

REVIVE & REFRESH***21 Days of Celebration, Fasting and Prayer*****REVIVE & REFRESH**

We have completed our **21 DAYS of Celebration, Fasting and Prayer** from **January 4-24!**

I hope and pray God has started and will continue to do great things in your hearts and life.

We serve an awesome God! He loves you! He is watching over you!

Satan has a plot, but God has tremendous plans for you and Riverview Community Church!

I hope these 21 days were...

- Uplifting and inspiring, a celebration of the Lord at work in your life.
- A time where you connected with the Lord in conversational prayer.
- Challenging but not condemning. You FASTED something in your life you value and replaced it with reading your bible, talking to God, and celebrating the Lord Jesus Christ!

REVIVE - to come back to life; to live again after dying; to bring back to a healthy, vigorous or flourishing condition after a decline.

REFRESH - to make a person feel stronger, more energetic than before; to renew; to replenish.

REVIVE AND REFRESH YOUR BODY**Crucify Your Flesh & Commit Yourself to God****REVIVE AND REFRESH YOUR MIND****Thoughts – Actions – Habits – Lifestyle – Eternal Destiny****DIVINE POWER TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATION**

The Holy Spirit who lives within you gives you the power you need to crucify the flesh, change your thinking, and empower you to walk in victory!

WORSHIP THE LORD IN BODY AND MIND

...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

REVIVE & REFRESH YOUR CALL TO SERVE THE LORD AND ONE ANOTHER**LOVE JESUS and LOVE PEOPLE!****GOD HAS CALLED AND PLANTED YOU AT RCC**

God has placed YOU in the body...God has put the body together...God has placed in the church **EVERY PERSON, just as he wanted them to be!**

We have a mandate to go into ALL the world and make disciples! God is about to launch Riverview into new ministry opportunities in South King County and internationally, and we need to be revived and refreshed to do the work!

CALL TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

All believers have spiritual gifts for a divine purpose: to glorify God and edify others!!

“God, what ministry would you have me do here at Riverview to glorify you and edify others?”

PUT A HAND TO THE PLOW!

SACRIFICE – PRIORITIES – COMMITMENT

Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

As we wrap up our series on being Revived and Refreshed I want to challenge all of us to passionately seek the Lord in our daily life so that we can live in a state of revival and refreshing! Over the past three weeks I have focused on our relationship with the Lord, our service to the Lord and one another, and our giving!

Mark 8:34-38 Committed to Follow Christ Jesus

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”
Jesus said to be his disciple requires sacrifice, selfless commitment, and determination!

Deny yourself: Jesus becomes Lord of your life and calls the shots!

- He says “JUMP!” you say “HOW HIGH?”
- He says “GIVE” you say “HOW MUCH?”
- He says “GO” you say “WHERE AND WHEN? Here I am, send me!”
- He says “_____” you say “YES LORD!”

Nothing in this world can compare to what you will experience in eternity if you are obedient to Christ! John Kilough reminded us Wednesday night that God is not holding back revival, but that revival and refreshing comes when we are OBEDIENT to the Lord. Walk in obedience and you will be revived and

refreshed on a daily basis! I want ALL of you to share in the glory that is promised for those who are in Christ Jesus! Like Paul...

Philippians 3:10-12, 14 To KNOW Jesus Christ!

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me...¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

As we strive to KNOW Christ in his fullness, we are encouraged to SERVE the Lord and others daily!

Hebrews 13:20-21 Equipped to Fulfill God's Will

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Read that verse again and you will see that Jesus was REVIVED (brought back to life from death) so that we could be REFERESHED and equipped to do the will of God

1. Seek and save the Lost (Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.)
2. Destroy the work of the devil (1 John 3:8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.)

You have been given divine power through the Lord Jesus Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit to do the good works God prepared in advance for YOU to do! You have a divine assignment from God to minister to the people you meet on a daily basis – they are your harvest field! Pray for them to be compelled by the Holy Spirit to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord! Take out your phone and open your notes app. No write down at least one person whom you know who needs Jesus Christ! Start praying for them and adding names as the Lord brings people across your path! Invite people to join you at RCC and let's fulfill God's will to see "all people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!" (1 Timothy 2:4)

Finally, I close with a challenge for all of us to TRUST the Lord and SUBMIT to him as savior, Lord and provider through our giving! ***Giving of your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURES!***

Luke 6:37-38 Give of Yourself Like Jesus Gave Himself for You!

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

I like how Jack Hayford puts it in his book **The Key to Everything**: “The key to everything involves the growing of a heart attitude in giving, which gives the **right thing at the right time in the right way for the right reasons**. There are times to give up. There are times to forgive. There are times to give over. There are times to give [generously]. There are times to give in. There are times to give wisely. **The Key to Everything** involves giving everything.” Chuck Swindoll in his book **Come Before Winter** shares, “Those who give generously have much more than those you hoard.” Regardless of what you GIVE, be it time, talent, or treasure, whatever you release from your hand to others in obedience to the Lord, you are making room for God to fill that space with his abundance: …good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over!

WE DO NOT GIVE TO RECEIVE!

WE GIVE BECAUSE WE LOVE JESUS AND LOVE PEOPLE!

God does NOT need anything from us! Everything is HIS because he created it all! We GIVE our time, talent and treasures because we LOVE JESUS and we LOVE PEOPLE! However the Lord chooses to respond to our obedience and gifts we leave that in HIS hands, remembering He is FAITHFUL to fulfill his promises!

Psalm 145:13 God is FAITHFUL

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.