

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PRAY AND PARTICIPATE!

**New Life Groups** – Throughout the week at different times and locations. Check out new and continuing groups and register today!

**Starting Point** – Our next class is Sunday, February 4 at 6 pm. Register at [DiscoverRealLife.net/starting-point](https://DiscoverRealLife.net/starting-point)

**Baptisms** – Every Sunday in February! Sign up at [DiscoverRealLife.net](https://DiscoverRealLife.net) for more info.

**Blood Drive** – Monday, February 12. Register to give blood or for a Power Red appointment between 10:30 and 2.

**IF Gathering** – Through livestream technology, we gather with women all over the world to worship and learn. Ladies ages 14 and up are welcome as we connect at tables and focus on Jesus. Registration opens this weekend for the event. Save the date for Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24.

**Discovery Island Movie Night** – Friday, March 8. Parents, check your email from Mrs. Phyllis for more info.

**Wonder Way Family Live** – Preschool family worship event Sunday, March 17. See Mrs. Lisa for more info.



**Palm Sunday and Easter** – Both Sundays are in March this year, March 24 and March 31 respectively. Invite your friends and family!

**Global 6k for Water** – Real Life is hosting a new event to support water needs across the world. We will walk or run 6k on Saturday, April 27. Save the date! More info to come.

**Detroit 2024** – Mission trip to Detroit, Michigan coming up this summer. More details to come!



# REAL LIFE

## CHURCH

# MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV*



# MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

## LEAD PASTOR TRANSITION

### Lead Pastor Update

Like most things over the holidays, our Pastor Search process was put on hold but has begun again with the new year. Our Pastor Search team continues to review profiles sent to us by our Search Consultant and talk to potential candidates. We ask for your continued patience and prayers as we diligently search, pray and wait

for God to reveal the right person at the right time to lead Real Life Church during our next season. We ask that you, the church, remain faithful as we Move Forward in Faith by continuing to support and serve in the ministries and opportunities God's given us to build His kingdom here locally and around the world.

### February Prayer Points

As a church family, our biggest task continues to be to pray. Pray for our church, for our leadership team, for the interim pastor, and for the next pastor God has in store for Real Life Church. Here are some specific prayer points for us to unite in prayer this month.

- Wisdom and discernment for the Search Team (Denny Norman, Scott Holmquist, Jodi Edwards, Tonya Tucker, Ron Elliott) as they talk with potential candidates
- Patience and perseverance for RLC that we continue to fulfill the mission God's given us as we wait for Him to reveal the next leader of RLC
- RLC staff for continued strength and fruitfulness in the ministry areas they lead
- For RLC to maintain an outward focus for people who need to experience real life in Christ
- For RLC to maintain a united spirit as we work through this process

### Lead Pastor Transition Timeline



# BECAUSE YOU GAVE IN 2023

## OUR YEARLY RECAP

Our mission here at Real Life is very simple. It's to "Lead people to follow Jesus, be changed by Jesus, and embrace the mission of Jesus." Here's how God used you in 2023 to further His mission!



**Record Generosity** Your financial generosity this past year once again broke a giving record. 443 people contributed financially to the ministry of Real Life Church this past year and because you gave we were able to expand our ministry impact in these ways:

**New Church Partnerships** We continued our partnership for planting new churches in spiritually underserved areas in South Carolina and Michigan.

**Babies and Kids and Students, Oh My!** We provided weekly ministries to over 225 kids through our Wonder Way, Discovery Island, Route 56, and Amplify ministry environments!

**A Servant's Heart** Over 280 of you served in one of our ministries! Everything from kids ministry, Life Groups, worship ministry, prison ministry, homeless ministry and much more! You gave the gift of service and allowed God to use you, so thank you!

**Going Public** 26 people said yes to following Jesus and expressed their faith publicly through baptism! Our prayer is that their lives are continuing to be changed by Jesus and that they are finding their place here at Real Life.

**Lean On Me** Over 275 adults participated in and experienced community and growth in one of our Life Groups.

**Better Together** Over 800 of you attended our in-person services each and every weekend! And almost 200 people participated in our online service each week!

**Physical Improvements** We also upgraded the chairs and bathrooms in our worship center and most importantly "Got a new playground!!!!"

We are so thankful for your continued faithfulness and generosity in support of our mission. Your partnership allows the church to minister to individuals from all walks of life, from babies to senior adults, to families in different life stages, to those with physical needs here in our community and to everyone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus here locally, nationally and around the world. Thanks again for your partnership and faithfulness during this season. We can't wait to see what God does through you in 2024!

