

Interface

Making Ministry Manageable

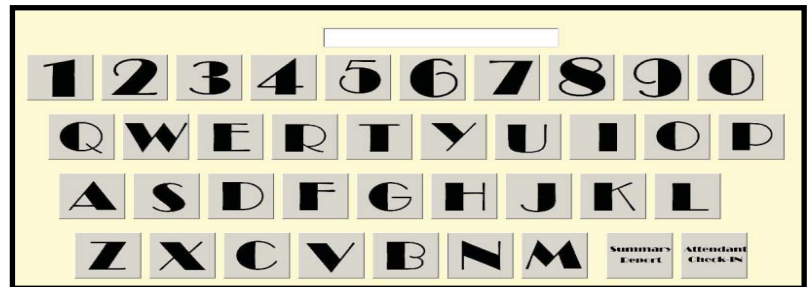


New Insta Check-In Options

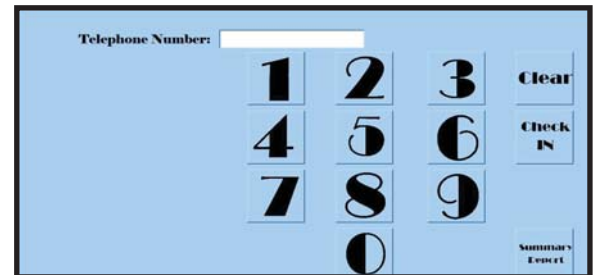
Your new RDS Advantage and RDS Connect version 9.18.04 has new features for Insta Check-in.

You can choose these options for check-in:

- No touch screen
- Touch Screen with Whole Keyboard
- Touch Screen with Whole Keyboard Buttons
- Touch Screen with Only Numbers for Phone
- Check-In only

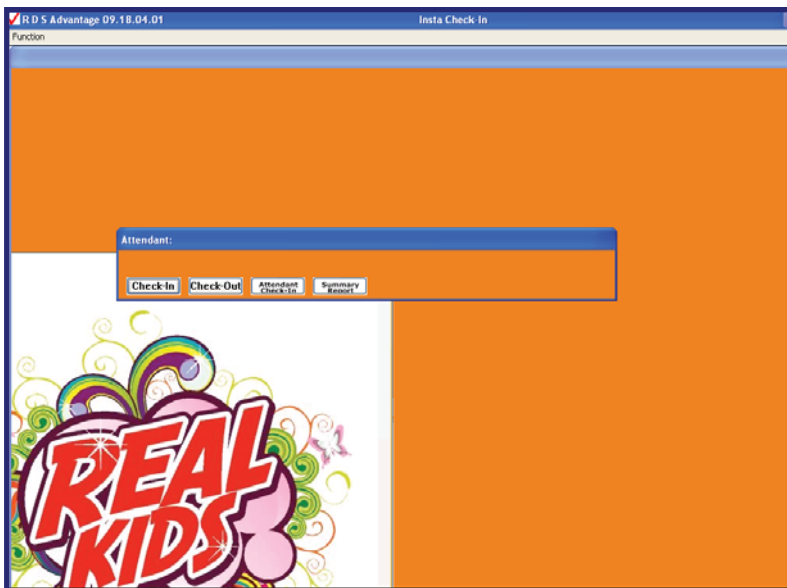


It is possible to modify the font.



You can choose the color of the check-in monitor window. A color swatch is displayed to choose your color.

Background graphics can be used for check-in monitors.



You can have special graphics and logos depending upon the event. For example, you could setup your children's class check-in computer one way for "Sunday Morning" and the computer at the church entrance another way for "Sunday Morning."

There are almost unlimited ways you can choose to customize the appearance and the functions of your Insta Check-In.

Contact Management

The Contact Management system supports ministries of outreach, care, finance, phone contacts, pastor visits, special projects, youth, music and just about anything you can name. Its flexibility allows you to describe types of contacts, contact teams and by activities, and tie contacts to individuals and contact dates and future contacts.

The screenshot displays the 'MC103 - Contact Management' window. At the top, the title bar shows 'R D S Advantage 09.18.04.01 9/03/2014 Church of Faith Contact Management'. Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'Utility', 'Applications', 'Common Systems', 'Maint', 'Inquire', 'Reports', and 'Function'. A toolbar contains various icons for actions like 'EXIT', 'Print', 'Find', 'Clear Fields', 'Goto', 'Help', 'RDS Web', 'Email Select', 'Enter Info', 'Copy Detail', and 'Photo'.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Individual ID:** 11 ... A1 ...
- Name:** Thomas Adams
- Type Sub:** N T
- Contact Date:** 4/09/2002 ...
- Type:** EVAN ... Evangelism and Outreach Contac
- Activity ID:** WR100 ... *NOT IN LIMITED ACCESS RANGE*
- Address:** 911 Short Avenue, Smalltown, OK 12099-4561, (405) 999-8888
- Contacted By:** Charles Biehler, III ...
- Team:** EV4 ... Evangelism Team 4
- Next Contact:** 1/15/2012
- Census Tract:** 02
- Total Contacts:** 02

At the bottom, there is a 'Comments:' section with a text area containing the following text: 'Tommy would like to join a SS class before joining the church. Introduce him to Placemaker's Class. testing for non-group.'

At the very bottom of the window are buttons for 'OK', 'Delete', 'Cancel', 'Apply', and 'Add'.

Teams and types of contacts are user-definable, so you can have an unlimited number, using your terminology.

When contacts are made, comments can be typed with an unlimited number of comments for each person and family contacted.

Communication:

E-mail, automated phone messaging and text messages can be used to make contacts based upon your choices of criteria.

Reports and Inquiries:

Many reports are available about contacts made, future contacts, address labels, postcards, gifts and pledges and visitation cards.

Bible for Kids

If you have young children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, install the LifeChurch.tv app named "Bible for Kids."

It is a free digital storybook designed to explore the big stories of the Bible. It is amazingly well done and will intrigue and entertain kids by the hour. Children can both read the printed story with animated figures, and hear the story.

They are able to scroll from screen to screen and touch figures that then move. More stories are added regularly, with an already large library.

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RDS Facebook



Get acquainted with the RDS Advantage/RDS Connect Facebook. You can open it at:

<https://www.Facebook.com/RDSAdv>

You might want to bookmark this page.

We would like you to share your thoughts, tips and ideas with other RDS users, and let us hear from you.

Touchscreen Monitors

Touchscreen monitors can be helpful when used with your RDS Insta Check-In program. New features regarding touchscreen use were included in Version 9.18.04.



Some older models of touchscreen monitors are not supported by 64 bit operating systems. If you need to update or add these, here are some models you might want to investigate. They support both Windows and Mac operating systems.

Dell S2340T - 23" IPS LED-backlit LCD monitor w/ Touch-screen, microphone , camera, USB 3.0 hub
\$160

Hanns-G HT231HPBU Black 23" Touchscreen Monitor Multi-Touch (10 points) 250 cd/m2 80000000:1 Built-in Speakers \$199.00

Accounting Period Date

Do you use the last day of the month as the Accounting Period on all your transactions? *Don't do that!*

Using the same Accounting Period date for every transaction causes all transactions to have the same date in the General Ledger files. When every transaction has the same date, it's impossible to print reports for shorter periods and similar transactions can become confused with each other, thus making it difficult to trace particular transactions or track errors.

Make it easy on yourself and resolve today to always use the deposit/Sunday date or the check date as the Accounting Period date. You will be glad you did.

Is it Time to Wake Up?

The television, newspapers and magazines give us a steady stream of bad news:

- A recent survey of churches indicates that only fourteen percent of churches are meeting their budget goals
- Attendance in churches is in decline
- Membership in mainline churches is shrinking
- Wars are spreading throughout the world
- Terrorism is causing the death of thousands each year
- America's deficit is forecast to become 40 trillion dollars
- Pornography and drug use are increasing
- Births to unwed mothers are growing
- The percent of households of conventional marriages is decreasing



We can list more distressing facts about families, churches, education, the economy, communities, nation and the world.

So is it time to throw in the towel and say, "I give up"?

History can be a great teacher if only we would study it. 2000 years ago:

- Thousands out of work because of the death of King Herod and the end of many large construction projects
- The economy of Israel is in collapse
- Rome extracting increased taxes
- And later, Rome persecuting and torturing Christians
- Israel on the verge of war with Rome

In the midst of these seemingly impossible conditions a leader came forward to proclaim "release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

He recruited a small group of fellow Jews to help proclaim the Good News.

Shortly after his death, a powerful evangelist took the message through many regions of that part of the world. By the end of the first century the Christian faith was changing lives by the thousands.

If our churches are declining today, it is not the fault of our economy, politics, taxes, wars, or moral and ethical breakdown. It is maybe because we, who call ourselves Christians, have become complacent.

"I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God."
- Revelation 3:1-2

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RDS Training Opportunities

You can enroll for just the classes that cover your work area:

- Monday.....Member Records/Contact Management
- Tuesday.....Activity Records/Insta Check-In/Scheduler
- Wednesday...Contributions/Bank Reconciliation
- Thursday.....General Ledger/Accounts Payable
- Friday.....Payroll/Accounts Receivable

Contact Gail Miller at (800) 337-6328 or (405) 840-5177 to enroll.

Enroll for these dates:

Oct 6-10 Nov 10-14 Dec 8-12