

March 2023

# RPC NEWSLETTER



## *Just these thoughts my friends...*

Happy March, my dear brothers and sisters. Spring, it would seem, is here. As the days are getting longer, and as the weather is warming, we are beginning to see the annual signs of life and renewal all around us. Not to mention the pollen!?! Oh well. But this is certainly a beautiful time of the year, and it is a time to give thanks to God for the beauty of the earth.

As we continue to await the return of our faithful administrative assistant, Melanie Fisher, this month's newsletter has been slightly truncated to just these thoughts, a few bullet points below that we do not want you to miss, the monthly calendar, and the miscellaneous news items not to be missed. I am sorry that we aren't able to provide a fuller newsletter, but on the bright side, you will be able to get through this one in just a fairly brief sitting. In light of this, I would encourage you during the month of March to pay even closer attention to the weekly E-News, Facebook, and the information in the weekly bulletin.

As I think about Melanie's absence, what is clear to me these days is just how indispensable each staff member of this church is, and how much each of them would be missed if an extended time away was necessitated. We are blessed with a very faithful and hard working staff (paid and volunteer) who do more for the sake of the kingdom and for our Rock Church (ECO) than most ever see. What a blessing they are. Please keep them in your prayers and take a moment to thank them. And certainly join me in praying for Melanie's continued recovery.

Blessings in Christ!

Dr. Chris Leonard

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### March 2023 Highlights

#### **Combined Adult Sunday School Class in the MPB**

Starting this Sunday, March 5, at 10 a.m.

Grab some coffee in the Lobby Building and then join us in the MPB for Max Lucado's "He Chose Nails"

#### **March Rock Family Supper (RFS)**

Wednesday, March 15, at 5:45 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jan Rushton

Rock Covenant Partner and Director of Health and Wellness, Lakelands YMCA

*"The Connection Between the Bible and Exercise"*

RSVP via email: [mfisher@rpcgwd.org](mailto:mfisher@rpcgwd.org)

# CELEBRATIONS

## Happy Birthday

- 3/1 Elliott Layne  
Marie Miller
- 3/2 Pat Fagan  
Cooper Landreth
- 3/4 Scottie Jeffreys
- 3/5 Rick Gardner  
Jim Sienkiewicz
- 3/7 Haleigh Edwards
- 3/11 Josh Snelling  
Warren Turner
- 3/12 Nicholas Williams  
Charles Price
- 3/13 Gabby Emily
- 3/14 Dan Luke  
Don Marshall
- 3/16 Julie Murphy
- 3/17 Samuel Reynolds  
Blaire Tsai
- 3/19 Deana Gasque
- 3/20 Evelyn Botchie
- 3/22 Pat Bouknight  
Adrienne Lesko
- 3/23 Herman Fletcher  
Lila Young
- 3/25 Sammy Davis  
Pam Fagan
- 3/26 Hannah Luke
- 3/29 Brittney Evans  
Bob Young
- 3/30 Clayton Easterling  
Marlys Ernst
- 3/31 Richard Whiting

## Happy Anniversary

- 3/5 Jerry & Marlys Ernst
- 3/11 Bill & Sue McFarland

## To The Church Triumphant...

*Beverly Peet*  
*February 24, 2023*

*Ronald Ray "Ronnie" Poole*  
*February 25, 2023*

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13*

## Welcome Covenant Partners



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# March 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Locations Key to find your way</b> CE Christian Education Building FH Fellowship Hall L Lobby MH Mission House MPB Multi-Purpose Building S Sanctuary			1 7:00 a.m. CHOP (Howard's) 12:30 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage Immanuel Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	2 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. (CE) Scout Pack 154 7:00 p.m. (FH) Circle #2	3 7:00 p.m. (MH) Friday Night Social	4 8:00 a.m. (MH) Men's Breakfast
5 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Cont. Worship (MPB) 9:50 a.m. Fellowship (L) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Trad. Worship (S) 4:00 p.m. Rock JAM Bowling at Expo 300 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Live (MH) 5:00 p.m. Circle #4 (CE)	6 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. (MH) Circle #1 1:30 p.m. (S) Open Prayer	7 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (FH) 2:30 p.m. Good News Club 7:00 p.m. Circle #3 (MH)	8 12:30 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage St. Mark UMC 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	9 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. (CE) Scout Pack 154	10 7:00 p.m. (MH) Friday Night Social	11 Youth - Winter Jam
12 9:00 a.m. Cont. Worship (MPB) 9:50 a.m. Fellowship (L) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Trad. Worship (S) 5:00 p.m. Rock JAM (FH) Sunday Night Live (MH)	13 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:30 p.m. (S) Open Prayer	14 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Good News Club 6:00 p.m. Cong. Care/Programs Worship 6:30 p.m. Christian Education	15 12:30 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage South Main Baptist Church 5:45 p.m. (MPB) Rock Family Supper 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	16 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. (CE) Scout Pack 154	17 Youth - Disciple Now 7:00 p.m. (MH) Friday Night Social	18 Youth - Disciple Now
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26 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Cont. Worship (MPB) 9:50 a.m. Fellowship (L) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Trad. Worship (S) 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Lunch 5:00 p.m. Rock JAM (FH) 3:30 p.m. Youth - Big Air	27 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:30 p.m. (S) Open Prayer	28 12:00 p.m. Rock of Ages	29 12:30 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage Main Street UMC 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	30 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. (CE) Scout Pack 154	31	