

Worship Service

February 2, 2025 – 10:00am

(Streamed online www.redrocksefc.org)

Prelude - Donna Dunkle

Call to Worship

Women's Ministry Update

Communion Observance

Elder Prayer - G. Paul Miller

Children are dismissed to their classes

(Nursery is provided for children 3 years and younger)

Message: "The Suffering Church" - Revelation 2:8-11

Pastor Matt Strid

Next Sunday: "You Compromised" - Revelation 2:12-17

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Love God. Love People.
Preach the Word. Reach the World!

This Week

Sunday (today)

8:45am - Adult and Children's Sunday School Class

10:00am - Brook Student Sunday School

10:30am - Children dismissed to their classes

5:00pm - 6:45pm – AWANA

Thursday Feb 6th

10:00am - Bible Study on James

6:30pm - Brook Student Ministry

Friday Feb 7th

6:45pm - Mel Lamar

Saturday Feb 8th

~~**7:30am** - NO Men's Bible Study~~

9:30am - Women's Gathering/Brunch

Sunday Feb 9th

8:45am - Adult and Children's Sunday School Class

Bible Study Groups

Thursday Bible Study 10:00am -11:00am. Studying James - *Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life* - by John MacArthur. Everyone welcome!

Men's Bible Study meets Saturday mornings at 7:30am. Now studying -1 Peter, led by Pastor Matt Strid.

The Brook Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade – **Every Thursday Night**

6:30-8:30pm

PRAYER CONNECTION

LET'S PRAY:

- **Jesse and Melissa Miller - Trey Miller was born Wednesday, August 21! And is still in Children's Hospital.** *"Thank you all for your continued prayers and for faithfully posting encouragements for us. This is a long journey we are on, and having those consistent reminders of the legion of friends who are praying for us is helpful."*

If you would like to support the Miller Family financially through this time, please direct all funds to this Give/Send/Go link.

<https://www.givesendgo.com/treymillersheart>

- **Nitta Family** - Continue to pray for the Nitta family. These are tough times ahead for ALL of them.
- Please be praying for the **Lorna Columbia family**. Lorna graduated to her heavenly home the morning of Saturday, January 25, 2025. Thank you for keeping the family in your prayers. The service was on Saturday, February 1st.
- **Lauren Danforth** - Please pray for Jeff's dad Danny. He was involved in a car accident last Wednesday and went into the hospital because of rib pain. They did x rays then decided to do a CT. They saw something, now they will set an appointment with a surgeon and go from there.
- **Tami Snowden** - My prayer is that I can leave for Europe March 6 for two ministry trips. (Spain & The Netherlands). Pray with me that I feel great and can make these trips happen.
- **Bev Burns** - her daughter, Pat, in Alaska had a biopsy. Pray that it will come back negative.
- **Lori Lyons** - Lori is back at work. Thanks everyone for their prayers.
- **Carrie Schnur** - (One of our supported missionaries) - After several months I have been given the okay to host an after-school program at ACO House Youth Center with Boston P-8 school in the 80010-zip code of Aurora. We will meet once a week, with 6, 7, and 8th graders from the school. Next week I will be training volunteers and the week after we will begin. I am reaching out for prayer. Pray that the volunteers enjoy getting to know the students and their parents. Also, pray that the students and their parents will be open to the gospel of Jesus Christ as we foster authentic Christ sharing relationships.
- **Jan and Forney Wells - Beth Schwartz** has been in the hospital with a virus and is home now. She is asking for prayers for her good health to return.
- **Russell Witkop** - Please pray for my friend, Karl Kaney, who has been in the hospital for four weeks with blood pressure issues and now his wife broke her wrist.
- **Sarah Dunnery** - Pray for one of the young women I coach with, Bailee. Her father was killed in a drilling accident on Thursday. Bailee and her brother were both injured trying to save him; her brother critically. Please pray for their entire family as they try to make sense of this terrible tragedy.

General Health - Joe Boso, Bev Burns, Barbara Jenkins, Dreama and Franz Parks, Pat Sprouse, Chuck and Carolyn Ferdig, Sue Beaumont

If you would like to receive our prayer chain, please send an email to:

Prayer@redrocksefc.org

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!

Please pick up a NEW schedule of events for the Women's Ministry at the Welcome Desk.

We have needed to postpone our gathering that was on the 1st to February 8th. We invite you on **Saturday, February 8th**, to a Women's Gathering from **9:30am – 11:00am**. (NOTE: New time starting at **9:30am**) Join us for Fun, Food, Fellowship and Flourishing as we gather and eat together and then put together bags for our Home Bound families for Valentines Day. We will also hear from a few of our ladies. See sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office.

Women's
Ministry



JOIN US FOR MEL LAMAR

All are welcome to come enjoy a special program with Mel Lamar! Friday February 7th at 645 pm! Mel's programs are fun-filled displays of magical illusion, expert juggling and ventriloquism that are sure to delight both young and old.

SENIOR MINISTRY INVITES YOU!

Tuesday February 11 at 10:30am for a Hymn Sing and Honoring Those **Married 50+ Years** - Lasagna Luncheon to follow.

Everyone invited! Please sign up in the back.

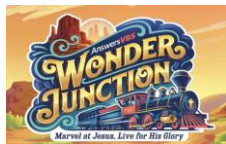
“One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.” - Psalm 145:4

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Yee Haw! It's that time of year again where we ask for VBS donations! We are asking for some items you can find in the fall decor section of stores. Think Western!

Our dates for our next VBS are June 2nd - 6th, 2025

- Decorative small hay bales, small baskets made out of wood or similar materials
- Plastic table clothes (Round and Rectangle) in all colors-black, brown, white, greens, red, orange, yellow, and blues.
- Anything you think will help us turn the church into an old-fashioned western town in the late 1800's.



MISSIONS OF THE WEEK

Bill and Ann Clemmer - International Ministries - Goma, Africa

They have had to evacuate. This is part of their letter:

Bill and I were able to spend time in Goma before things deteriorated, even as the rebels surrounded the town. We had good meetings and contingency planning with staff. We were able to address urgent issues, secure supplies, pay school fees, and deliver items we brought in from the US. As things deteriorated and rebel troops broke through the government and UN troops along the city limits, we were advised to leave on Friday night, before the border with Rwanda (the only path open) closed. We followed the advice of our partners and sadly in the wee hours of Sunday morning, the city of Goma was breached and fierce fighting in the streets ensued. Eight of our teachers were able to make it to HEAL Africa where about 50 children had fled for safety... some Sunday school children but mostly street children. They were sheltered in a Sunday school classroom until yesterday when bullets pierced the ceiling and window as fierce fighting continued in the streets around the hospital and school compound. They moved to a lower room for safety.

During the day as fighting continued in front of the HEAL Africa compound; a group of soldiers jumped the wall, threatened our staff, took phones and money and personal items... leaving them even more traumatized, but thankfully physically unhurt.

Though the city has no electricity (and therefore no water) the 5,000-liter water tanks we had recently installed were full to the top during this rainy season, which gave both the hospital and school access to water. Unfortunately, one of the tanks was hit by bullets yesterday afternoon and the water has drained out, though we still have the companion tank. Another blessing is that we had just stocked up sacks of rice and beans for the street children (EBA) program... so those who have taken refuge have been able to have one meal a day. The home of one of our Sunday School teachers was destroyed when a bomb hit not far from the school, but thankfully he and his family were unhurt. We heard that doctors and nurses at the hospital were told to shelter under the beds due to heavy fighting in the street. The rest of our hospital and teaching staff are staying put in their homes as the incoming soldiers have instructed everyone to remain indoors; albeit without water, electricity, and food for many.

We know God is in control and are thankful for:

- *Trained teachers who have a heart for the children*
- *Facilities funded by many of you which provide shelter for children and staff*
- *Food in stock because of you who support our street children (EBA) program*
- *The rains which come every evening to fill our 5000-liter container*
- *... and hope that comes anew every morning.*
- *Your prayers are cherished. There will be much work ahead as we prepare already to return when the fighting is over. We know that God is with these precious ones who endure yet another trial.*

See the rest of their update on our Missionary Wall

Sermon Notes

“The Suffering Church” - Revelation 2:8-11

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The disconcerting _____ of _____.
(Revelation 2:9-10; Hebrews 10:34; James 2:5)

_____ is a _____ reality.
(Revelation 2:10; Matthew 10:14)

Things are _____ than they _____.
(Revelation 2:8-11)

1. Christ is the _____ and the _____.
(Revelation 2:8, 22:12-13)

2. Christ _____ your _____.
(Revelation 2:9; Romans 8:16-17)

3. _____ has lost its _____.
(Revelation 2:8,10-11; 20:15; Isaiah 15:54-57; James 1:12)

Elders

Matt Strid – Senior Pastor
G. Paul Miller – Church Chairman
Jim Newell – Church Vice Chairman
Joel Davis – Congregational Representative
David Riffel – Congregational Representative

Ministry Team

Pastor Matt Strid – Chair	Louise Walker – Finance
Steve Cook – Facility	Sue Rairdon – Seniors
Jim Rairdon – Missions	Sandy Cook – Hospitality
Pam Heye – Recording Secretary	Lauren Danforth – Children
Jesse Miller – Youth/Media	– Men’s Ministry
Johanna Liu – Worship	Denise Williams – Women’s Min.

Purpose of Red Rocks Fellowship

The purpose of this church shall be to work together for the unity, edification, discipline, and encouragement of believers that they might grow in grace and holy conduct, and seek to win souls for Christ and to further His cause on the mission fields at home and abroad. Mark 16:15; Acts 2:42; Romans 12; Colossians 3:12-1 5; Ephesians 4:11-1 6.
Constitution and By-Laws of Red Rocks Fellowship (an Evangelical Free Church)

Red Rocks Guest Wi-Fi password: Fellowship

January 2025 Stewardship Praise Report

Monthly Need:	\$ 44,461.67
Received MTD:	\$ 34,194.27
YTD Need:	\$ 41,041.52
Received YTD:	\$ 34,194.27

“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.”

2 Corinthians 8:7