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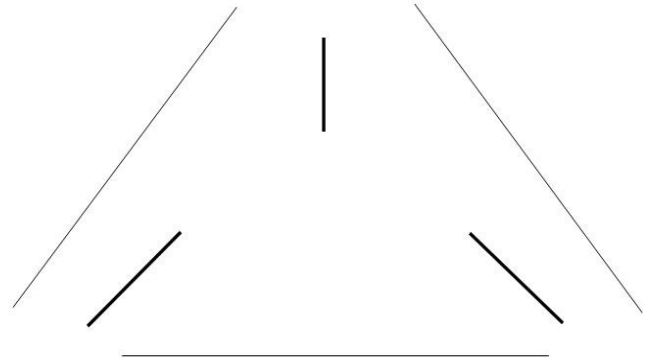
Being the Church

2021

“Worship & the Word of God”

Introduction: Our History & Our Pillars

- RBC's history begins in 1947 with the establishing of a Bible study in the Greenfield subdivision of Jackson which was first organized as a church in 1954 as Greenfield Chapel.
- The church continued to grow and expand its ministries and in 1964 it became Fellowship Bible Church and a couple of years later, North State Bible Church.
- The church moved to the current property in 1971 and became Riverwood Bible Church, meeting in the current Sunday school building until the auditorium was completed in 1973.
- Although the location and name of the church have changed throughout the years, the three pillars of the church have remained:



Key Point: God has called His church to gather regularly in order that we might _____ Him together as we are encouraged and built up by His powerful _____!

The Ends & the Means

- God has purposed that His people should _____ Him and _____ Him forever through worship.

Rev. 22:3-4—³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads...

- God has purposed that people will come to be His worshipers through the power of His Word which is _____ by and _____ through His followers.

Matt. 28:18-20—¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- God has given His Word to His people in the form of _____.

2 Tim. 3:16-18—¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Word of God & The Gathered Worship of the Church

1. When we gather, God's Word is to be _____.

1 Tim. 4:13a—Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture...

Rev. 1:3—Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

2. When we gather, God's Word is to be _____ and _____.

1 Tim. 4:13b—... devote yourself to...to exhortation, to teaching.

2 Tim. 4:1-3b—¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching...

3. When we gather, God's Word is to be _____.

Acts 2:42—And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Col. 4:2-4—²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison

4. When we gather, God's Word is to be _____.

Eph. 5:19-21—¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Col. 3:16—Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

5. When we gather, God's Word is to be “_____.”

Matt. 28:19b—...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1 Cor. 11:26—For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Concluding Thought

God has _____, will we _____?