

“Becoming... Like Jesus”

RICHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Thank you so much for supporting JLM
Preschool and the little ones!**

**Please remember to bring your book to
the church office or welcome desk by
this Sunday!**

Dear RBC Family,

We have an important opportunity to serve one of our precious families over the next few weeks and months. As you know, Karen Samuelson, our church Office Manager, has been working primarily from home as she cares for her husband, Scott. She has come to the point where she needs to focus more of her time and energy caring for him in these difficult days.



To help her with this, Karen will be going on family medical leave for the next few months. She will continue to work part-time, focused primarily on producing the weekly newsletter and some reporting we do for the Northwest Baptist Convention. This is work she can do primarily from home as time allows. Our Personnel Team has also worked with the state of Washington to successfully apply for family leave so that taking time off will not create an undue financial hardship for her and Scott.

So how can we serve Scott and Karen well in these days? First, continue to lift this family up to the Lord in prayer. Second, please direct all your questions that you would normally ask of Karen to Dina Gebretatios in the church office. Her phone number is (509) 943-9177, Option 6. Her email address is assistant@richlandbaptistchurch.org. Of course, you can always call any of our pastors as well. Third, several families helping with meals for the Samuelson's. The best way to do this is to send them a Door Dash gift card along with a note of encouragement. That way, they can have meals delivered when it is most needed and convenient for them.

Thank you for your prayers and service to our staff in these trying times.

With love as your Pastor,

Travis

You're Invited!



Baby Shower for Justine,
Jacob and Baby Boy Olson!

When: Saturday, September 4th
at 11:00 am

Where: RBC Fellowship Hall

There will be a fun diaper raffle!
Please bring a package of diapers.

Justine and Jacob are registered at
Target and Amazon.

This Sunday's Sermon
by Dr. Travis Southern
"The Anxiety of Comparison"
Psalm 73



FOR MEN

Men, mark your calendars for a great
night of fun and fellowship!

Men's Cornhole Night

Thursday, September 16, 2021,
at 6:30 pm in the RBC North Parking Lot



The water line break has been successfully
repaired! We are so thankful to the men who so
tirelessly continued to work through every
obstacle to restore the water function! Thank you,
dear men, for serving the Lord and our church in
such a major way!
Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of water!

From Our Pastoral Care Counselor....

The church is not perfect, but woe to the man who finds pleasure in pointing out her imperfections! Christ loved his church, and let us do the same.

~Charles Spurgeon



I have been grieving more and more about the state of division in our culture. However, even more than culture I am deeply saddened by how this spirit of division is permeating our churches.

We have lost the civic virtue of civility. It used to be that healthy debate was accompanied by a healthy dose of civility. I know that it would be easy to blame those others for the state of things, but the reality is each of us bears responsibility for our speech. Civility is a virtue of the tongue. As such, it is up to everyone to demonstrate this virtue. When it does not happen, we who take such matters seriously, must not get into the gutter and fight evil with evil. This civic virtue by itself is not the solution for the church, though it may turn the heat down a bit (which would be nice).

There are two primary virtues that are missing in our dialog with brothers and sisters in Christ. The first is unity. So much of the divisive spirit that exists today could be stood against if the Bride of Christ would learn what it means to be unified.

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope, at your calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Eph 4:1–6

Notice the traits of unity: walking worthy with humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit, through the bond of peace. So much of the time over the last many months, the enemy of the church has caused us to question and even deny unity.

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We ought not divide on many of the issues that have come up during the last couple of years. If Christ is our head, then we are of the same body. That is the clear teaching of scripture. That is a virtue that needs to be revived.

The second related virtue that is missing often as we combat the spirit of division is charity. Charity is also referred to as agape love. The bent in divisiveness is to paint those that you disagree with in the most awful and uncharitable light. I have seen it time and again from all manner of people, all walks of life, and from all various perspectives. We are all striving to be heroes of who can be the best at insulting or demeaning others. I fear that at times I have slipped into divisiveness as well. Correction without charity is ugly and abusive. We must stop. This has become obscene and destructive. Charity reflects genuine care for the souls of others. Uncharity reflects a genuine care for our own opinions. Choose charity.

I fear that many have fallen into taking great pleasure in this uncivil, divisive, and uncharitable approach. We cheer on those with whom we agree and tear down those with whom we have disagreement. My issue is not with the disagreement per se. We need to offer perspective and at times correction. I take exception with the pleasure of and the addictive nature of outrage toward those with whom we disagree. Further, it is doubly grievous when we do this to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I am disgusted with the offensiveness that passes as effective defense of each person's perspective. Listen, if your best defense is insults and hyperbole, you need to learn more before you speak. I am downcast over the recognition that I also can become sin sickly drawn into these completely unfruitful and destructive dialogs. We can and must do better, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

In summary then, in this difficult time in which the world speeds to greater division and irreconcilable differences, we as the body of Christ, cannot join our culture in its natural bent toward destruction. Ours is a higher calling. We must rekindle virtues of civility, unity, and charity. When we do, there will be a light bright and clear to a world of darkness. I have not attained this ideal, but I challenge each and every one of us to press on to this higher calling.

God Bless You,

~BJ Olson



**Wednesday Night Dinners
Coming September 15th at 5:30 pm!**

We need **YOU!** There are several different tasks from which to choose! Help is needed with *prep, welcoming, purchasing and especially with clean up.* For some of the responsibilities a food handlers permit card is required. This can be easily obtained online. Financial assistance is available if needed.

If you would like to be a part of the Wednesday Night Meal Team, please contact BJ Olson at 509-521-9374.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Schedule**

Beginning September 15th

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal (by donation)

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting in the Choir Room *

6:30 PM Student Ministry in The Gathering Place*

**7:15 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal in the
Choir Room ***

*** Already meeting at these times**



Preschool and Children's Life Groups Need Subs!

This is a great opportunity to work with kiddos occasionally but not have the weekly responsibility. When the need arises, subs make all the difference!

If you would be willing to service in this important role, please contact Mandy Southern at 405-795-8440.

Chief Jo Ministry

We will begin distributing sacks of food for our Chief Jo students this Friday, Sept 3rd! We can use your help in two ways.

- 1) We will need a group of volunteers to help pass out the sacks from 1-2 pm on Fridays. Volunteers will not be allowed in the building, so we will be outside as we were last spring.
- 2) We need to stock the Manna Market again.

Needed items:

Canned Meats (chicken or tuna), Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal (regular or instant), Hearty Soups, Cake Mixes, Canned Icing, Granola Bars

For more information on volunteering, please contact kanotex94@gmail.com or 509-539-1546.

Thank you RBC family for all you do!



WITH US In the WILDERNESS



LAUREN
CHANDLER

New Bible Study for Ladies Coming September 23rd at 9:30 am!

The Book of Numbers is a story of wilderness wandering, but it's also a story of God's desire to be among His dearly loved children. Continuing the historical narrative begun in Exodus, we'll join the people of God, newly from Egypt's shackles, as they journey toward the promised land. We'll witness their triumphs in the wilderness and their struggles to live in obedience to God. More than that, we'll come to understand that Yahweh, the God of Israel, has been the main character of the story all along.

In spite of their many missteps and rebellions, God's presence and provision carried His children through the wilderness waiting. He remained faithful in it all. And He promises to do the same for us today, through His steadfast love and character.

Ladies, you won't want to miss this opportunity to study the **Book of Numbers** with other ladies on **Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the choir room!** This will be a 7-session video driven study, **beginning September 23. The cost of the book will be \$13.00.** Please indicate you are joining us on the sign up sheet in the church foyer on the "welcome desk." **Deadline for signing up is September 6.** If you have any questions, please give me a call - 509-491-1920. Thank you, Barbara Marsh

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- September 2—JLM Back to School Night at 6:30 pm
- September 4—Baby Shower for Justine Olson at 11:00 am
- September 6—Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
- September 7—JLM Preschool First Day of School
- September 12—Pray & Go Training (Sunday Evening)
- September 13—BSF Resumes Meeting at RBC
- September 15—Wednesday Night Dinners Resume at 5:30 pm
- September 17 & 18—CM52 Training for Kid's Ministries at RBC
- September 16—Men's Cornhole Night at 6:30 pm in N Pkg Lot
- September 19—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- September 23—Book of Numbers Women's Bible Study Begins
- September 25—Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am in FH
- September 26—Scott Wells' 30+1 Anniversary Celebration
- October 3—Ask Anything Sunday (Sunday Evening)
- October 7—Men's Fellowship Seahawk Game
- October 10—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- October 16—Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am in FH
- October 17—Movie Night: Jesus in Athens
- October 24—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- October 31—Harvest Party Outreach at 4:00 pm at RBC
- November 4—Men's Fellowship
- November 7—RBC Night of Worship
- November 14—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- November 21—Thanksgiving Meal/Fellowship
- November 28—Family Night
- December 5—Business Meeting: Budget/Team Nominations
- December 12—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- December 19—Life Group Parties
- December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 26—Christmas—(No PM Activities)

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study in Room 150

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting in the Choir Room
6:30 pm Student Ministry in Gathering Place
7:15 pm Worship Choir Practice Choir Room

Thursday: 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Choir Room
6:30 pm JLM Back to School Night

Friday: 5:45 am Men's Bible Study in Office Foyer

Saturday: 10:00 am Evangelism at Howard Amon Park
11:00 am Baby Shower for Justine Olson FH

Sunday 8:00 am Classic Worship
9:15 am Life Groups for All Ages
9:15 am Prayer Time in the Choir Room
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:45 am Contemporary Worship



Thank you so much to Bryce Burchfield and Ryan Mauss, for mowing my lawn. Thank you too, to Pastor Travis, for ensuring I was cared for. You are all such blessings to me and I am thankful!
Bettie Rhodes

Sincere Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended from Pastor Travis and the RBC church family to:

Roger and Margie Goehring regarding the loss of Margie's brother and Roger's uncle.

MADE FOR MORE

USE WHAT'S IN YOU TO BLESS
THE WORLD AROUND YOU

FIND A CLASS NEAR YOU

PERSPECTIVES IS...

Perspectives is a discipleship course that serves to help the local church mobilize their people to become strategically engaged in God's global purposes within their community and abroad.

Perspectives will take you on a 15-week journey looking in-depth at the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic aspects of God's global plan to reconcile every nation, tribe, people, and tongue to Himself.

You will learn from 15 different instructors - pastors, theologians, missiologists, cross-cultural strategists and mobilizers - all of them excellent and all of them passionate about this course. They will challenge and inspire you with their wisdom and experience, opening your eyes to a deeper vision of God's mercy and greatness.

Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 PM. Begins August 25, 2021

Reliance Fellowship

4201 Kennedy Road, West Richland WA

For more information: Dan Baber 509-212-2862

perspectivestcwa@gmail.com

Class Dates:

August 25 - Welcome & orientation

September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

October 6, 13, 20 & 27

November 3, 10 & 17

December 1, 8 & 15 (final class & celebration)



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Hospital, Rehab & Hospice:

Glen DeLozier- (friend of Jeanne Eliason) recovering pneumonia/infection
Desi- (from Marie Parks) many serious injuries/single mom/in rehab
Gus Kruse- (dear friend of Travis & Mandy) recovering from Covid/rehab
Doty Ross– Guardian Angel
Scott Samuelson– ALS progressing/infection/pneumonia

At Home:

Keith Berry– lymphoma
Alvia Bridges– persistent staph infection in limb
Liz Butcher– constant, unrelenting, severe pain
Rex Coker- (brother-in-law of Virginia Sparks) upcoming back surgery 9/02
Mary Beth Dage- (friend of Gene & Laura Wilson) pancreatic cancer
Margie Goehring– infection
Scarlett Gordon & Evelyn Dodd- (Darlene Tracy's Grt Granddaughters) Covid
Grace- (Kendal Piatt's aunt) recovering from broken hip/salvation
Nancy Humphreys- (Larry & Mavis' daughter-in-law) breast cancer
Rick Humphreys- (Larry & Mavis' son) blood clots in legs and lungs
John & Burnadette- (Betty McFarlane's siblings) both have terminal cancer
Unborn grandchild of Tom & Scotta Latka– serious heart defect requiring surgery
Morris Legler– health issues
Kelli Lowe- (Whisker Lowe's wife) cancer
Tom Moore Sr.- (Tom Moore's dad) cancer & chemo
Chris Saisslin– weakness & health issues
Preston Southern– recovering from shoulder surgery/physical therapy rehab
Shawni Sumner- (Tim & Sandi's DIL) broken ankle/needs surgery/pregnant
Gavin Vaughn II- (Gavin Vaughn Sr.'s son) probable cancer

Special Requests:

Athalia & Randall Clower and Ezra Project
S– for safety, protection and peace
Amy Olson & JLM staff, kids & families
Mandy Southern & RBC Children's Ministry
Greg Sullivan– (Sparkling Sensation) for God's favor in decision
Those suffering from the impact of Hurricane Ida

There will not be a newsletter next week due to Labor Day.

Pastor on Call

August 29—September 4, 2021

Travis Southern—405-795-8550