



LOVE GOD-LOVE OTHERS

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

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A Note from Pastor John:

The other day I walked into a store and in the main display area they had decorations for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Well, if I have a choice, I pick Christmas. To help us start thinking about Christmas, let me ask you a question: What is your favorite Christmas Bible verse?

Here are a few I can think of:

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name Him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14 HCSB*

For a child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this. *Isaiah 9:6-7 HCSB*

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure. 11 Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route. *Matthew 2:10-12 HCSB*

When the time came to completion, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. *Galatians 4:4-5 HCSB*

There are many more, but consider this one for a moment:

But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. *Luke 2:10 HCSB*

Good news of great joy...I think that is a message our world can use right now. I know it is a message I can use and I'm sure it is one you can use as well. The pressures, pains, difficulties, fears, and hurts of our world often steal our joy. Sometimes it's subtle, other times it feels like an assault upon our soul. However it happens, it leaves you feeling empty inside, with a frown on your face. Our world seems to hate joy.

But the good news is, Jesus is our source for joy! Not only is He our source but He constantly fills us with His joy. Do you need some joy? If so, then as you prepare for Christmas, let the promise of Jesus' joy fill your heart, soul, and mind. Why is Jesus' joy everlasting? Because the joy He gives is not found in toys, gifts or even our favorite Christmas food, but in the knowledge that He is the Savior who has come into the world.

As you get ready for Christmas, please remember that the joy Jesus gives is a joy you can share with others. So, get started and share some joy.

Pastor John, Love God - Love Others

NEW MEMBERS

Linda Fox ● Betty Goolsby

Welcome to River Bend!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Ross - December 6 - 8 years

Thank you for your dedication and service to River Bend!



Brittany Nuelle, Children's Director
BNuelle@RiverBendBC.org



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!
W.O.W. will not meet
Nov. 25, Dec. 24 & 31

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!

When: Sunday, November 9
at Noon

Where: W1

Who: Anyone who loves Jesus
and loves kids!

Questions? ask Brittany at bnuelle@riverbendbc.org



Boxes Due:
Sunday,
November 16

RIVER BEND WOMEN - YOU'RE INVITED TO

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT!

NOVEMBER 18 6:00 PM

THE RUSTIC BRUSH

11605 S FRY RD, UNIT 102
FULSHEAR, TX 77441

Join us for a night of fellowship
and fun! Come create something
for your home, or something for a
gift! *Invite a friend!*

\$30-55 (Depending on the size craft
you want to do. This includes all
supplies.) Scan the QR code
to sign up!



MOTHERHOOD IS MINISTRY

River Bend
WOMEN

Join us for our
Mom Coffee Meetup
November 24 at 10:30AM

Revive Cafe
6520 FM 359
Fulshear, TX 77441

Time for a
coffee Break!

All are welcome (including kids!)
for a time of fellowship with
other moms and women.

Check out the RB Kids Facebook
page for updates, or reach out to
Brittany (713-202-3840)



RB KIDS INVITES YOU TO

JESUS' BIRTHDAY
Party!

DECEMBER
FRIDAY | 12 | 5:30PM

Bring can goods for
our food drive and
be entered for a
prize!
Each can = 1 entry!

In W1 by the children's area
JOIN US FOR PIZZA, HOT
CHOCOLATE, GAMES, AND MORE!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Pick up is at 7:30 PM!
Join us after pick up as we walk
through Celebrate Light together!
(kids must be accompanied by an adult)

CALLING ALL RB MOMS

Join us for

A CUP OF CHEER AND A SWEET TREAT
TO HELP KEEP YOU GOING THIS CRAZY
HOLIDAY SEASON!

DECEMBER 16
7:30 PM

TOUS LES JOURS
27117 FULSHEAR BEND DR
STE 100
KATY, TX

Invite a
friend!

WE WILL MEET UP TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP
AND SOME YUMMY DESSERT!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR EARRING
EXCHANGE, THEN BRING A PAIR OF **CHRISTMAS EARRINGS!**

ALL are
welcome!

Join us for

MOM
MEET-UP &
PLAYDATE!

Monday, December 22, at 10:30 AM

Revive Cafe
6520 FM-359
Fulshear, TX



RBSTUDENTS

RIVER BEND BAPTIST CHURCH

Grades 6th - 12th

Sundays: Morning Bible Study 9 AM Mpact 5:30 PM Youth Praise Band Practice 6:30 PM
Worship Wednesdays 6:30 PM



**Mpact leads worship on Sunday,
November 2, at 10:30 am.**

**Sound check begins at 8:00 am in the
Worship Center.**

**Don't forget to turn your clock back on
Saturday night for time change Sunday.**



SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

NOV 9 & DEC 14 - 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!.*

Christmas Party

**Wednesday
December 10
6:30 PM**

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

No Sunday Evening Activities

November 23 - January 4

We resume Mpact & Youth Praise Band
January 11.

No Wednesday Evening Activities

November 26

December 24 & 31

We resume Worship Wednesdays
January 7.



Blessings On Your Birthday!

November

December

1 Roy Wallace	15 Andy Byrd	4 Isabelle Blansit	19 Katie Cooper
2 Gemma Gullaksen	17 Emily Roe	5 Alex Peck	20 Averine Pennington
2 Garrett Hickman	18 Joyce Margarce	5 Jana Silman	20 Rylenn Giffin
2 Wyatt Hickman	18 Cara Roeder	6 Darlene Irvin	21 Charlie Blansit
6 Willie Newsome-King	20 Jackson Miller	8 Peggy Close	23 David Roeder
8 Wendy Mitchell	22 Sue Rowe	11 James Peck	24 Gary Garrett
9 Roscette Houston	22 Linda Zappa	14 Bailey Bronsell	24 Jennifer Richardson
9 Gracie Coleman	23 Toni Pinckard	15 Lyn Sullivan	25 Teresa Belcher
11 Linda Hampton	26 Bob Philo	16 Jackson Blansit	27 Jeremy Cooper
12 Heidi Jewell	27 Thomas Head	16 Marie O'Brien	27 Rhett Blansit
12 Kyleigh Locke	29 Dennis Rochow	17 Joyce Hendley	28 Ray Clark
14 Glen Schmidt		18 Loretta Owens	30 Maria Means

CHURCH CALENDAR

November

December

1 Time Change: Set Clocks back 1 hour tonight!		2 Saints Alive to Houston Zoo Lights	5:30 pm - Offsite
2 Youth Led Worship	10:30 am - WC	5 Celebrate Light: December 5-7	6:30 - 8:30 pm
4 Saints Alive Luncheon	11:30 am - WC	7 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	December 7 - 28
8 Celebrate Light Workday	9:00 am - Barn	Quarterly Business Meeting	11:45 am - WC
Veterans & Wives Luncheon	11:45 am - YB	8 Deacons' Meeting	7:00 pm - E8
9 RBKids Volunteer Lunch	12:00 pm - W1	9 RBWomen: Christmas Party	6:30 pm - WC
RBStudents 2nd Sunday Lunch	12:00 pm - Offsite	12 Jesus' Birthday Party with RBKids	5:30 pm - W1
Truth Rising: Documentary Night	5:30 pm - FH	Celebrate Light: December 12-14	6:30 - 8:30 pm
10 Deacons' Meeting	7:00 pm - E8	13 RBWomen: Secret Sister Reveal	10:00 am - YB
13 RBWomen: Ladies' Luncheon	12:00 pm - Pier 36	14 RBStudents 2nd Sunday Lunch	12:00 pm - Offsite
15 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast	8:30 am - YB	15 2026 Secret Sister Sign-ups Due	
16 Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due!		16 Celebrate Light Take-down Workday	9:00 am - Field
SMBS Adult Teacher Training	4:30 pm - E2	Mom's & Ladies Event	Details to come!
18 Girls Night Out (Moms & Ladies)	6:00 pm - Offsite	20 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast	8:30 am - YB
23 Church Thanksgiving Dinner	5:30 pm - WC	22 Mom's Meet-up	Details to come!
24 Mom's Coffee Meet-up	10:30 am - Offsite	24 Christmas Eve Services	4:00 & 5:30 pm
27 Church Office Closed: Thanksgiving Day		25 Church Office Closed: Christmas Day	
29 Celebrate Light Set-up	8:00 am - Field		

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

Daylight Savings: Saturday, November 1

Clocks turn back one hour Saturday night.

RBWomen: Secret Sister 2026 Sign-up November 2 - December 15

Interested in participating in the 2026 Secret Sister program? Pick-up a form at the RBWomen's table by the ladies' restroom or sign up online by December 15.

Saints Alive Luncheon Tuesday, November 4 - 11:30 am

Join us for a rousing game of Biblical "Who Am I?" and enjoy a delicious potluck lunch on Tuesday, November 4th, at 11:30 am in the Worship Center.

RBWomen: Ladies' Luncheon Thursday, November 13 - 12:00 pm

Ladies' lunch meet-up at Pier 36 at 12:00 pm on Thursday, November 13, for good food and fellowship!

Church Thanksgiving Dinner Celebrating Gratitude Sunday, November 23 - 5:30 pm - WC

We are truly thankful for our church family! Join us for a time of fellowship and thanksgiving as we celebrate with gratitude for our Savior, families, and friends. **RSVP** in the foyer or online to assist us with the headcount. You are also welcome to sign-up to bring a side dish or dessert! River Bend will provide the meat and beverages.

Saints Alive Trip to Houston Zoo Lights Tuesday, December 2 - 5:30 pm

Experience Houston's Christmas lights at the Zoo, a delightful self-pay event starting at 5:30 pm.

RBWomen: Deck the Halls Christmas Party Tuesday, December 9 - 6:30 pm - WC

Come enjoy tasty savory snacks and let the festivities begin! Guests are invited to bring their yummiest Christmas sweet treat to dazzle the group. Get ready for a merry decoration gift swap - gifts around \$15, please. It's going to be an evening packed with fun, faith, food, and fabulous friends...you won't want to miss it! RSVP in the foyer or online by December 6.

RBWomen: Secret Sister Reveal Event Saturday, December 13 - 10:00 am - Youth Building

If you participated in the 2025 Secret Sister Program, bring your final Secret Sister gift and join us for a reveal brunch! Unable to attend? Please drop off your Secret Sister gift at the church office with a card revealing who you are! No early reveals please.

Christmas Schedule:

Celebrate Light: Walk Through Festival of Lights

Friday-Sunday, December 5-7 & 12-14

Anytime between 6:30 & 8:30 pm

RBKids: Jesus' Birthday Party

Friday, December 12 - 5:30 pm - W1

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 & 5:30 pm

Worship Center - *Childcare for 3 years & up*

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. All skill levels welcome! Bring your sewing machine, materials, and a sack lunch. Contact Mona Follis at 281-533-0147 for information.

River Bend Men's Monthly Breakfast Saturdays, November 15 & December 20 8:30 am - YB

Join us for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer on Saturdays, November 15 & December 20, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Youth Building. Invite your friends, neighbors, sons, and fathers!

Adult Bible Study The Grace Awakening by Chuck Swindoll Wednesdays, Nov. 12-Dec. 17 - 6:30 pm - E8

God's grace is an amazing reality of our Christian life but are you living in grace? It's one thing to know about grace, it is another to live it. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm as we study about God's grace and perhaps you will experience your own grace awakening.

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

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

Our study on Galatians concludes on November 20th. Our next study, Colossians and Philemon, begins January 8. Precept meets on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Youth Building. Workbooks are available at Precept.org; Precept Upon Precept & NASB book. 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

CELEBRATE LIGHT

Preparations are underway for Celebrate Light, River Bend's walk-through festival of lights. We are in need of volunteers for the following crews:

- **Painting:** Contact Todd Melton at tmelton@riverbendbc.org
- **Workday Crew:** Saturday, November 8, 9 am - Noon
- **Advance Set-up Crew:** Saturday, November 29 (Set-up): 8:00 am - noon
- **Event Set-up and/or Teardown Crew:** Friday-Sunday, December 5-7 and/or December 12-14
- **Host/Hostess Crews:** Friday-Sunday, December 5-7 and/or December 12-14

[Click Here
to Volunteer](#)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Be a part of the mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ while providing essential items in gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world! Pick up a box and instructions in the RBKids hallway today. **Boxes Due: November 16**

BUCKNER SHOES FOR ORPHANS SOULS

Collection Dates: Sunday, November 23 - Sunday, December 21

Providing safety, education and God's love through a pair of new shoes. New shoes put children on the path to hope and a future. For children, shoes mean:

HEALTH	EDUCATION	HOPE	OPPORTUNITY
			
Protecting against disease and infection	Lowering barriers to school attendance	Demonstrating worth and God's love	Connecting families to holistic ministry

[CLICK HERE
TO DONATE](#)

You aren't just giving a pair of **new** shoes. You're giving *opportunity*. You're giving *hope*.

Children from 0-18 years old receive shoes. Greatest need is Boys 14-18 as many need adult sizes.

Drop off **new** shoes at the bins located in the foyer starting November 23 at our Church Dinner or click the box above to donate.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

December 7-28 Church Goal: \$23,000

Each December our church partners with Baptist churches across America to collect funds to support over 3,500 international missionaries and their families, enabling them to share the message of Jesus Christ globally. Pray as to how God would have you support our missionaries.



CELEBRATING GRATITUDE WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sunday, November 23 - 5:30 pm - WC

We are truly thankful for our church family! Join us for a time of fellowship and thanksgiving as we celebrate with gratitude for our Savior, families, and friends.

RSVP: Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP or sign up in the foyer to assist us with the headcount.

Contributions: You are also welcome to sign-up to bring a side dish or dessert! River Bend will provide the meat and beverages.

CELEBRATE LIGHT A WALK-THROUGH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**Friday-Sunday,
December 5-7 & 12-14**



**Anytime between
6:30 & 8:30 pm**

Support Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls



We are a collection site for Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls.

- Donate a pair of new sneakers for children aged 0-18 years.
- There is a significant need for boys ages 14-18, as adult sizes are particularly required.

****Collection barrels are available on-site at Celebrate Light for your donations.****

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Celebrate the blessings of Christmas with us at River Bend!

Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 & 5:30 pm

Childcare available for birth - 3 years old

*The Christmas season is all about hope, joy, peace, and love.
Join our family for a time of worship with uplifting music, a message of hope,
and a chance to connect with your church family and community as we
celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



RIVER BEND
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fulshear, TX 77441
281-346-2279

RiverBendBC.org Office@RiverBendBC.org
Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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	
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	
9:30 am Ladies' Precept Bible Study	YB

A look back at September/October

September

Worship Attendance Averages	
On Campus Avg	195
Livestream Avg	26
Sunday Morning Bible Study	
Onsite Average	110
Weekly Budget	\$22,115
Average Weekly Contributions	\$25,656

October

Worship Attendance Averages	
On Campus Avg	177
Livestream Avg	20
Sunday Morning Bible Study	
Onsite Average	100
Weekly Budget	\$22,115
Average Weekly Contributions	\$20,489

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