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WE'RE BUILDING...

Disciples, A Dorm, & A Destination

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by Jeremy Miller

In an era of anger, anxiety, and declining cultural Christianity, I feel a strange, warm excitement about the future of God's people and the work of RBC.

The Scriptures speak of God's people as strangers and aliens who move through this world with transformed minds. The light of Christ in their lives shines brightly, like a city on a hill. They engage with a broken world, traveling the narrow way through thorny questions. They suffer with grace, enduring misunderstanding without compromising the gospel or demeaning their enemies. They live with a deep submission to God revealed in Christ through the Scriptures. Their communities are bettered by their presence as they live in light of the new Kingdom. Their lives belong to the King.

RBC exists to train these sorts of people – Kingdom workers!

As RBC has considered its calling and our present age, we feel compelled to make room for more students and new initiatives by upgrading key facilities on campus over the next decade. The first phase of campus preparation is the addition of a new dorm.

Over the past few years RBC's enrollment has trended up. Last year our student body grew by more than 20%. This growth comes at a time of broader cultural skepticism about the value of higher education. Many colleges and universities saw steep declines in enrollment.

We sense that young adults are hungry for rootedness, longing to understand their faith, and desperate for a non-anxious but deeply convictional walk with Jesus. We continue to design our way of life at RBC to speak to these desires. We believe God is raising up Gen Zers to walk with Him. We pray regularly for the opportunity to equip more of God's people.

In addition, we feel compelled to help facilitate renewal in Christ's church, preparing God's people for deeper intimacy with Him, greater surrender to His purposes, and a passion for His Word. The summer months provide opportunity to serve the broader church, but our current facilities significantly limit how we are able to live into this calling. A new dorm with air conditioning and reconfigured restrooms will give capacity to serve the church in new ways.

In this issue of the *Mirror*, you'll see how God is using some of our recent grads. You'll find information on the dorm we are planning to build. I trust God will move your heart to invest in the training that happens here at RBC.

SEEK | KNOW | GO



Lindsey Yoder (RBC'21) English Teacher, Kolkata, India

"At RBC I learned to read the Bible in depth, to look beneath the surface. This has come in handy as I'm now teaching English, considering earning a degree in elementary ed., and doing longer service overseas. I learned how to ask for help, to deal with life's inevitable stress and struggles. My Rosedale friendship network is a lifeline!"



Mark Meckley (RBC'19, BS Liberty Univ.'22) Bible Teacher at Juniata Christian, McAlisterville, PA

"In my teaching job I love challenging students by asking them hard questions and really listening to their answers. My time at RBC prepared me by showing me what genuine Christian community looks like. I learned a lot by watching great professors. The relationships I formed continue to support me with resources and encouragement in this complex world of education."



BUILDING: DISCIPLES

for Kingdom Service

Brittany Zimmerman (RBC'17, BA OhioStateUniv.'22) Teacher, Columbus, OH

"Besides the delight of mothering my first child, I am teaching Biblical languages to my church community while also preparing to be a Latin teacher with a classical Christian school this fall. RBC blessed me with courses on how to teach well and good teachers whom I hope to model."



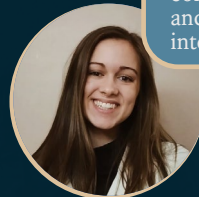
Micah Mullet (RBC'22) Ramsey Solutions, Franklin, TN

"I love where I am today, doing what I'm doing, and seeing others reach their full potential. At RBC I was able to get out of my comfort zone, take risks, and reach a higher level. Now as a financial counselor I'm able to connect and inspire many people who think and act differently than I do."



Malia Mullen (RBC'21, BSW AsburyUniv.'23) Social Work/Youth Leader, Sugarcreek, OH

"RBC was two years of being challenged, taught, broken, put back together, and ultimately, completely changed – in the best and most beautiful way possible! I found Rosedale to be a safe place to wrestle with myself, my beliefs, and my entire identity. God has shown me, and continues to show me, the importance of church and community, and how important it is to be intentional with these spaces."



Jevon Martin (RBC'21, BS PennState'22) Electrical Engineer, Palmyra, PA

"RBC helped me make faith my own – preparing me to interact helpfully in the engineering world where I work at automating water treatment processes. I also love assisting at my local church in men's ministry, preaching, and worship leading."



Denzel Moser (RBC'21) Asst. Manager, Casselman Mkt., Grantsville, MD

"RBC helped me break out of my shell and fellowship with others – not just friends back home. Now that I am employed full time and come into contact with lots of people – some of them grumpy – I am glad the RSBL program drilled into me the importance of having a 'servant's heart!'"



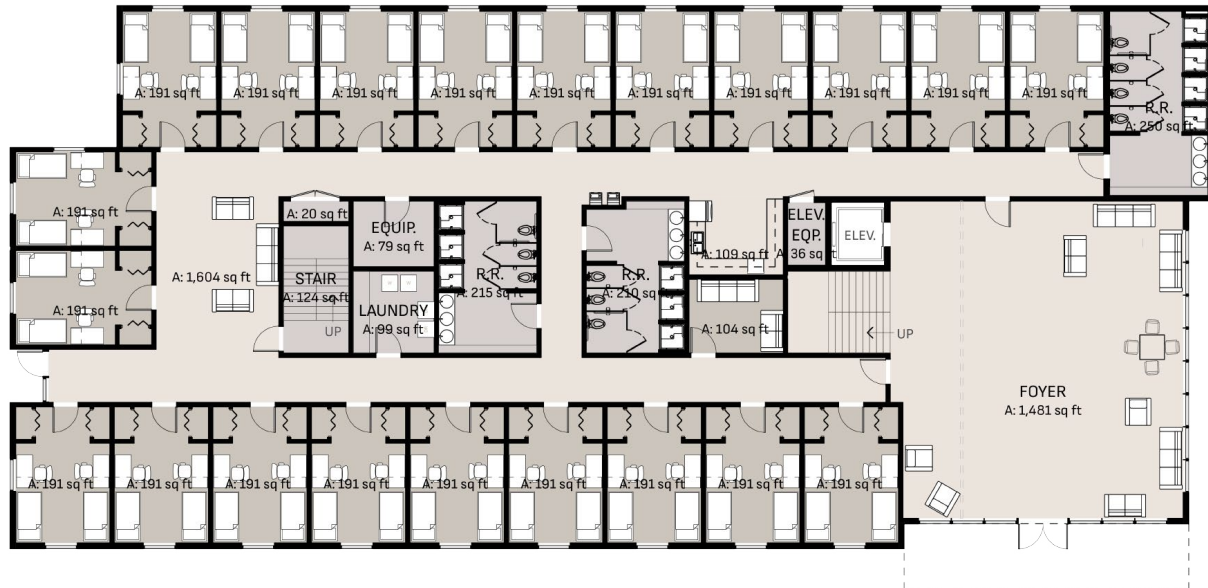
Rachel Maino (RBC'19, BS OhioStateUniv.'22) Career Specialist, Columbus, OH

"I could write for hours about all I learned at RBC that influences how I live and love people every single day. It's not in amazing-to-the-eye, flashy kinds of ways, but through faithful habits and beliefs that allow people to walk through a lifetime following Jesus through really beautiful seasons and also difficult ones."



BUILDING: A DORM

for Kingdom Training



FIRST FLOOR PLAN OF A TWO STORY RESIDENCE HALL
9,188 SF

New Dorm Layout:

For \$6 million we can build a two-story residence hall to house 84 students (or guests) in comfortable two-person rooms. There will be three communal bathrooms and laundry facilities on each floor. The two open foyers invite gatherings and conversation. Facilities are handicap accessible.



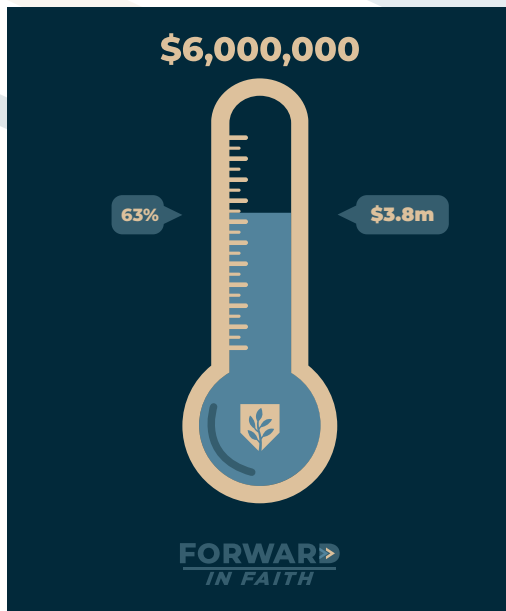
We Need a New Dorm!

- ♦ The current men's dorm has serious structural flaws.
- ♦ Our student enrollment has been trending up.
- ♦ We need facilities which are capable of hosting year-round training and events.

You Can Help!

- ♦ Give cash (or non-cash gifts of property/stocks) toward this pressing need.*
- ♦ Host a fund-raising "dessert" for friends to hear about this need from President Jeremy Miller. Call Sierra Coblentz, 740-857-1311 ext. 104, to schedule.
- ♦ Pray with us for God's provision and timing. We'd love to break ground in 2023!

***Special Bonus:** Anyone who donates \$1,000 (or more!) for the new dorm before September 1, 2023, is guaranteed a spot on campus to glimpse the Total Solar Eclipse, April 8, 2024.



The Last Lap!

Praise God for the funds already raised for this need! In order to build debt free, we're calling on alumni, friends, and churches to help bring in the remaining \$2.2 million.

RBC has more than 7,000 alumni. We are owned by the Rosedale Network of Churches and partner intentionally with the LMC, Good News Fellowship, and Evana church networks in our vision to become a primary learning destination for preparing Kingdom workers. Our current student body hails from five countries, 17 states, and 11 church denominations/networks.

Campus Map: Proposed Expansion

No one is mourning the proposed demise of the old men's dorm! As soon as the new dorm is built, women students will be lodged there, men will move to the current women's dorm, and the old men's dorm will be demolished.



Dale and Phyllis Yoder, Bay Port, MI Financial Advisor/Retired School Nurse

We support Rosedale Bible College because we believe the college is providing an opportunity for young people to receive quality education at a place where there is also keen investment in their emotional health, spiritual and personal growth. Our broader, post-Christian society has plenty of opportunity to influence the theological development of our children. We love to see young people influenced to believe that God's word is powerful and life-giving, and that the gospel message is true. RBC helps students learn how to speak God's truth into a broken world. What's not to love about that?!

We encourage others to support the dorm project because we see the opportunities for community living at Rosedale as a valuable part of the learning that occurs on campus. We appreciate the way RBC is preparing young people to be part of an authentic, nurturing Christian community.

BUILDING: A DESTINATION for Spiritual Renewal



Choral Camp is a one-week camp for kids who have completed grades 2-8. Campers come in July for a fun-filled week of learning music in a spiritually enriching environment. Many RBC students first met at Choral Camp!

“RBC enjoys serving the broader church, but the current facilities significantly limit summer trainings and events.”

– Laban Miller, RBC board chair



Training in Ministry (TiM) Retreat is a summer retreat geared to complement the online TiM courses, but open to all who are longing for spiritual refreshment. (No cost for TiM students)



One Night is a semiannual event for Ohio youth groups to come together for an evening of worship, encouragement, games and (of course) snacks. RBC students help to lead worship and organize events.



Explore sends students into the community to volunteer in various ministries such as tutoring, worship leading, Country Closet Thrift, International Friendships, and Daily Needs Assistance. RBC students complete at least 12 hours of service/semester complementing their academic studies.



Rosedale Invitational is an annual high-school basketball tournament co-hosted with Shekinah Christian School for both men's and women's teams. RBC students assist with hosting.



Choral Fest is a biennial high school choir festival bringing together choirs from around the eastern and mid-western U.S. for a weekend of fun, spiritual input, and musical development. Dozens of visiting choir members and leaders pack into all available sleeping spaces (which are quite limited!) on campus.

Thanks to the RBC board for their sacrificial service and support!

Laban Miller, chair, Lexington, KY; John David Swartzentruber, Greenwood, DE; Kevin Swartzentruber, Washington, IN; Jeremy Lehman, Chambersburg, PA; Anthony Rivers, Galloway, OH; Gene Troyer, Goshen, IN; Melinda Geiser, Greenwood, DE; Titus Beitzel, Grantsville, MD; Stevan Troyer, Elida, OH; Jesse Maust, Goshen, IN.

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Our Mission: We exist to prepare Kingdom workers through collegiate biblical education in the context of authentic community, experiential learning opportunities and skill development, Spirit-led prayer, worship and devotional Bible reading.

Alumni Updates: Please go to rosedale.edu/alumni-resources » "Update your Contact Information". High-res photos are always welcome. We'd love to be in touch!

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Thanks!

“THEY DISCIPLE PEOPLE HERE!”

In the fall of 2018 our staff and faculty set aside 40 days to pray, research, and plan. We knew our mission was to prepare Kingdom workers, but the college was struggling with low enrollment and changing realities. We knew we had to become absolutely clear about what we were doing and where we were headed.

What emerged powerfully in the concluding two-day summit was a culminating sense that, “**we need to strengthen our focus on discipleship.**” I left the summit with numerous strategic initiatives in hand. I was excited for the future and ready to implement changes to campus life.

Shortly thereafter our family traveled to Kansas for Christmas. Then after the holidays as we travelled I-70 back to Ohio, waves of panic began to wash over me. I thought about next steps and mountains we’d need to climb. **Disciple students.** Would that really make the college thrive? What if we heard wrong? What if we’re too small-minded? Is that too simplistic?

Suddenly, in the midst of the besieging doubts and fears, my phone rang. It was an out-of-state pastor friend. We visited together several times a year, but he knew nothing about our 40 days of prayer and planning or the focus and initiatives stemming from it.

“Jeremy, you have time to talk?” he asked. “Sure,” I said, welcoming anything that diverted my anxious thoughts. “I had a dream this morning, and it was so vivid I felt like I needed to call you.” I confess to feeling a bit guarded when a conversation begins like that! But he continued.

“In my dream I was walking with a friend and crested a hill. I looked down, and there was Rosedale. It was full of people. There were buildings being built with cranes and other equipment. I was shocked and curious about why there were so many people at RBC. We walked onto campus, and I began asking people what was happening. They said, ‘**They disciple people here!**’”

I began to weep as my friend continued, “I don’t know what that means, and it all felt really odd to me.”

I knew what it meant, and in that moment I sensed the Holy Spirit reminding me that God was indeed leading us! We don’t know what the future holds or what new ventures God will bring our way, but **we are committed to making disciples**, preparing them for effective service in Christ’s Kingdom. We do so confidently. This is our calling!

President
JEREMY MILLER

