

Rockville Christian Church

The Church is the body of believers here on earth. Rockville Christian Church is a part of the greater Church. Each person who considers themselves a part of RCC has a role in the body. Pray that everyone would serve and make our church healthy and fully capable to do the work God has for us in Parke County and the world.

Acts 2:42

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

1 Corinthians 12:27

27 You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

Foyer, Cafe, & Hospitality Team

Pray that this entrance to our church would be welcoming and inviting.

Pray for us to be hospitable and loving to all who enter our building. Give us eyes to see those who are new and welcome them genuinely. Help us 'put on Christ' before we serve in these places so that we can be Christ to others (Galatians 3:27).

Help us to seek to meet the needs of others (offer them coffee, show them around if they are new, make them feel comfortable and **loved!**)

Pray for others to join the hospitality team and/or volunteer to bring in baked goods (once we start that again)

1 Peter 4:8-9

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **9** Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Sanctuary

Pray for our worship room, the sanctuary. May God move powerfully in this space to call people to him and may we worship God in spirit and in truth. Let the peace of Jesus be experienced so that people know they encountered the true and living God. May people grow in the knowledge of God. May they be encouraged and convicted to draw nearer to God.

Pray that the worship is intentional and God-focused. Pray that the goal in our music and messages are to see and understand God and his work in our lives.

Pray that God is honored and glorified in our sanctuary.

John 4:24

24 *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

Revelation 4:8

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,^[b]
who was, and is, and is to come."

Psalms 95:1

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Offering & Finances

Pray for our church to be full of generous people. Pray that we would grow in faith as we trust God with our finances and give to the church what we decide in our hearts to give. Let our offering be an act of worship.

My God bless our church body as we each participate in cheerful giving. Let the people of our church and community be blessed by what we can do with the money we have all given. Pray for the people of our church to set their hearts on things above and invest in *heavenly treasures*.

Pray also that our church would spend money with great care and consideration and much prayer.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Matthew 6:19-21

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[e] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Staff & Elders

Pray now for our **staff**: Greg Robbins, Ronna Bemis, LouAnn Wake, Jenn Engle, Jordan Shearin, and Tami Smith. The work of a minister is spiritually daunting. Pray that God would encourage, energize, and bless them and their ministries. Pray that God would equip them with the volunteers and resources they need to be effective. Pray God would bless their families and help them to remain joyful, hopeful, and loving as they serve our church. Pray the Holy Spirit would make them bold and guide them as they minister to our congregation.

Pray for our **elders**: Jason Thurman, Jim Applehans, Brad Bowman, Ben Porter, Ron Wheeler, and Kevin Jacks. These men volunteer their time and talents to shepherd and serve the needs of our congregation. Pray for their relationship with God to be strengthened and that God would give them wisdom to lead well.

1 Peter 5:1-4

1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: **2** Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; **3** not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

Pray for the ministries that occur in the kitchen and the fellowship hall. Pray that God would bless the spaces to provide for the church's physical needs.

May God use the kitchen and volunteers to bless those grieving after loss. Pray for the bereavement committee to have the help it needs to meet the needs of others.

May God bless those who use the space to celebrate birthdays, new babies, future weddings, fellowship events, and other celebrations.

Pray for a ministry of blessing those who need meals provided for them in our congregation. If there are people in our congregation who would be well suited to these ministries, nudge them to join and serve here.

Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Buddy Bag Ministry

The Buddy Bag ministry exists to provide food for students and families of Parke Heritage Middle School over the weekend. Members of the church collect, organize, and pack bags that are brought to school and distributed to students.

Pray for this ministry to meet needs and let students and families be blessed by the food and love they receive.

Pray for funds and volunteers to make this effort the best possible to help as many families as possible. As the physical needs are met in the students and families, may they feel loved and welcomed to attend church and experience the transforming love and rescue of Jesus.

Matthew 25: 37-40

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Missions

RCC sponsors a variety of missions. Pray for the work of the ministries and for generous giving by our church to help fund the kingdom work all over the world.

Foreign Missions

Polish Christian Ministries
Ruth Smith Philippines Mission
South India Church of Christ

Mission

Central Brazil Mission
Africa New Life Ministry

U.S. Missions

FAME
Movement Church in Portland,
Oregon

Local Missions

Hanging Rock Camp
Crisis Pregnancy Center
Parke County Food Pantry

Universities

Lincoln Christian University
I.S.U. Christian Campus House

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Children's Ministry

Pray for the nursery and young children of our church. Pray for the volunteers to be joyful and full of love. Help them to see themselves not as babysitters, but ministers of Jesus to these tiny people. Bless the volunteers and encourage them in their own walk with God. If there are people in our congregation who would be well suited to these ministries, nudge them to join and serve here.

Encourage the families of these children to grow in the love and faith of Jesus. Let these little ones bring the gospel to their homes and their schools and to others to grow your kingdom.

Deuteronomy 11:19

19 You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Youth Ministry

Pray for the older children of our church. Pray for them to seek God above all else and to value their relationship with Jesus above all others. Pray for genuine friendships to form in our young people and that they each feel they *belong* in our church.

Pray for the volunteers who help in various youth ministries to be encouraged. God, give the volunteers strength and wisdom to guide the kids toward yourself. If there are people in our congregation who would be well suited to these ministries, nudge them to join and serve here.

Pray for all the kids to find their identity and security in Jesus. Pray that they would turn away from the sin of the world and choose a life aligned with God. Help them be bold and full of love to share the gospel at school and in other places they are involved.

1 Timothy 4:12

12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Adult Sunday School & Education

Our church offers a variety of adult Sunday School classes for all ages and all walks of life. Pray that God would bless and grow these classes. May God put a desire in people's hearts to try a Sunday school class, and may people who attend invite others. Let all people in our church know they are invited and wanted in these classes and let all people find a place and a community within the greater church.

Pray that God would bless the Sunday School teachers as they plan and prepare lessons and discussions for their classes. Encourage them and bless them in their efforts to grow in the knowledge and understanding of God. Fill their spiritual cups that they may pour out on to those attending.

Pray for people attending the classes to see and hear new things about Jesus and grow their personal relationship with God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Colossians 3:16

16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.