

Religious Growth and Learning Survey Summary

52 people completed the RGL survey, through both online and paper formats. Graphs are copied at the end of this document. If you have additional questions about the results of the survey, please reach out to the transition team and we will do our best to answer.

Attendance:

30% of respondents attend service weekly, with 30% attending twice a week. 22% indicated they attended virtually once or twice a month, with 57% saying they attended virtually a few times a year.

30%, or 14 respondents, indicated they had school-age children who might attend RGL. Of those 14, 6 said their children never attend RGL on Sundays, 4 attend twice a month, 3 attend monthly, and one attended a few times a year. None indicated they attend every week.

RGL program offerings “attended or interested in attending in the future”- there was strong support indicated for many of the programs, in descending popularity RGL Sunday School (58%), Souper Supper (53%), Our Whole Lives (OWL- 40%), and UU Pen Pals (34%).

Responses to Agree/Disagree questions

We need to attract more young families with children to the church:

86% Strongly agree/Agree. 14% Neutral/disagree/strongly disagree.

We need to develop more activities geared toward families and UU principles.

82% Strongly agree/Agree. 18% Neutral/disagree/strongly disagree.

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76% Strongly agree/Agree. 14% Neutral, 10% Disagree/Strongly disagree.

We should have more intergenerational services, with children and adults worshiping together.

48% Strongly Agree/Agree, 41% Neutral, 6% Disagree, 0% Strongly Disagree.

Themes in open-ended questions

“Any Ideas you may have that could enhance children’s experience and UU faith formation in RGL.” and “Please add any comments or questions you have related to RGL and family ministry”. There were 22 written responses to each question. Here are the major themes (some responses contained multiple themes).

*Child/adult interactions and the creation of community had nearly half of the comments. Several people noted a separation between kids and adults with our current structure, and desired some level of increased interaction.

*Middle/High School:

Multiple responses noted their child was disconnected from the programming, and middle school programming particularly wasn’t working for children/families.

***Promotions/Ease of attendance:**

More promotion/recruitment of families around town was suggested. It was also suggested that more time could be spent on supporting parents and making it easier for families to navigate the RGL area.

***Suggested changes/additions to programming:**

Several comments suggested topics for RGL to include, including famous UUs, UU faith, world religions, activism, and climate awareness. OWL received multiple supportive mentions. Additional times/ways to gather outside of services were suggested, including service projects, social events, and alternative scheduling.

***Related to services-**

These comments were broad, some suggesting additional kid involvement with services, some suggesting that kids may not enjoy services, and that the activity table pulls their focus away from the service.

***UCL Structure**

Several comments expressed their feelings regarding RGL being an important part of the church and faith. Also multiple comments regarding what RGL should encompass, some saying that RGL should be either family ministry or whole congregational ministry instead of focusing strictly on children. Multiple people mentioned their children didn't feel connected to the church overall.

***Personal comments:**

Multiple people expressed how important RGL had been in their or their child's lives, and they believe it to be very important to the church overall.

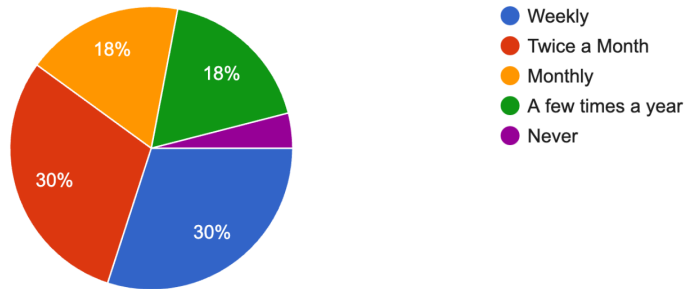
Multiple people also expressed the personal responsibilities of parents in bringing their children to church and the importance of the parent's role in RGL.

Multiple people suggested following up with people/families who no longer attend and ask why they didn't return.

RGL Survey Results with Graphs

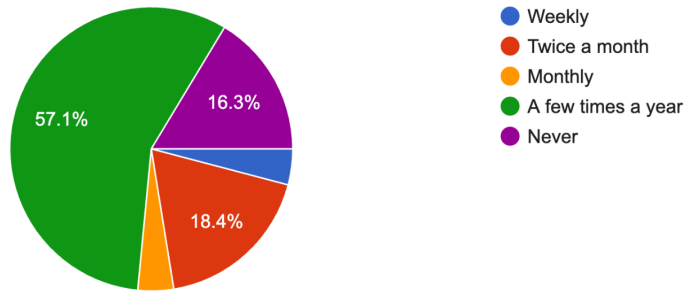
In 2024, how often did you physically attend services?

50 responses



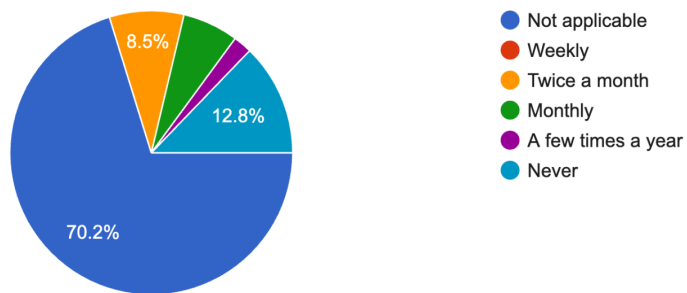
In 2024, how often did you virtually attend services?

49 responses



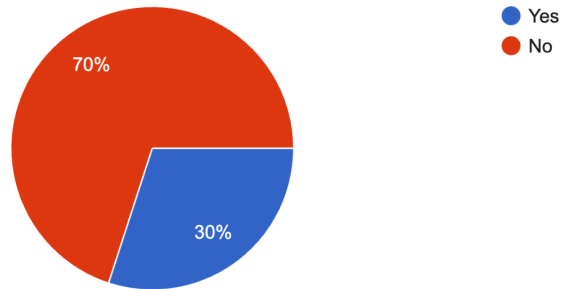
If you have school aged children, how often did your children attend RGL in 2024?

47 responses



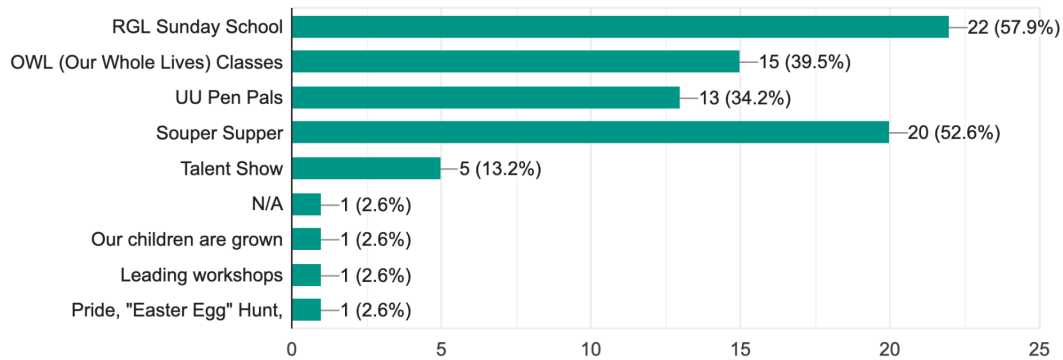
In 2024, were you a RGL volunteer or committee member?

50 responses



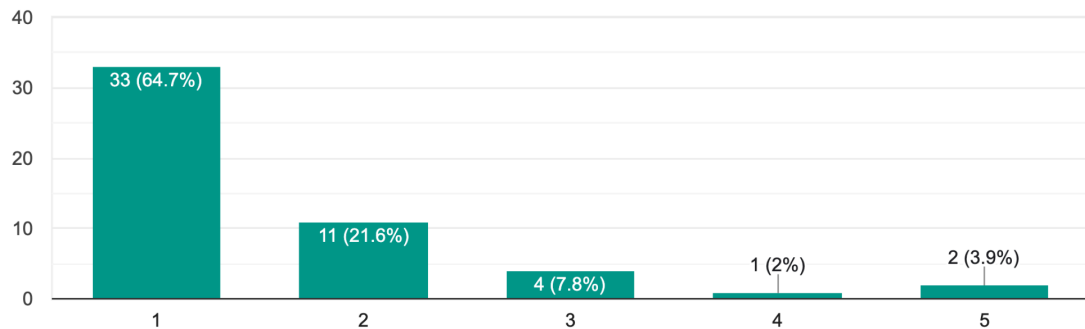
What RGL offerings have you/your kids participated in or are interested in doing in the future?

38 responses



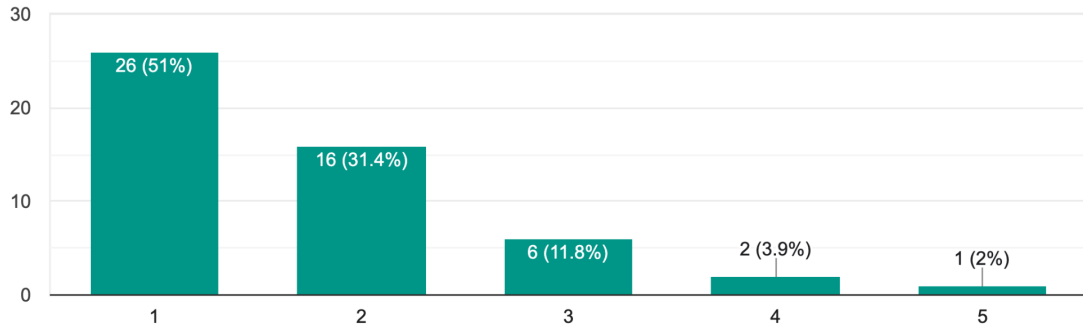
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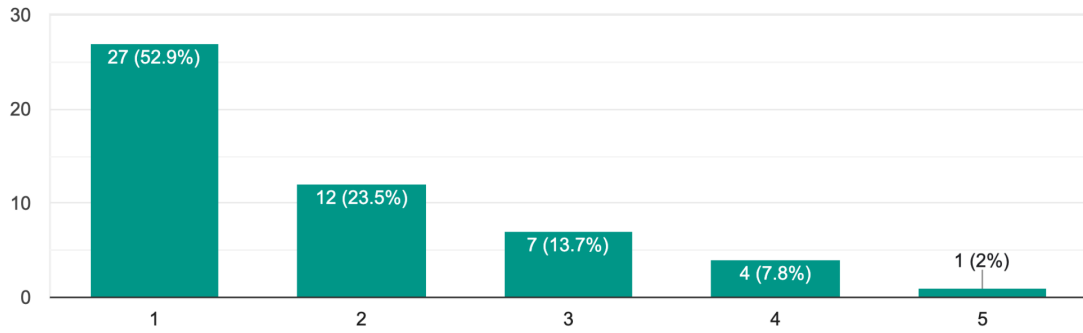
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