



LOVE GOD-LOVE OTHERS

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

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A Note from Pastor John:

Family Focused!

From Adam to Jesus, the Bible shows us how important family is. In fact, family is one of God's greatest gifts to us. It is in the family where we learn lessons about life, love, faith, and how important other people are to us.

As parents we are instructed to teach our children about God.

Psalm 78:5-7 ...He commanded our fathers to teach to their children so that a future generation—children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget God's works but keep His commands.

Leading your family to know, love, serve, and worship God is a big task, and we are putting together a new resource to help you.

In August, our web-based resource called **River Bend Families** will be available on our website. At River Bend Families you will find articles, testimonies, guides, and many other resources to help your family.

There will be: articles about **family and marriage, testimonies** from people in our church which will encourage you, **family devotions** helping your family grow spiritually, **family worship guides** helping your family worship together, and resources to help your family **pray**. You will find practical information helping you find **ways to serve** in our community and some ideas to **just have fun**.

River Bend Families is here to help your family grow stronger in the Lord and help you teach the next generation to love and follow Jesus.

Pastor John
Love God – Love Others



NEW MEMBERS	STAFF ANNIVERSARIES
<p>Donald Allen</p> <p><i>Welcome to River Bend!</i></p>	<p>Gail Blair - August 2 - 21 years</p> <p><i>Thank you for your dedication and service to River Bend!</i></p>



Upcoming Events

Brittany Nuelle, Children's Director
bnuelle@riverbendbc.org

JULY

17

Movie Night at River Bend!

6:30 pm – Bring your pillows and blankets as we gather in the worship center for a movie! Popcorn Provided!

JULY

21&28

Playdate at Blockhouse Coffee

9:30 AM – Come for coffee and let the kids play!
611 Jackson St, Richmond

AUGUST

9

Skate Night! at Mason Rd Skate

5:30 pm – Let's end the summer right! Bring your skates and invite your friends for this fun night of pizza and skating!! *Admission is on us, but not Skate rentals.
535 Apple White Dr, Houston, TX

**EVERY
WED
THIS
FALL!**

Wednesday nights are back! Starting August 20th

Join us Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in W1 for Bible study, fun, and fellowship! *Adult classes available too!

→ FOLLOW US!



@RIVERBENDKIDS

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT:
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RBSTUDENTS

RIVER BEND BAPTIST CHURCH

Grades 6th - 12th



TYPHOON TEXAS TUESDAY, JULY 1

DROP-OFF 11 AM PICK-UP 4:30 PM

Typhoon Texas Waterpark Day has been rescheduled! Looking forward to an awesome day Tuesday, July 1st! Scan the QR Code for details & to register!



PINEYWOODS YOUTH CAMP JULY 7-11

We're looking forward to this life-changing opportunity for students to grow in faith, build deep friendships, and encounter Christ.

RBSTUDENTS LOCK-IN

Sunday, July 20 Drop-off 8 PM

Monday, July 21 Pick-up 8 AM

Get ready for an unforgettable night! The RBStudents Lock-In is July 20th from 8PM to 8AM—12 hours packed with awesome games, late-night snacks, fun activities, and non-stop energy! Bring your friends and prepare to stay up and have a blast!

END OF SUMMER PARTY

Sunday, August 10

3:30 - 7:00 pm

Details coming soon!

WELCOME BACK!

RBStudents Worship Wednesdays

Beginning August 20, 6:30 PM

Worship, Bible Study & More!

RBStudents Sundays

Beginning August 24

5:30 PM Mpack (Choir, Puppets, Signing)

6:30 PM Youth Praise Band Practice

Blessings On Your Birthday!

July

1 Elizabeth Roeder
5 Brittany Nuelle
7 Carolyn Head
7 KayLee Belle Sullivan
9 Susan Moody
9 Genie Oldenburg
12 Erin Coleman
12 Jayden Nkwelle
12 Inez Wallace
13 James Brokmeyer
15 Donald Irvin
16 Dava Roe

17 Irma Turner
20 Vickie Conner
20 Megan Cooper
22 Sara Flowers
23 DeeDee Chavers
23 Byron King
24 Troy Kelley
25 Samuel Blansit
25 Emmitt Dickerson
26 Quinten Pearson
29 Everett Hobdy
29 Maria Sanchez

2 Chris Dibler
2 Kay Dietz
2 Thomas Lorenz
2 Allison Luedecke
2 Lee Phillips
6 Judy Schmid
7 Kristen Lea
8 Michelle Broughton
8 Todd Melton
12 Brenda Martin
13 Brett Rowley
14 Mildred Borden

August

15 Luke Coleman
15 Lisa Cooper
15 Mike Silman
16 James Clair
16 Luke Kirschbaum
16 Larry Pennington
21 Tom Nuelle
21 Sherry Rowley
22 Rudy Blanco
22 Lysle Whiteman
23 Terri Witt
24 Gail Blair

24 Jerry Hunter
25 Gail Dry
26 Caitlin Coleman
26 Curtis McCurry
26 Tammy Moore
26 Darrell Offutt
29 Steve Belcher
29 Albino Castro
29 Ron Rhemann
30 Miles Hobdy
30 Raylan Luedecke

CHURCH CALENDAR

July

1 RBStudents Waterpark Trip 11:00 am - offsite
4 July 4th Celebration 7:00 pm
6 New Members Class: Part 2 12:00 pm - FH
7 RBStudents Youth Camp July 7-11
8 Saints Alive Trip to NASA 8:30 am
14 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm - E8
17 RBKids Movie Night 6:30 pm - WC
18 Changed by the Cup: Prayer Event 6:30 pm - WC
19 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am - YB
RBWomen's Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm - YB
20 RBStudents Lock-In Drop-Off 8:00 pm - YB
21 RBStudents Lock-In Pick-up 8:00 am - YB
Mom's Meet-up & Kids Playdate 9:30 am - Offsite
27 Singin' and Sweets: Hymn Sing 6:00 pm - WC
28 Mom's Meet-up & Kids Playdate 9:30 am - Offsite
Meets Weekly on Wednesdays:
Adult Summer Supper & Bible Study 6:00 pm - E8
RBStudents Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm - YB
**Students will not meet July 9th.*

August

5 Saints Alive Luncheon 11:30 am - WC
6 Adult Summer Supper & Bible Study 6:00 pm - E8
**Last Meeting for Adults*
RBStudents Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm - YB
**Students continue to meet on Wednesdays.*
9 RBKids End of Summer Skate Party 5:30 pm - Offsite
10 Promotion Sunday 9:00 am
RBStudents End of Summer Party 3:30 pm - YB
11 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm - E8
16 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am - YB
17 Observance of the Lord's Supper 10:30 am - WC
River Bend Families Kick-off 5:30 pm - WC
20 Wednesday Night Schedule Begins
River Bend Choir Kick-off 6:30 pm - WC
21 Ladies' Precept Bible Study Begins 9:30 am - YB
24 RBStudents Sunday Evenings Begin:
Mpact 5:30 pm - YB
Youth Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - YB
31 No Sunday Evening Activities - Labor Day Weekend

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

July 4th Celebration Friday, July 4 - 7:00 pm

Be part of the festivities on Friday night, July 4, at 7:00 pm at River Bend. Bring your favorite dessert, folding chairs, and fireworks as we celebrate America.

New Members Class - Part II Sunday, July 6 - 12:00 pm - FH

We look forward to seeing you for Part II of our New Members Class on Sunday, July 6! 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.

Saints Alive Trip to NASA Tuesday, July 8 - 8:30 am

Blast off with Saints Alive on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, for an unforgettable trip to Space Center Houston! From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., we'll explore the wonders of space travel, discover interactive exhibits, and get a closer look at NASA's remarkable history and innovations. This exciting day will include plenty of time to enjoy fellowship and a shared lunch. Don't miss this out-of-this-world adventure! Tickets are \$28 per person + lunch.

Prayer Event: Changed by the Cup Friday, July 18 - 6:30 pm - WC

Join us Friday, July 18, at 6:30 pm as we take an intensive look at the challenge the Lord's Supper placed upon the disciples. Luke tells us an argument broke out among the disciples at the Lord's Supper and that it became so intense Jesus had to address it right then. What He told the disciples shapes their future ministry and our lives.

RBWomen's Ice Cream Social Saturday, July 19 - 2:00 pm - YB

Here's the scoop! Come enjoy a cool ice cream treat on Saturday, July 19, at 2:00 pm. Pick up a flyer and RSVP in the foyer.

Singin' & Sweets Sunday, July 27 - 6:00 pm - WC

Join us for a hymn singing followed by desserts and fellowship on Sunday, July 27, at 6 pm. Please contact Todd Melton by July 13 if you would like to sing a solo or part of an ensemble. There are limited slots available.

Saints Alive Luncheon August 5 - 11:30 am - WC

Join us for our *Saints Alive* gathering on Tuesday, August 5th at 11:30 am in the Worship Center! We'll enjoy a fun potluck lunch (bring a dish to share or grab

your favorite takeout) and unveil our exciting new calendar of events for 2025-2026. It's a perfect opportunity to connect, share a meal, and get a sneak peek at all the great things coming 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. Contact Mona Follis at 281-533-0147.

River Bend Men's Monthly Breakfast Saturdays, July 19 & August 16 8:30 am - YB

Join us for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer on Saturdays, July 19 & August 16, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Youth Building.

Adult Summer Supper & Bible Study Wednesdays (Ends August 6) 6 pm Potluck & 6:30 pm Bible Study - E8

Bring a favorite dish to share at the potluck dinner at 6 pm, stay for Bible study, Fruit of the Spirit, at 6:30 pm.

Adult Bible Study Jesus the "I Am" Wednesdays - 6:30 pm - E8 (Begins August 20)

Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus makes seven "I Am" statements that give us great insight into who He is and what His purpose was. Each statement challenges those who hear them as Jesus clarifies His origin and mission. Through the seven "I Am" statements Jesus challenges us to believe in who He really is.

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

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

Precept Bible Study kicks off this fall on Thursday, August 21st with a new study on Galatians! Precept meets on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Youth Building. We will study 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

VBS MISSIONS OFFERING

School of Hope - Honduras: \$2,213

For VBS 2025 we had a friendly "penny war" to raise Money for the LIT School of Hope, located in Honduras. At VBS kids were encouraged to bring in their offering to win the penny war, and the kids came through! At VBS we were able to raise \$1,383.04! On Sunday our church generously gave more, and we ended with an offering of \$2,213! For \$600, you can sponsor one child for an entire school year. This means that River Bend is able to support four children in attending a safe, faith-based school next year!

PERU MISSION TRIP

In May, our Peru Water Catchment Team traveled to the Amazon River region of Peru to install 12 Water Catchment systems in 3 villages over 13 days. On Sunday, July 27, the Water Catchment Team looks forward to telling you all the amazing things the Lord accomplished on this trip.

On July 27, Marlene Wilson, a missionary to Tanzania will also share an update on her recent trip!

RIVER BEND BEAN TEAM

On June 18th, the River Bend Bean Team got the bean-tastic chance to pack bags of beans for Family Hope Fulshear to support local families through the Family Hope Food Fairs!



DALLAS YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We appreciate all of the financial and prayer support for the Dallas youth mission trip team. During our June mission trip, we were given the opportunity to work with several ministries in the Dallas community, and God did some incredible things in the lives of our students. Thank you!

PRAISE BAND PLAYERS NEEDED

Every Sunday the worship team leads in worship by using a variety of instruments and with various styles of music. We are looking for players to add to the group. Whether you play piano, guitar, trumpet, saxophone, or another instrument, call Todd Melton at 281-797-0185 or TMelton@RiverBendBC.org and see how you can contribute.

MEDIA TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have a team that is hard at work behind-the-scenes, and we have a place for you. Contact us if you are interested in running sound, lights, or cameras for the livestream. We will teach you what you need to know. Contact Todd Melton at 281-797-0185 or TMelton@RiverBendBC.org.

RIVER BEND FAMILIES



Join the party as we launch River Bend Families!
Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 17, 5:30 PM in the Worship Center.

Expect a night filled with fajitas; Guest Speaker, Stephanie Chase; an intro to River Bend Families resource; and a heap of family fun!

Meet Guest Speaker, Stephanie Chase: Stephanie has worked in Education and Kids Ministry as a teacher, director, writer and trainer for over 25 years. She currently serves as the Global Kids Minister at Champion Forest Baptist Church and is a national speaker for Family Conferences, Women's Events, and Leadership Training. Her enthusiasm and joy in living is contagious and will inspire you to live the life God has planned for you.

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!



MELTON FAMILY MILESTONE

River Bend has been our church family for 22 years, and all of you have been an enormous part of the lives of my daughters. This fall, our eldest daughter, Katy, will get married in Belton, TX. We invite you to attend the celebration on Saturday afternoon, October 4. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by August 31 by emailing your name and guest count to JonAveryandKaty@gmail.com. Thank you for your investment in her, and we ask that you pray for Katy and Jon-Avery as they begin their new life together.

Sincerely,





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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**
Mpact & Youth Praise Band begin August 24

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**
5:45 pm Praise Band Practice **WC**
Family Dinner **FH**
6:30 pm River Bend Choir **WC**
Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30 pm) **E8**
RBStudents Wednesday Worship **YB**
RBKids M5:16 **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**

Sunday Evening & Wednesday REGULAR Schedules Begin on August 20 & 24

A look back at May/June

May

Worship Attendance Averages

On Campus Avg **168**
Livestream Avg **25**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Onsite Average **96**

Weekly Budget

Average Weekly Contributions **\$22,115**
\$29,607

June thru 22nd

Worship Attendance Averages

On Campus Avg **176**
Livestream Avg **20**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Onsite Average **97**

Weekly Budget

Average Weekly Contributions **\$22,115**
\$23,900

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