



Your Giving MATTERS—2023 Highlights

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With your help we were able to fund our local ministry, support mission initiatives for global partners, and reach out into our communities. We look forward to reaching even more people this year as we open our 3rd campus in Buffalo! Your commitment to partnering with God through Riverside also had these results:

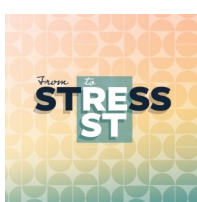
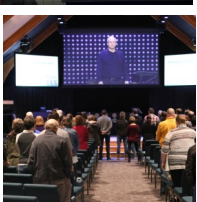
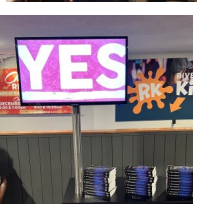
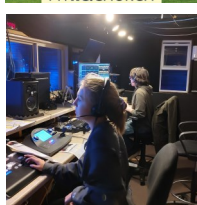
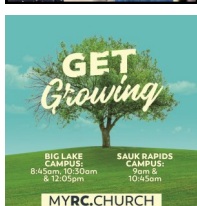
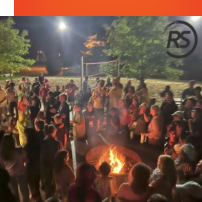
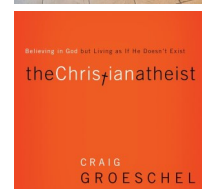
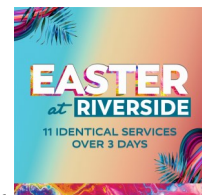
- 2,007 people participated in a small group
- 148 people followed the Lord in water baptism
- 1,864 kids attended Riverside Kids' ministry
- 882 students attended Riverside Students' ministry
- 1,277 adults, students & kids engaged in volunteer service at Riverside
- 711 people gave in December, including our special Christmas Giving
- **And most importantly, we're celebrating with heaven because**
- **991 people shared with us they said 'YES' to Jesus as Lord for the first time!**

Why do we give you numbers? **Because every NUMBER has a NAME. Every name has a STORY. EVERY STORY MATTERS TO GOD.** And to us! Each week we are privileged to hear stories from people just like you who tell us Riverside has helped change their life.

- Kids who learn & have so much fun they are asking parents if it's Sunday yet!
- Students who are excited they are taught truth in a way that is enjoyable, understandable, and relevant to their stage of life.
- Families who take Next Steps to attend regularly, serve on a team or join a group and find their faith grows and God's care is revealed when you do life together.
- Guests who say, "this feels like home," or "I didn't know church could be like this!" or "this is what I was missing," or "thank you for making me feel welcome."
- International global partners who share stories of lives changed in their corner of the world because of your giving to Missions.

Families are learning to love the Lord together. Parents are finding a partner in teaching values and kids are developing healthy friendships. Marriages are being helped. Hurting people are finding hope. God is at work developing a culture of **outreach and generosity**, advancing the mission, and you are part of that! Transformation is taking place and ministry happens because of your obedience to Him and your open hearts & hands ... You make a difference.

Thank you for a great 2023...God's not tired and He's not done — here's to 2024!



RIVERSIDE is not just a CHURCH where you go; it's a FAMILY where you can BELONG.

We are now in the second half of our budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. 2023 was a good year filled with God's provision, and we are so excited by the generosity people demonstrated, most recently in our special Christmas Giving initiative! But we also know there is **more work to do**, and we need those who call Riverside their church home to partner with us, and with God, in regularly **reaching people** so they can meet Jesus, grow in their walk of faith and help others discover His grace and love. Fully funding existing ministry, including our 3rd campus in Buffalo, will require us to continue giving to meet the approved budget. Here's how you can help:



- Not giving yet? Take a first step and give a small amount each paycheck
- Sporadically engaged? Ask God how you might give more regularly or begin tithing
- Inconsistent in your gifts? Consider setting up a digitally recurring gift

Why? This is what happens when you give!



These are just a few examples of how we see God at work **CHANGING LIVES!**

We celebrate generous hearts because we know giving can not only impact the thousands of unchurched people who live within the reach of our campuses, we also know **it will change and bless the giver**. You cannot outgive God! We invite you to pray about how you and your family can participate in your next step in the area of generosity.

Malachi 3:10 tells us, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse...If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

You make a difference and we are grateful for each of you who choose to engage at Riverside. Thank you!

God bless you,

Barry Tom

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