

RUMC Hand Bell & Choir Room



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RUMC Communication Survey

Thank you for taking a minute to complete the RUMC Communication Survey below:

1. How well do you feel informed about church events, activities, and updates? Please circle one

Not informed Somewhat informed Informed Very informed Too informed

2. Which communication method(s) do you prefer for receiving church information and updates?

Check all that apply:

Sunday Bulletin

Church website

Weekly "Coming Up this Week" email

Facebook/Instagram

Monthly Newsletter (preferred format: digital / paper)

Worship slides

Prayer Concerns (preferred format: email / text)

3. Would you miss one (or more) of the above methods if they weren't available? Which ones?

ENCOUNTER

MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT (JOHN 3:1-8)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.

² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

John 3:1-2

Nicodemus

- * A Pharisee**
- * Jewish ruling council (a member of Sanhedron)**
- * We see Nicodemus only in the Gospel of John, and he appears 3 times.**
- * Visited Jesus in the middle of the night (John 3:1)**
- * Saw Jesus as a Rabbi, one from God (John 3:2)**

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” (NIV)

“Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” (NRSV)

John 3:3

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?”

Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

John 3:4

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

John 3:5-6

³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

Ephesians 2:3

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Ephesians 2:4-5

**⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God
— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may
boast.**

Ephesians 2:8-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

**You don't earn or contribute anything to be born.
It is a free gift of life. And so it is with the new birth.
Salvation is by grace—there are no moral efforts
that can earn or merit it. You must be born again.”**

Keller, Timothy. Unexpected Answers to Life's Biggest Questions (p. 34)

**7 You should not be surprised at my saying,
‘You must be born again.’**

8 The wind blows wherever it pleases.

**You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it
comes from or where it is going.**

So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

John 3:7-8