Resounding JOY —CHURCH—

2027: A Year to Grow

Our first year as RJC was marked by A LOT. Here is what God has done among us, and what comes next.







1st
Baptism

85
people regularly in worship

~2,000
Practical Grace boxes distributed

$1M+
in RJC Endowment

Three congregations, one new church

Sold the Pleasant Run and Greenhills sites
Hosted the Presbytery of Cincinnati
Two joint services with local churches
Hosted the 513 Relief Bus twice
King's Closet clothing outreach
New organ and a "Pray-ground" flex space
New parking lot, sign, floors, landscaping
Two weekly Bible studies and two groups
Began building relationships and community
Merged three congregations' finances
Created a new worship experience
First official Session and Board of Deacons
Four community outreach dinners
Concerts with Cincinnati Fusion Ensemble
Trunk or treat, egg hunt, summer events
New members, new visitors, nametags for all

Stories and What's Next

Each ministry team made a short video celebrating the past year, and Pastor Ed shares where we're headed next. Scan the code or visit resoundingjoy.church/growth-2027.

What comes next

Three steps to grow

Year one was about coming together. Year two is about growing on purpose, and it will take all of us.

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1. **Building on Ministries "Already Here"**
   Each month, people served by Practical Grace and King's Closet will hear what's happening at RJC and how to get connected.

2. **Reaching Out to Young People "Already Here"**
   20–30 students wait near our building each school day. Starting in January: a warm, dry place with fresh-baked cookies, good wifi, and a safe welcome.

3. **Begin a New Gathering for Those "Not Yet Here"**
   A new weekly space for the de- and unchurched to restore, renew and reconnect with God through contemplative practices, interactive stations and conversation. This would be at a new time, in addition to our 10:30am service.

A Year to Grow needs all of us

Our ask this year isn't primarily financial. We're inviting you to set three intentions:

Grow spiritually
Churches grow numerically when their people are growing spiritually.

Help RJC grow
Plan, volunteer, give resources, or pray for what God will do through our new ministries.

Let go and welcome
Release some of what matters to us so there is room for those not yet here.

What Are Your Intentions for 2027?

Prayerfully respond to the enclosed intention card. Check the boxes that fit, then keep it where you'll see it often, like your fridge or bathroom mirror. We aren't collecting it. This is between you and God.

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