

Christmas

at Rock Creek

Christmas Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 1st at 5 pm

Christmas at the Creek
Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 pm

Christmas Communion
Sunday, December 22nd at 9 am & 10:45 am

Candlelight Christmas Services
Sunday, December 22nd at 7 pm
Tuesday, December 24th at 4 pm

IF THIS IS YOUR
FIRST TIME
...THANKS FOR JOINING US!

WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU! STOP AND MEET A PASTOR
TO THE RIGHT OF THE STAGE AFTER THE SERVICE.

 **SCAN**
THE CODE
FOR A LIST OF
IMPORTANT
ROCK CREEK LINKS!

BIG CHURCH

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¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20

**THE CHURCH IS BUILT _____ JESUS.
(JESUS IS THE PROMISED SAVIOR.)**

**ἐκκλησίαν: A GATHERING OF CITIZENS CALLED
OUT INTO A PUBLIC PLACE, AN ASSEMBLY.**

³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Acts 5:34-39

**THE CHURCH IS BUILT _____ JESUS.
(THE CHURCH EXISTS TO MAGNIFY CHRIST.)**

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Ephesians 1:22-23

**THE CHURCH IS BUILT _____ JESUS.
(NOTHING CAN STOP THE CHURCH)**

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:18-20

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:8-12

“Nothing can altogether overthrow and destroy the Church. Its members may be persecuted, oppressed, imprisoned, beaten, beheaded, burned. But the true Church is never altogether extinguished: it rises again from its afflictions; it lives on through fire and water. When crushed in one land, it springs up in another. The Pharaohs, the Herods, the Neros ... have laboured in vain to put down this Church. They slay their thousands, and then pass away and go to their own place. The true Church outlives them all, and sees them buried each in his turn. The Church is an anvil that has broken many a hammer in this world, and will break many a hammer still.”

J.C Ryle, 1884