



LOVE GOD-LOVE OTHERS

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

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A Note from Pastor John:

NEW YEAR'S HOPE

A little boy asked his father what his new year's resolution was. He said, "I'm going to do everything possible in this new year to make your mother very happy." The little boy then asked his mother the same question. She said, "To do everything possible to make sure your father keeps his resolution." I'm not a big resolution maker, but that one is a good resolution for all husbands.

The reason I do not make too many new year's resolutions is like most people, I tend to fail at them. If I try really hard, I might make it to March. So, instead of putting my hope in a new year's resolution, I put my hope in the Lord. Just consider this verse from Proverbs.

There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off. - Proverbs 23:18

God knows my future and I am happy to discover all He has in store for me. I know God's plans are for my good and His glory, and that is an amazing way to live.

If you do make new year's resolutions, why not make this yours: "Knowing God's plans are for my good and His glory, I resolve to trust Him with all my tomorrows."

Proverbs 23:18 also promises that my hope will not be cut off. Here is one thing I have learned about the future; only God is powerful enough to bring my future about, and that gives me great peace.

As long as I rely on myself, my hope is in limbo, and it will always be fleeting. No matter how hard I try I cannot bring about my own future. When my hope is firmly rooted in our Heavenly Father, my hope will never fade away. My hope is in Him and He is the only one who can bring about the plans He has for me.

So, if you make resolutions, here's another one for you to consider: "I will have peace knowing my future will not be fleeting, because God is the only one who can bring about His plans for my future"

Have hope, God oversees your tomorrows, and He will bring them about according to His plans. Go ahead and trust Him and gain some peace.

Pastor John, Love God - Love Others

NEW MEMBERS

Kasie Bernal Rudy Bernal
Mark and Linda Robicheaux
Welcome to River Bend!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor John Crowe - 26 years
Brittany Nuelle - 4 years
Thank you for your dedication and service to River Bend!



Brittany Nuelle, Children's Director
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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!
W.O.W. resumes January 7th!

MOTHERHOOD IS MINISTRY

River Bend
WOMEN

Join us for our
Mom's Coffee Meetup
Monday, January 19 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)

CALLING ALL RBKID GIRLS!
JOIN US FOR OUR

Galentines
party!

FRIDAY FEB 13
6:00PM - 8:00PM
in W1

Get ready to
celebrate God's
love and have some
girl-time! Games,
crafts, pizza, and a
movie! Grab all your
girlfriends and
bring them along
too!

Make sure you
bring your Bible!



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



SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH
JAN 11 & FEB 8 - 12:00 PM

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

RBSTUDENTS

MPACT

Party

Mpact (youth choir, puppets, & signing) will have a mission trip kick-off party on

Sunday, January 25, at 5:30-6:30 pm.

Snacks, games and information about this summer's mission trip will be part of the festivities.



JOURNEY 2026 - LET'S GO!
JULY 6-10 \$360/CAMPER

This summer, we're heading to Journey at Highland Lakes Summer Camp, and it's shaping up to be an unforgettable week!

July 6-10 will be packed with high-energy fun, meaningful moments, and memories your student will be talking about long after camp ends.

👉 Want to learn more? Express interest for your student here:

Sign up here: [2026 Summer Camp | Student Interest](#)

🙌 Want to serve and invest in our students as a volunteer? Let us know here:

[2026 Summer Camp | Volunteer Interest](#)

Don't miss it—Journey is going to be one of the highlights of our year!

WHO CAN ATTEND: Students who have completed 7th-12th grade (6th grade may be eligible)

FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Hexapod Challenge Course, Archer's Quest, GellyBall, Archery, & BB Guns
Swimming Pool & Swim Pond, Banana Boat Rides

Share and invite friends! Open to River Bend students and beyond.

Early Registration: Opens as soon as 1/6. If you know you're going, why delay?

Registration and Deposit Deadline: April 26 (\$50 due)

Blessings On Your Birthday!

January

February

5 Jasmine Clair
6 John Barnhart
6 Jutta Blansit
6 Mike Helm
6 Carolyn Speas
7 Leah Whiteman
9 Nina McCart
10 Matthew Nattier
12 Karen Cox
12 Dennis Holcomb
12 Kaden Kirkpatrick
13 Owen Dry
13 Kelsey McMahan
14 Sarah Bell

14 Joel Broughton
14 Claude Holley
14 Colette Nkwelle
14 Janis Rochow
16 Kerstin Blansit
19 Veronica Sote
20 Ranny Phillips
21 Ann Roe Hamlett
21 Micah Tierce
22 Evelyn Ward
25 Lexi Lewis
28 Tom Irwin
30 Diane Crowe

1 Madeline Richardson
1 Samantha Richardson
3 Karen Giffin
5 Rebecca Castro
6 Catherine Powell
6 Delia Villarreal
8 Linda Dilley
9 Brianne Blansit
10 John Crumbley
10 Chloe Ward
11 Bruce Miller
11 Bonnie Phillips
12 Shelley Conner
12 Kayla Melton
16 Debbie McCaghren

17 Gregory Glauser
18 Allayna Erickson
20 Tracy Hobdy
20 Kourtney Melton
20 Abigail Rowley
21 Peggy Schmidt
22 Matthew Townley
23 Dayl Cooksey
24 Patricia McAlister
25 Cheryl Harper
25 Amber McCutchan
25 Liam Siegmund
26 Rick Gobert
28 Jennifer Jones

CHURCH CALENDAR

January

February

1 New Year's Prayer Brunch 10:00 am - WC
4 Deacon Ordination 5:30 pm - WC
6 Saints Alive at Cleburne Cafeteria 11:30 am - Offsite
7 Wednesday Evenings Begin
8 First Steps Preschool Begins 9:00 am
Ladies' Precept Bible Study Begins 9:30 am - YB
11 RBStudents 2nd Sunday Lunch 12:00 pm - Offsite
RBStudent Sunday Evenings Begin
12 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm - E8
17 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am - YB
18 Summer Camp & Mission Trip Mtg. TBD
SMBS Adult Teacher Training 4:30 pm - E2
19 Mom's Meet-up & RBKids Playdate 10:30 am - Offsite
26 RBWomen: Coffee Time 10:00 am - Offsite

1 Lord's Supper during Worship 10:30 am - WC
New Member's Class: Part I 12:00 pm - FH
3 Saints Alive Luncheon 11:30 am - WC
8 RBStudents 2nd Sunday Lunch 12:00 pm - Offsite
New Member's Class: Part II 12:00 pm - FH
Super Bowl Sunday - No Evening RBStudent Classes
9 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm - E8
13 RBKids: Girls Galentine's Party 5:30 pm - W1
14 Church Workday 9:00 am - RBBC
RBWomen: Sweats & Sweets 10:00 am - Offsite
15 SMBS Adult Teacher Training 4:30 pm - E2
21 RBMen's Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am - YB
22 Quarterly Business Meeting 11:45 am - WC
Family Day: Prayer at the Park 5:30 pm - Offsite
23 RBWomen: Coffee Time 10:00 am - Offsite

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

New Year's Day Family Prayer Brunch January 1 - 10:00 am - WC

Join us at this family prayer brunch to look at what God says about answering our prayers and then spend time praying together. This is a family prayer event full of prayer prompts and prayer activities, so bring everyone and join us as we start the New Year in prayer. Bring a brunch item to share!

Saints Alive at Cleburne Cafeteria Tuesday, January 6 - 11:30 am

Meet at Cleburne Cafeteria at 11:30 am and celebrate the New Year with friends!

Wednesday Evening Schedule Resumes January 7th

RBWomen: Coffee Time Monday, January 26 - 10:00 am - Offsite

Ladies - Join us for a time of connection and coffee at 10 am at Humble Grounds Coffeehouse, 11525 S Fry Rd, Fulshear. All are welcome!

New Member's Class Sundays, February 1 & 8 - 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.

Saints Alive Trip Luncheon Tuesday, February 3 - 11:30 am - WC

Join us for a delightful potluck luncheon in the Worship Center on Tuesday, February 3, at 11:30 am. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Church Work Day (CWD) Saturday, February 14 - 9:00 am - RBBC

We're excited to launch monthly Church Work Days (CWD) happening every second Sunday 9 am-12 pm beginning February 14! We'll have projects for every skill level and every age with tasks designed so everyone can participate.

RBWomen: Sweats and Sweets Brunch Saturday, February 14 - 10:00 am - Offsite

Ladies - Throw on those comfy sweat pants and bring a brunch item to share on Saturday, February 14, at 10 am at Peggy Robinson's home.

Family Prayer at the Park Sunday, February 22 - 5:30 pm - Offsite

Enjoy a day at the park and join us at Jones Creek Ranch Park on Sunday, February 22 for dinner and prayer at the pavilion at 5:30 pm. Watch for details to come!

RBWomen: Coffee Time Monday, February 23 - 10:00 am - Offsite

Ladies - Join us for a time of connection and coffee at 10 am on February 23. Location TBD. All are welcome!

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, January 17 & February 21 8:30 am - YB

Join us for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer on Saturdays, January 17 & February 21, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Youth Building. Invite your friends, neighbors, sons, and fathers!

Adult Bible Study "Answers in Genesis" Wednesdays Beginning Jan. 7 - 6:30 pm - E8

Join us as we dive deep into Genesis to discover what the Bible says about:

- the day's creation
- types of animals created
- the Tower of Babel
- Noah's Ark
- the family of Seth

Along the way we will explore the relevance of Genesis and the God who creates. We will also look at the Biblical teaching of common ancestry and discover why Genesis is so important to our faith.

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

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

Our new study on 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 rguelle@gmail.com.

MISSIONS

NEW YEAR - HOW WILL YOU SERVE?

River Bend is able to effectively minister because of its volunteers. Where are you serving? Follow the link to let us know areas you are interested in serving or areas you are interested in learning more about.

[**Click here for Volunteer Survey**](#)

CELEBRATE LIGHT

Over 700 people were in attendance for our two weekends of Celebrate Light!! Huge "thank you" to the volunteers and musicians to not only provide a wonderful event for families, but also remind our community of the reason for Christmas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you are part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way. Each box becomes a tangible expression of God's love to the child, their family, and their community. Thank you for your outpouring of love this year, filling 175 boxes for children around the world!

BUCKNER SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS

River Bend's shoe drive was a huge success! Watch for the reveal in worship to discover how many pairs of shoes were donated to benefit children locally and internationally. By supporting Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls through your donations, you have made a significant difference in the lives of vulnerable children. New shoes help protect children from diseases, improve their ability to attend school (as many schools require shoes), and instill a sense of worth and hope in their lives. Thank you for making our shoe drive a great success!



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Hope shines here.®



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Church Goal: \$23,000 Gifts Given as of 12/21: \$15,440

Thank you for blessing and supporting international missionaries and their families through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enabling them to share the message of Jesus Christ globally! Please continue to pray for the missions work at home and abroad.

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

Sunday, January 4 - 5:30 pm - WC

Ordination services are one of the most impactful worship services in any church. In an ordination service the church recognizes a special calling or assignment in a person's life and through ordination set them aside to complete the service they are being called to.

This year we have five men to ordain as new deacons; Joel Broughton, Dan Flagg, Miles Hobdy, Wade Kirkpatrick, and Will Nuelle.

Join us on Sunday, January 4th, for a time of worship, challenge, charge and prayer. A reception will follow this special service.

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NEW YEAR'S FAMILY PRAYER BRUNCH

Prayerful Expectations: Thursday, January 1 - 10:00 am - WC

Join us as we start the New Year in prayer. Psalm 5:3; "At daybreak, Lord, You hear my voice; at daybreak I plead my case to You and watch expectantly."

Do you pray with an expectation that God is going to answer your prayers? Or do you lift-up words toward heaven hoping to catch God attention?

At this prayer brunch we will look at what God says about answering our prayers and then we will spend time praying. This is a family prayer event full of prayer prompts and prayer activities, so bring everyone and join us as we start the New Year in prayer.

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And pray for them too!

CHURCH WORK DAYS (CWD)

**2nd Saturday of Each Month Beginning February 14
9:00 am - Noon**

Whether you're handy with tools or just willing to help, there's a place for you. We'll have projects for every skill level and every age with tasks designed so everyone can participate. CWD runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, is come-and-go, and, despite the name, promises to be more fun than it sounds. So grab some old clothes, bring a willing heart, and join us as we work side by side in fellowship and service.

FAMILY PRAYER AT THE PARK

Sunday, February 22 - 5:30 pm - Jones Creek Ranch Park

Make it a day at the park and then join us for dinner at 5:30 pm in the pavilion. After dinner we'll have a time of prayer and family activities. Watch for more details to come!



RIVER BEND
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 November/December

November

Worship Attendance Averages

On Campus Avg **182**
Livestream Avg **22**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Onsite Average **108**

Weekly Budget

\$22,115
Average Weekly Contributions **\$22,002**

December (thru Dec. 14)

Worship Attendance Averages

On Campus Avg **187**
Livestream Avg **26**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Onsite Average **109**

Weekly Budget

\$22,115
Average Weekly Contributions **\$32,269**

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