



LOVE GOD-LOVE OTHERS

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 AM
(In person & Livestream)

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Faithful Families Reflect Jesus

I recently read an article which stated, "a Godly home is like an embassy of heaven." That made me think for a while. Although no home is perfect, because none of us are perfect, all of our homes should reflect God's grace and love. When someone steps into your home they should sense the presence of Christ. Let me share with you some characteristics of a Christ focused home.

Characteristics of a Christ focused home:

1. **Jesus is the foundation.** Jesus is the foundation for our lives, and He needs to become the foundation for our homes. 1 Corinthians 3:11
2. **The Bible is read, spoken, and obeyed.** The Bible is God's word and full of His wisdom; make it an important part of your family. Psalm 119:105
3. **Prayer happens.** We must pray individually and pray as a family. Your children will learn how to pray as they listen to you pray, so let them hear you pray regularly. Colossians 1:9
4. **Loving actions.** Showing love to one another is an important part of how a Christian family functions. Love should be seen in every relationship in your family. Husbands and wives need to love one another. Parents and children should love one another. Siblings should love one another. 1 Corinthians 16:14
5. **Truth is spoken in love.** What we say to each other is as important as how we say it. Always seek to speak the truth and do so in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14
6. **Patience and kindness are seen every day.** How would your family be different if patience and kindness were seen every day? Right now, decide that you are going to be more kind with your words and with your actions and show more patience to those around you. You will be surprised at the difference it will make in your family. 1 Corinthians 13:4
7. **Joy and laughter are abundant.** I have never met a family which does not need to laugh a little more or express joy more often. As your family discovers the things which make them laugh and fill their hearts with joy, do them often. Proverbs 17:22
8. **Learning never ends.** I love to learn new things but not all the things I learn help me grow spiritually. I most recently learned that it takes a caterpillar about a month to become a butterfly. While that may be an incredible piece of knowledge it does not necessarily grow my spirit. Make sure some of the things you learn are things which grow your spirit. Ephesians 3:19

Are these characteristics evident in your home? If there are a couple you need to work on, talk to your family, pray about them together, and then commit to making some changes.

You can find more help at the [River Bend Families](#) resource page on our website. Take a look.

Pastor John, Love God – Love Others

| NEW MEMBERS | STAFF ANNIVERSARIES |
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| <p>Chris, Megan, Claude & Benjamin Holley</p> <p>Betty Goolsby</p> <p><i>Welcome to River Bend!</i></p> | <p>Christy Miller - September 4 - 7 years</p> <p>Debbie McCaghren - September 10 - 18 years</p> <p><i>Thank you for your dedication and service to River Bend!</i></p> |



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Join River Bend Kids on 
facebook.com/groups/riverbendkids



WEDNESDAYS
6:30-7:30 PM - W1
*Come early (6:00) or stay late (8:00) to hang out!

Family Devotional time:

You have to have
a "TPPP"

- T** "TIME" - Find a time each day you will meet as a family and read the Bible together.
- P** "PLACE" - Pick a place you will come together each day.
- P** "PLAN" - Have a plan for your time together. Get a devotional, a Bible Study, or use RB family resources!
- P** "PERSON" - Have a family or person to help hold your family accountable!



Every time you you have a Family Bible time, make a PB&J!

- P** Pray- Start with prayer! Everyone can pray or just one person.
- B** Bible- Open up your bible and read! Stick to your Bible Study plan.
- J** Journal- write down thoughts, prayers, or questions. This way you can look back on your family's spiritual journey.



Kindergarten Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 14
During 10:30 am Worship

Join us for
Mom's Meet-up & Kid's Playdate
Monday, October 13, 10 AM
yum! HAT CREEK
BURGER COMPANY
5820 FM 1463 Road, Fulshear, TX 77494



RB Kids
Volunteer Training Lunch!

Calling all RBkids Volunteers
OR want- to -be Volunteers!

Please join us for lunch and training to fully equip you to teach kids! All are welcome as we dive into procedures, teaching techniques, and brainstorming ideas for our Children's Ministry!

Save the Date!
When: Sunday, November 9
at Noon
Where: W1
Who: Anyone who loves Jesus and loves kids!



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD
PACK A
SHOEBOX!**



October 12 - November 16

**Watch for
boxes in
October!**

Questions? ask Brittany at bnuelle@riverbendbc.org



RBSTUDENTS

RIVER BEND BAPTIST CHURCH

Grades 6th - 12th



SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

OCTOBER 12 - 12:00 PM

Students, get ready to chow down at a local eatery! Parents, feel free to join the fun or swing back by for pick-up at 1 pm. Bon appétit!

RBStudents Sunday Evenings



5:30

MPACT

6:30

Youth Praise Band

**Meet in the Youth
Building.**



RBSTUDENTS

Worship Wednesdays!

**Worship, Bible Study
& More!**

Wednesdays

6:30 pm - Youth Building

Blessings On Your Birthday!

September

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| 2 David Warr | 19 Erma Beal |
| 2 Victoria Weddle | 20 Penelope Contreras |
| 4 Keno Brown | 20 Charlie Oldenburg |
| 4 Nathalee Means | 21 Paisley Morgart |
| 4 Laura Miller | 22 Paula Nordt |
| 6 Alyssa Frankum | 23 April Bosquez |
| 11 Bobby Dickerson | 23 Shirley Eagleson |
| 13 Matthew Richardson | 23 Mike McCutchan |
| 13 Junie Zofsak | 25 Don Edgar |
| 15 Woody Follis | 25 Mason Flowers |
| 16 Anita Jessup | 28 Katie McMahan |
| 18 Laura Baucum | 28 Mykala Patters |
| 18 Harrell Jones | 29 Gray Nuelle |
| 18 Florence McKinney | 30 Earl Turner |

October

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| 4 Frank Perez | 18 Latasha McDade |
| 5 Katherine McMahan | 19 Jill Norwood |
| 5 Gabe Sanchez | 19 Susanna Peck |
| 8 Ellie Blansit | 19 Tiffany Powell |
| 11 Connor Blansit | 20 Harvey Robinson |
| 11 Aubert Cooksey | 20 Mia Whiteman |
| 12 Jo Ann Hankins | 24 Chase Dayton |
| 14 Bridgett Kirschbaum | 24 Hannah Dayton |
| 14 Kerri Powell | 24 Tricia Irwin |
| 15 Dan Irvin | 27 Lori Castro |
| 16 DeeDee Hutcherson | 28 Lillie Nattier |
| 16 Gavin Powell | 28 Payton Patters |
| 17 Kase Luedecke | 29 Aaron Kirschbaum |
| 18 Tom Jessup | |

CHURCH CALENDAR

September

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| 1 Church Office Closed for Labor Day | |
| 2 Saints Alive Trip to Bush Library | 10:00 am - Offsite |
| FSP: Meet the Teacher | 10:00 am |
| 4 First Steps Preschool - 1st Day! | 9:00 am |
| 7 Mary Hill Davis Offering | September 7-28 |
| 8 Deacons' Meeting | 7:00 pm - E8 |
| 13 Celebrate Light Workday | 9:00 am - Barn |
| 14 Kindergarten Bible Presentation | 10:30 am - WC |
| Ark Encounter Trip Meeting | 11:45 am - E1 |
| 15 RBWomen: Hostess Table Set-up | 12 - 8 pm - WC |
| 16 RBWomen: Hostess Table Set-up | 10 - 5 pm - WC |
| RBWomen's Table Top Event | 6:00 pm - WC |
| 20 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast | 8:30 am - YB |
| 21 Quarterly Business Meeting | 11:45 am - WC |
| SMBS Adult Teacher Training | 4:30 pm - E2 |

October

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7 Saints Alive Luncheon | 11:30 am - WC |
| 9 FSP: Donuts with Dad | 8:30 am - WC |
| 12 Observance of the Lord's Supper | 10:30 am - WC |
| RBStudents 2nd Sunday Lunch | 12:00 pm - Offsite |
| Operation Christmas Child | Pick up a box! |
| 13 RBKids: Playdate at Hat Creek | 10:00 am - Offsite |
| Deacons' Meeting | 7:00 pm - E8 |
| 18 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast | 8:30 am - YB |
| 19 New Members Class: Part I | 12:00 pm - FH |
| SMBS Adult Teacher Training | 4:30 pm - E2 |
| 25 Celebrate Light Workday | 9:00 am - Barn |
| 26 New Members Class: Part II | 12:00 pm - FH |
| 30 FSP: Trick or Treat Day | 9:00 am |

Prayer Request?

River Bend offers many opportunities to join us in prayer, or to submit a prayer request. Wednesdays: Glory Morning Prayer at 6:30 am in E1. Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm in E4. Email: Pray@RiverBendBC.org

AROUND THE BEND

Church Office Closed Labor Day - September 1

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 1.

Saints Alive Trip to Bush Presidential Library Tuesday, September 2 - 10:00 am

Join us for an exciting trip to the George H. W. Bush Library! This event is self-pay at a cost of \$9. Everyone is encouraged to gather at the library at 10:00 am.

Ark Encounter Trip Meeting Sunday, September 14 - 11:45 am - E1

If you are registered to attend the Ark Encounter Trip, please join us for an information meeting on Sunday, September 14, immediately following worship in E1.

RBWomen's Table Top Stepping Stones to Christ Tuesday, September 16 - 6:00 pm - WC

We've received an incredible response! We eagerly anticipate the creative table arrangements from our amazing hostesses and a delightful evening filled with connection, complemented by a delicious catered dinner served by our River Bend Men. Tickets are available for \$25, and payment is due by Sunday, September 7, either online or at the RBWomen's table on Sundays.

***River Bend Men** are encouraged to sign up in the foyer to serve as wait or kitchen staff at Table Top. It's a fun evening and you get a free meal!

Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, September 21 - 11:45 am - WC

Members, please plan to stay after the worship service on Sunday, September 21, for a brief Quarterly Business Meeting.

Saints Alive Luncheon Tuesday, October 7 - 11:30 am - WC

Join us for a delightful potluck at River Bend in the Worship Center where we'll have an exciting game of bingo! The fun begins at 11:30 am.

New Members Class Sundays, October 19 & 26 - 12:00 pm - FH

Are you new to River Bend or considering membership? Join us for our upcoming membership class! This two-part series is designed to help you get to know our fellowship better, explore the theological convictions underlying church membership, and explore how you can serve Christ more effectively at River Bend. Lunch is provided and the whole family is welcome to participate.

Amazing Grace Quilters 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month 9:00 am - E2

Join the quilters in E2 on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month as they work on projects for area ministries. Contact Mona Follis at 281-533-0147.

River Bend Men's Monthly Breakfast Saturdays, September 20 & October 18 8:30 am - YB

Join us for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer on Saturdays, September 20 & October 18, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Youth Building. Invite your friends, neighbors, sons, and fathers!

Adult Bible Study "The Ways of God" Wednesdays - 6:30 pm - E8

From Genesis to the book of Revelation you see that God moves in ways which are so different than ours. Do you remember the words God spoke to Isaiah describing this truth?

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9: NIV

During this Bible study we will examine God's greatness and see how it impacts His actions towards us.

Prayer Meeting meets at 7:30 pm in E4 after Bible study.

Ladies' Precept Bible Study Thursdays at 9:30 am - YB

Our current study is on Galatians. Precept meets on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Youth Building. We are studying Paul's defense of the gospel of grace, which emphasizes justification by faith apart from the law, and the implications of this for Christian living. Workbooks are available at Precept.org for \$21.99. If you have questions, please contact Darlene at dirvin1990@att.net or Rebecca at rgnuelle@gmail.com.

Small Group Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 pm - Offsite

Small Group Bible Study meets weekly at 6:00 pm. Contact Kevin at KColeman@RiverBendBC.org for information and schedule.

MISSIONS

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING CHURCH GOAL \$12,000

Mary Hill Davis served as the president of the Women's Missionary Union from 1906 until 1931. This organization focuses on educating churches about mission work and trains women to take an active role in missions. Her passion for missions inspired churches to support mission work through their prayers and through financial gifts. In 1935, the offering for state missions was renamed to honor her dedication to missions, orphans, retired pastors, and the funding of Baptist schools.

During the month of September we will emphasize the Mary Hill Davis offering benefiting mission work in the state of Texas. Our church goal is \$12,000. Pray as to how God would have you give.

CELEBRATE LIGHT



Celebrate Light is River Bend's walk-through festival of lights. Workdays are on Saturday mornings, 9 am-noon. We are also in need of painters that can paint at their convenience. Contact Todd Melton at tmelton@riverbendbc.org.

Join us on the following dates for workdays:

Saturdays: September 13 October 25 November 8

Celebrate Light set-up will take place on Saturday, November 29, at 8:00 am.

RIVER BEND CHOIR

The River Bend Choir has a seat for YOU! Whether you have sung with the choir before or not, we invite you to try us out. The choir meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Worship Center. Contact Todd Melton at tmelton@riverbendbc.org.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

The search is on! We're prayerfully seeking the Youth Director God has already prepared for our church family. Spread the word far and wide—and join us in praying that the Lord will guide the right person to us in His perfect timing.

RIVER BEND FAMILIES



RB Families is a new emphasis at River Bend to help equip you on your spiritual journey on a personal level, as a parent, or as a spouse. Scroll down on the homepage of the River Bend website and select the River Bend Families icon. That will lead you to resources entitled Marriage Matters, Family Devotions, Family Worship, Family Prayer, Family Serve, Family Activities, Testimonies, and Empowered Homes. The breadth and variety of resources can guide you regardless of stage of life or where you are in your spiritual journey. Take some time this week to see some of what is available for you.

**Check out
RBFamilies!**



**Click
Here**

VOLUNTEER INTEREST SURVEY

River Bend is a great place to worship and serve, but it is great because of your willingness to serve. Please take 3 minutes to complete the Volunteer Interest Survey so that we can better pair your passions with opportunities of service. Whether you are new to River Bend or you have called River Bend your home for many years, please fill out the survey. Scan the QR Code to begin!

**Take the
Survey!**



**Click
Here**



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BAPTIST CHURCH

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Regular Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

9:00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service **WC**
Preschool Church (Older Preschoolers)
5:30 pm Mpact (student choir, signing & puppets) **YB**
6:30 pm Youth Praise Band Practice **YB**

TUESDAY

9:00 am First Steps Preschool (Begins September 4)
Amazing Grace Quilters (2nd & 4th weeks) **E2**

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Glory Morning Prayer **E1**
5:30 pm Praise Band Practice **WC**
5:45 pm Family Dinner **FH**
6:30 pm River Bend Choir **WC**
Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30 pm) **E8**
RBStudents Wednesday Worship **YB**
RBKids W.O.W. **W1**
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting (7:30-8:00 pm) **E4**
Praise Team Practice **WC**

THURSDAY

9:00 am First Steps Preschool (Begins September 4)
9:30 am Ladies' Precept Bible Study **YB**

A look back at July/August

July

Worship Attendance Averages

On Campus Avg **174**
Livestream Avg **22**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Onsite Average **83**

Weekly Budget

\$22,115
Average Weekly Contributions **\$22,702**

August thru 24nd

Worship Attendance Averages

On Campus Avg **180**
Livestream Avg **34**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Onsite Average **109**

Weekly Budget

\$22,115
Average Weekly Contributions **\$23,716**

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