

PROGRAMMATIC LIFE OF RIVER CITY PROFILE OF A MEMBER OF RCRC

After all is said and done, what does the pastoral staff regard as “healthy involvement” in the programs of River City for the vast majority of our members?

First of all, we want to acknowledge that there are members in good standing who will not be able to be involved in the way or to the degree that we are recommending. This is not due to lack of spirituality or vision or commitment on their part. It is simply due to age, physical condition, or other extraordinary circumstances. We want members like this to realize the crucial role they fulfill at River City. We want them to feel cared for by the church. And we want them to be encouraged to use their gifts to whatever degree they are able.

Having said this, here is what we as the pastoral staff think should be the bottom line in terms of involvement in the programs of the church for the vast majority of our members. We want our members to be:

1. Known and cared for by a trained and sensitive leader who is directly accountable to the official leadership of the church, by being vitally involved in a small group where many needs are being met and where they are using their gifts to meet the needs of others.
2. Systematically taught in through the preaching and teaching of God’s Word.
3. Attending church regularly on Sunday mornings and evenings.
4. Personally involved in one on-going ministry task directed toward building up the church according to one’s gifts.
5. Personally involved in one on-going ministry directed toward unbelievers. (Of course, one can be involved in more ministries if it is not detrimental to one’s spiritual and family life.)