunities. Whether it's supporting community initiatives, funding missional organizations, or aiding those in need, we're committed to making REAL LIFE CONTRIBUTIONS that help further the GREAT COMMISSION and fulfill the GREATEST COMMANDMENT.



TOTAL
INVESTED
SO FAR
IN 2025:
\$72,962.00



Breakfast and Sunday Morning College LIFEgroup Bibles

This fall, RbC's College Leadership Team (CLT) began a LifeGroup for college students which meets weekly Sunday mornings before church. When we were praying and planning for its beginning, our main goal remained that anyone who came and did not know Jesus, would leave knowing who He was. Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." We have had at least one new face each week and it has been a blessing to watch and experience all the Lord has already done. We are currently going through the book of Matthew and have had some really great conversations pertaining to what being a Christian looks like in college. At such a pivotal time in our lives, we are learning what it looks like to place our hope and our futures in the hands of the Lord. We are so thankful for this community and pray that anyone in college knows there is a seat for them.

Alex Black - CLT Member (VMI)

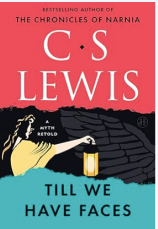


We asked...
How has your
time at RbC
encouraged your
faith to grow?

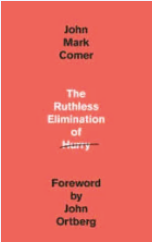
My time at RbC has helped my faith grow through the strength and accountability of my men's group and the deep sense of family that surrounds us. The care and support we show one another continually sharpen my spiritual walk, reminding me that iron truly sharpens iron. Seeing my wife and kids grow in their own faith because of the leadership and love within this church has been one of the greatest blessings. Family isn't just about our flesh and blood—it's about the blood of Jesus. That's RbC.

- Troy Sheller

What We're Reading



Matt's Pick
Till We Have Faces
by C.S. Lewis



Haley's Pick
**The Ruthless
Elimination of Hurry**
by John Mark Comer



Mac's Pick
**Connected: Healing For
Ourselves and Our
Relationships**
by Larry Crabb



***Celebrating TEN YEARS
of God’s Faithfulness at RbC!***

This year marks 10 incredible years of Rockbridge Church—ten years of lives changed, prayers answered, and stories of God’s grace unfolding in our community. From the very beginning, God has been faithful, leading us step by step as we’ve sought to love Him, serve others, and make room for one more at the table. As we celebrate this milestone, we look back with gratitude and look ahead with expectancy—believing the best is still to come!

