



**JAMES RIVER**  
*College*

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Dear Students,

Welcome to James River College! I am thrilled to have you here and excited for what God is going to do in the next several months for each of you. As we launch into this year, I want to share with you six words to keep in mind as you move forward:

**Treasure.** You are a gift to James River College! I know that you have been blessed with unique gifts, talents, and abilities, but there is no greater gift to me than simply YOU, and your presence. As a gift, the James River College team and I will treasure you, and diligently work to make your time with us worthy of your investment.

**Family.** James River College is more than a school, campus, or educational facility...we are family. A family takes care of one another, sacrificing for the common good. The family is God's ordained institution for individuals to be trained for Kingdom impact. As a treasured member of the James River College family, I'll do my best to make you feel at home while you are away from home.

**Strength.** When reading Psalm 139, it is amazing to see the care in detail that God took to create each individual on the planet. Each person is granted a unique threshold of talents to be developed into strengths. This year I want to highlight those strengths that God imbedded in you and provide you with learning experiences to utilize them further for the Kingdom of God.

**Mission.** Along with special strengths, God also has a mission that is unique to your wiring. The great news is that it is not for you to worry about; your purpose is to focus on what lies just ahead. That may entail a class assignment, a role in one of our big events, or a five minute conversation with a person in need. My goal this year is to help you clear the clutter from your life so that you can see your mission and accomplish it unencumbered.

**Investment.** You must look at your life as an investment of time, effort, and money. It is critical that you see that every experience, risk, and victory is an opportunity for growth. Prepare to work hard and accept that leadership maturity does not come without challenge.

**Celebration.** Learning should be a celebration, not an obligation. Though you will work hard this year, I want you to have an enjoyable time growing as an individual. It is my promise to you that I will do my best to set you up for great memories!

I am excited to partner with you on a dynamic journey that will equip you with the discipline and education to launch the potential God has placed inside of you. Know that the James River College team is here to support you with prayer and encouragement as you grow as a leader!

Sincerely,

Josh Hackworth  
James River College Director

## **James River College Mission & Strategy**

### **The Mission**

The mission of James River College is to champion the cause of the local church by inspiring, training, and empowering a generation of young leaders.

### **The Strategy**

James River College, through Evangel University, offers an Associate of Arts Degree in Leadership. The degree is designed to engage students in an academic and practical approach as leaders in training for vocational ministry and ministering in their vocation. James River College challenges students to live a life of faith with an abundance mentality and to partner with God for the miraculous.

### **7 Core Values of James River**

1. Reach the Lost
2. Expository Preaching
3. Prayer & Worship
4. Discipleship
5. Children & Youth
6. Involve People in Ministry
7. Encourage People

## **The Total Leader**

The goal of James River College is that throughout the year every student will be transformed in mind, body, and spirit. Every student will be able to determine what a leader is, what a leader knows, and what a leader does.

### **Mind**

A leader's mindset determines how he or she acts and responds to different situations. James River College will provide students with knowledge of God's Word and leadership principles. In addition, students will have the opportunity to experience new paradigms in thinking.

As the students navigate through their leadership development, it is expected that they will experience new discoveries about themselves, James River Church, and leadership in both ministry and vocation.

### **Body**

Leaders understand that physical fitness is critical to their ability to function in the highest capacity of their vocation. This is no exception in ministry leadership where the demands of the profession can take a toll on the mind, body, and spirit. James River College has the following physical expectations of each student:

- Commit to at least three 30 minute workouts per week
- Dress neat and casual for class, chapel, and weekly services
- Maintain a healthy diet
- Be disciplined about times of rest

### **Spirit**

Proverbs 4:23 says that the heart (or spirit) is the wellspring of life. It is the leader's duty to cultivate a mature relationship with God. James River College advises each student to do the following:

- Attend chapel and church
- Maintain daily personal devotions
- Establish accountability practices
  - Find a member of the same sex to act as your accountability partner
  - Register for internet accountability

For deeper issues and personal struggles, please don't hesitate to talk to a James River College staff member.

## **10 Cultural Commitments**

1. Maintain a Breathless Awe of What God is Doing at JRC and James River College
2. Gratitude for the People Around Us
3. Serve the Lord with Gladness
4. Be a “Can Do” Person
5. We are a Culture that Values People
6. Settle in Your Heart That What You do is NOT Your Job it’s Your Lifestyle
7. We are a Culture that Takes Initiative
8. Use the Inclusive “WE” Rather than Divisive “THEY”
9. Do NOT Whine or Gossip
10. Have an Attractive Spirit

## **James River College Covenant**

Whereas membership in a local church is predicated upon membership in the body of Christ, leadership in the local church is based upon biblical qualifications, personal character, and commitment. The Bible mandates a higher standard for those who lead in the body of Christ (1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9). I understand that, as a leader, I will lay down some liberties so as not to be a stumbling block to anyone (Rom 14:1-23; 15:1-7).

The James River Church Leadership Team, James River Church Trustees, James River College Students, and those who are deemed ministry leaders by the Executive Team Members and the Lead Pastor will sign the James River Church leadership covenant.

As a leader in the James River Church family, I commit myself to God and to the body of Christ to be an example in the following areas:

- I agree to daily cultivate an intimate relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and a lifestyle of worship (Rom 12:1-2).
- I agree to faithfully attend one Sunday service and faithfully serve one Sunday service every week when rostered at West, North, or Joplin Campus. I agree to faithfully attend one Sunday service and faithfully serve two Sunday services every week when rostered at South Campus.
- I agree to faithfully attend service and/or serve every Wednesday.
- I will attend services sitting down front with bible, notebook, and pen, pressing in, and supporting my leaders as they conduct said services.
- I agree to support all ministries of the church in word, attitude, with my talents, treasure, and in regular prayer.
- I agree to give my loyalty and every effort to promote and maintain the unity of the church in all matters supporting the Lead Pastor and all church leadership (Eph 4:1-16).
- I agree to respect and honor my JRC leadership and the Embassy Staff with my attitude, speech, and conduct.

- I agree to abstain from the use of tobacco products, vaping, alcohol as a beverage, and from drugs, except for medicinal purposes.
- I agree not to attend nightclubs or entertainment venues where entrance requires one to be 18 or 21 years of age.
- I agree to abstain from watching “R” rated movies, “MA” TV shows, playing “M” rated games, or anything equivalent to adult content.
- I agree to abstain from any immoral sexual behavior.
- I agree to protect my integrity by avoiding meeting alone with a member of the opposite sex in an apartment, home, or hotel room.
- I agree to protect my integrity by avoiding theft of intellectual property, i.e. plagiarizing or cheating on assignments or examinations.
- I agree to prepare myself for class and ministry each day.
- I agree to dress in a manner that would be biblical and would not cause my brother or sister, in Christ, to stumble.
- I agree to protect my integrity, the integrity of JRC, and James River College by what I communicate via social media and whom I choose to follow.

## **James River College Attendance Policy**

Attendance is more than just showing up; it means arriving early and contributing to the venue at hand. We encourage all James River College students to think beyond just arriving on time, and set the bar high and to be first to arrive. Early arrival allows for the student to be mentally, emotionally, and spiritually prepared for the assignment. In addition, consistent attendance is the universal sign of commitment. Learning is limited if attendance is sporadic. Whether in practicums, chapels, or required events, the student who is consistently present has a greater opportunity to grow in his or her knowledge of leadership.

### **Academic Attendance**

- Each professor establishes his or her attendance policy within the course syllabus.
- Faculty may approve exemptions to the absence maximum in the case of an extended illness when the attending physician documents the illness or when a family emergency arises.
- If students are dropped from more than one class in a semester due to attendance, students may be dismissed from James River College altogether as a consequence.

### **Chapel Services/College Groups:**

- Chapel services include College Chapel, Staff Chapel, Designed Sisterhood Mornings, and Guys Chapel.
- Chapel is the primary way we communicate culture and develop you as a believer. We will see you at every Chapel.
- College groups begin at 9:50am before Staff Chapel and Designed Sisterhood Mornings. College Groups begin at 10:00am before College Chapels and Guys Chapels. We will see you at every College group.
- In case of emergency contact your RA.

### **Sunday Morning/Wednesday Evening Attendance:**

- Students receive practicum ministry points for attending/being involved in weekly ministry.

- Students are required to serve a service and attend a service on Sunday mornings when rostered at West, North or Joplin Campus. Students are required to serve two services and attend one service on Sunday mornings when rostered at South Campus.
- Sunday Pre-Service Prayer begins at 7:00am at each campus.
- Students are allowed a total of two Sunday absences and two Wednesday absences per semester in addition to the Sundays they receive for special occasions such as Thanksgiving and Spring Break.
- Students are required to complete an online quiz by midnight every Monday on Course Commons to track their weekly Sunday and Wednesday attendance.
- Upon their 3<sup>rd</sup> absence of a Sunday and/or Wednesday, they will be required to attend a mandatory meeting with the Student Development Director.

#### **Major Church Events Attendance:**

- Students receive practicum event points for participating in ministry events. This includes set-up days for the event and serving at the event itself.
- Failure to check in on time or failure to show up to an event which they are scheduled for will result in a mandatory meeting with the Student Development Director.
- Failure to show up or tardiness occurs a second time will result in a mandatory meeting with the James River College Director (and could possibly have scholarships revoked).
- All students will receive an ID badge. Students are required to wear their badge at all times while on campus.
- All students are required to check in using their ID badge at major church events.
- ***James River College is not responsible for lost or damaged badges. There is a \$10 fee to replace an ID badge.***

## **Sick Policy**

- When students are ill on a Sunday and/or Wednesday, they must notify their RA and Dream Team Leader.
- As a reminder, if students are not present due to illness they will be counted absent.
- Failure to communicate will result in an additional docking of attendance points.

## **Time off Requests**

- If a student plans to be out of town over a Sunday or a Wednesday service, they are required to fill out a “Time-Off Request” form (found on [jamesrivercollege.com](http://jamesrivercollege.com)) **at least two weeks prior to the date they are requesting to leave.** Students must wait to secure their plans until they have received approval from their Residence Director.
- Only students living in housing who choose to travel or stay off-campus on a day that does not fall over an event, Sunday, or Wednesday service, must fill out a “Time-off Request” form and notify their RA in advance. (However, they do not need to wait for approval.)
- “Time-Off Requests” that are submitted after 5:00pm or during the weekend will not be processed until the next business day.
- James River College has the right to deny any “Time-Off Request”.
- James River College will not honor any “Time-Off Request” that fall on dates of large events where the student body is required to serve.
- These policies apply to both on-campus and off-campus students.
- Failure to abide will result in \$25 fine and a meeting with the Student Development Director.

## **Housing Policy**

### **Respect Property**

- Keep the apartment in better condition when you leave than when you arrived.
- Damages made to the apartment will be billed to students living in that apartment.
- Students are allowed to hang pictures and posters in the apartment using small nails but are not permitted to use adhesive tape or screws.
- Students are not permitted to have the air conditioner running during the winter season.
- Under no circumstance is trash to be left outside apartment door or balcony. Personal trash items must be transported to dumpster. Throwing away furniture in dumpster is prohibited.
- Students are not permitted to exceed the speed of 10mph while on the James River College housing premises.

### **Apartment Checks**

- Resident Assistants will oversee monthly house checks.
- Each student will be responsible to help clean their personal area as well as their assigned part of the apartment.
- RAs will schedule a time with apartment for the house checks to occur.
- All students must be present for their house check.
- A \$10 fine will be imposed if a student fails to be present for their house check.
- A \$10 fine will be imposed if a student fails to meet the house check requirements.
- If it is unclear which individual should receive the fine, the fine will be split up evenly amongst all roommates.
- It is the responsibility of the student to notify their RA of any damages that may have occurred or maintenance issues they need addressed at the time of house checks.
- James River College reserves the right to enter any James River College apartment to perform house checks, as well as, monitor student behavior whether or not the student is present.

- James River College is not responsible for any property that is damaged or stolen in or on the James River College housing premises. Students must remember to deadbolt their doors to prevent this occurrence.

### **Apartment Conduct**

- Noise
  - Quiet hours begin at 9:00pm every evening on all of Embassy property.
  - **Yelling off balconies is prohibited.**
  - Throwing objects off balconies is prohibited.
  - Headphones must be used at **ALL** times when electric instruments are being played.
  - Stringed instruments are prohibited during quiet hours.
- Curfew (in your apartment)
  - Curfew for Saturday – Wednesday is 12:00 am.
  - Curfew for Thursday & Friday is 1:00 am.
  - Curfew applies to all guests visiting the apartments in the evening. Guest may not stay past curfew.
  - Co-ed curfew is the same as regular curfew hours.
  - If students are unable to make curfew due to an emergency or an extenuating circumstance, they must immediately contact their Resident Assistant.
  - If students choose to spend the night in another student's apartment, they must inform their Resident Assistant prior to doing so.
    - Students are permitted to stay in a fellow student's apartment a maximum of four nights per week (including off-campus students).
- Guest Request
  - The James River College Residence Director must approve all guests who stay in James River College housing. The James River College student who the guest will be staying with must fill out a "Guest

- Request” form (found on jamesrivercollege.com) and notify their RA.
- Forms that are submitted after 5:00pm or during the weekend will not be processed until the next business day.
- Children and parents are not permitted to stay in housing.
- All guests, whether staying the night or visiting, are to abide by the James River College and Embassy policies.
- James River College has the right to remove any guests who do not abide by the James River College and Embassy policies.
- Guests are not allowed to stay overnight in apartments over major church events unless they are registered for an official James River College visit.
- Guests cannot be left alone in an apartment. A James River College student must be present at all times while there is a guest in their apartment.
- James River College reserves the right to deny any guest requests.
- Guest are not permitted to stay overnight more than 4 consecutive nights.
- Failure to abide will result in \$25 fine and meeting with Student Development Director.
- Co-ed Regulations
  - Students should not seek opportunity to be alone in private settings with the opposite sex. In private spaces (apartments, homes, or overnight residences) students must be in groups of at least three. In public spaces (restaurants, café’s, places of business, driving to and from) a one-to-one ratio is appropriate.
  - Students are not permitted to be present under any circumstances in a bedroom of the opposite sex.
  - Failure to abide will result in a \$25 fine, a meeting with the Student Development Director, and potentially more serious consequences.
- Parking
  - Park in designated parking places at all times. (Violators will be towed.)

- Parking places in front of the apartment building are reserved for James River College women.
- James River College men are required to park in the James River Youth parking lot unless instructed otherwise by a James River College Staff member.
- Animals
  - Animals are prohibited from being in James River College housing.
  - Failure to abide will result in a \$200 fine, meeting with the Student Development Director and potential removal from housing.
- Tornado Warning/Fire
  - In the event of a tornado warning, students will receive a notice from their Resident Director and Resident Assistants and will be required to immediately take cover by making their way to their designated areas.
  - In the event of a fire in the apartment building, students will be evacuated out of the building. Resident Directors and the Resident Assistants will oversee this evacuation.
- Move-Out
  - James River College reserves the right to reassign student apartment placement if needed during the course of the academic year based on availability and number of students.
  - Students must abide by move-out standards, which will be discussed at the end of the school year. Failure to do so will result in a minimum fine of \$200.
  - Spring move-out date is May 4, 2019.
  - If students fail to have their belongings moved out by the scheduled deadline, they will receive a \$25 fine for each additional day their belongings are in the apartment. This is an additional fine to the \$200 fine they will receive for not abiding by the move-out standards.
- ***Under no circumstance is a student permitted to alter the interior of their apartment.***

## **Weapons**

- Students may not possess or store weapons (including airsoft and paint ball guns) in James River College housing, JRC property, or personal vehicles. James River College has a zero tolerance policy regarding the use or possession of firearms or other explosive devices on campus.
- Failure to abide may result in potential dismissal.

## **Dress Code**

- James River Church and College staff reserve the right to discern if a student's attire is appropriate even if it seems to follow the dress code. If needed, James River Church and College Staff may require students who are in violation of the dress code to leave campus and return in appropriate attire.
- Women
  - No spaghetti or off-the-shoulder straps.
  - Skirts and shorts may not be shorter than the end of your fingertips.
  - Shorts, sweat pants, or yoga pants are not permitted to be worn while students are in JRC main offices, practicum, or serving in their designated ministry area.
  - No undergarments showing.
  - One-piece or tankini suits at pool.
- Men
  - Must wear shirts around campus and housing.
  - Shorts, sweat pants, or sleeveless shirts are not permitted to be worn while students are in JRC offices, practicum, or serving in their designated ministry area.
  - No undergarments showing.

## **Additional information:**

- All James River College students have access to our River Fitness Center. Their hours are:
  - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday: 5am-9pm
  - Wednesday: 5am-6:30pm
  - Saturday: 7am-5pm
  - Sunday: CLOSED

- We offer tutoring on site as well as tutoring through Evangel University. Stop by the library to set up an appointment.
- All students living in housing are required to be on Meal Plan. Below are the hours the Meal Plan is open:
  - Breakfast 7:45am-8:30am
  - Lunch 11:15am-12:45pm
  - Sunday lunch is served 1:15pm-2:00pm
- Breakfast & Lunch served Monday-Thursday.
- Lunch served Friday and Sunday.

**If students fail to abide by the standards and policies listed above in regards to noise level, curfew, parking and dress code the following will occur:**

- Upon 1<sup>st</sup> offense a Resident Assistant or Resident Director gives a verbal warning. Although the warning is verbal, a record of the offense will be made and placed in the student's file.
- Upon 2<sup>nd</sup> offense a \$10 fine will be given, and a record of the offense will be made and placed in the student's file.
- Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense a \$25 fine will be given, and the student will be required to meet with the Student Development Director. The student will have restricted curfew for a period of time (additional sanctions could be placed on the student), and a record of the offense will be made and placed in the student's file.
- Upon the 4<sup>th</sup> offense \$50 fine will be given, and the student will be required to meet with the James River College Director. A record of the offense will be made and placed in the student's file.
- There are no warnings given in regards to anything else in the Policy Handbook.

### **Fine Procedure**

- Subsequent to a student being fined by an RA, RD, or James River College Staff Member, the student must pay the amount he or she was fined to the Resident Director within 7 days of the occurrence.
- If a student who has been fined neglects to pay within the 7 days allotted:

- An additional fine of \$10 will be added every 7 days thereafter until the total balance is paid.
- In the occurrence that fines remain unpaid these consequences will transpire until fines are paid:
  - The student will be unable to graduate.
  - James River College will withhold all transcripts.
  - The student will be unable to begin a new semester at James River College.

### **Appealing Process**

In order to begin the process of an appeal one must have a typed document submitted to the Student Development Director within 48 hours of the offense with a minimum of 2 witnesses and any evidence considered valuable for the appeal.

- The typed document must include:
  - Names of who witnessed the episode.
  - Account of what happened.
  - Why a fine/sanction should not have been given.
  - Evidence that is deemed essential for the case.
- If staff concludes after reading the document the student appealing may have a case, a meeting will be scheduled with the following: Student Development Director, Resident Director, RA, and possibly others who were involved.

## James River College Financial Obligations

### Financial Obligations

- Financial obligations must be paid promptly and in full by the pre-determined dates.
- Each semester must be paid in full before a student can be allowed to continue enrollment.
- Students with an unpaid balance at graduation will not receive a diploma until the balance has been paid in full.

The academic policy at James River College is designed to enable students to achieve graduation requirements. A grade point average of 2.0 is required of all students to graduate. Academic progress is measured by quantitative and qualitative measures. All students must meet the requirements of both quantitative and qualitative satisfactory academic progress to receive federal aid.

#### **Quantitative:**

Students must complete 67% of the number of credit hours for which they have enrolled to remain eligible for federal financial aid. To establish a quantitative measure, a time frame is set for students to finish a program of study.

#### **Qualitative:**

Students who drop below the following minimum cumulative GPA will be placed on Financial Aid Warning. (The cumulative GPA includes credits and GPA transferred from other institutions.)

### Required Cumulative GPA

Number of Credits	Minimum Cumulative GPA
1-29.5	1.50
30-44.5	1.70
45-59.5	1.90
60+	2.0

Further Policies and Procedures can be found on [www.Evangel.edu/financial](http://www.Evangel.edu/financial).

## James River College Agreement

While enrolled at James River College, each student is expected to observe certain ideals and standards of conduct, whether he or she is on campus or away including all breaks. James River College reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student because of low standards of scholarship, because of poor physical or mental health, or because of conflict of their attitudes and standards of behavior with those which the college seeks to maintain. A student who does not fit with the aims, ideals, or beliefs of the college may be asked to withdraw whenever the general welfare demands it, even though there may be no specific breach of conduct. Refusal to conform to rules and regulations of the college may result in dismissal without refund of tuition or housing. The college reserves the right to use its discretion in interpretation and enforcement of all ideals and standards of conduct, however communicated.

By signing this document, I agree to abide by the following: James River College Covenant (p. 9-10), Attendance Policy (p. 11-13), Housing Policy (p.14-20), and Financial Obligations (p.21). I also understand that if I choose to not meet the requirements listed above, my dismissal could be the consequence.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PREFERRED CONTACT INFO (BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU):**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT (IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THIS WILL BE THE PERSON WE CONTACT ON YOUR BEHALF):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we contact them in the case of an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018-2019 Academic/Event Calendar

### Fall 2018 Semester

August 18-20	Orientation/Freshman Move-In
August 22	Classes Begin
August 25	Life Group Leaders Conference
September 3	Labor Day: No Classes
September 4	Practicum Signing Day
September 9	Life Groups Begin
October 8-12	Midterms
October 8-10	Designed for Life Set-up
October 11-13	Designed for Life Women's Conference #1
October 15-16	Fall Break
October 17	Designed for Life Set-up
October 18-20	Designed for Life Women's Conference #2
October 22	JRC Offices Closed
October 26	Last Day to Withdraw
October 28	October 31 <sup>st</sup> Set-up
October 31	October 31 <sup>st</sup> Party
November 16-17	SOMO Youth Convention
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
November 26	Classes Resume
December 1-2	A James River Christmas
December 5-6	Final Exams
December 6	Fall Semester Ends

### Spring 2019 Semester

January 7-8	Winter Boom
January 9	Classes Resume
March 4-8	Mid-Term Exams
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 29	Good Friday Service
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Services
March 31	Easter Services
April 24-25	Stronger Men's Set-up
April 26-27	Stronger Men's Conference
April 29-May 2	Final Exams
May 3	James River College Graduation Celebration
May 4	Move-out

## Fall 2018 Chapel Schedule

First Chapel of Semester	August 23
Staff Chapel	August 28
Chapel	August 30
Chapel	September 4
Chapel	September 6
Staff Chapel	September 11
Chapel	September 13
Chapel	September 18
Chapel	September 20
Staff Chapel	September 25
Chapel	September 27
Chapel	October 2
Chapel	October 4
Staff Chapel	October 23
Chapel	October 25
Chapel	October 30
Chapel	November 1
Chapel	November 6
Chapel	November 8
Last Staff Chapel	November 13
Chapel	November 15
DSM/Guys Chapel	November 20
Chapel	November 27
Last Chapel	November 29

## **Wellness Resource List**

### **Evangel University Wellness Center**

- 417-865-2815 ext. 7280: Nurse practitioner on site.
- Hours Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm.
- Nurse is available 8:30am-3:45pm.
- Best to call in the AM to make appointment.
- Free visit. Strep test \$5. Fee for immunizations and blood work. Coded for insurance payment.

### **The Clinic at Wal-Mart operated by Cox Health**

- 2004 W. Marler Lane, Ozark, MO 65721
- (417) 581-3006
- The clinics are open Mon-Sat 10:00am-7:00pm.
- Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm.

### **Family Medical Walk-In Clinic**

- 4049 S. Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO 65807
- (417) 890-5550
- Mon-Sat 7:00am-11:00pm
- Sunday 10:00am-10:00pm

### **Cox South Emergency and Trauma Center**

- 3801 S. National Ave, Springfield, MO 65807
- (417) 269-4083
- (417) 269-6000

## **Mercy Urgent Care**

- 3231 S. National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807
- (417) 820-3182
- Mon-Fri 7:00am-10:00pm
- Sat-Sun 9:00am-7:00pm
- Holiday hours 9:00am-7:00pm (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day)

## **Staff Contacts**

### **JRC South campus**- Main Reception

Office (417) 581-5433

Fax (417) 582-0167

### **Ladies' Residence Director**- Natalie Gomez

Mobile (509) 331-6167

Office (417) 581-5433 Ext. 8394

### **Men's Residence Director**- Gary Smith

Mobile (417) 833-7343

Office (417) 581-5433 Ext. 8416

### **Student Development Director**- Justin Smith

Mobile (601) 988-2439

Office (417) 581-5433 Ext. 8519

## How to talk like a James River College student

**JRC:** An abbreviation for James River Church.

**James River:** A commonly used term for James River Church. Yes, it is the same place as JRC.

**South Campus:** Our original campus, located in Ozark; we are one church in 4 locations.

**West Campus:** Our Campus on the West side of Springfield.

**North Campus:** Our Campus on the North side on Springfield.

**Joplin Campus:** Our newest campus in Joplin, Missouri.

**EC:** This is not to be confused with the abbreviation for Early Childhood. This EC is an abbreviation for the required class Essential Christianity. Most first year students will call Essential Christianity this, because it is a mouthful to say. Essential Christianity is a core biblical studies class that takes the student on a walk through their relationship with Christ while explaining the different aspects of biblical relationship with God.

**Staff Chapel:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning of every month, the JRC staff comes together to worship and have a service to grow as a staff, and as leaders in the church. The James River College students get the opportunity to attend staff chapel, and grow as a leader right next to the leaders in their own lives.

**Chapel:** Every Thursday morning there is a James River College chapel. The student body comes together as a whole to seek the Lord and be poured into by leadership.

**Prayer Meeting:** Referred to as “The most important service of the week.” Every Wednesday night, the church comes together to pray for the needs of the church and the community. The night is mostly devoted to prayer and worship, with a short message or devotional.

**Promo Trips:** These are James River College trips to different events and churches. A team of students and staff will go to these events and

churches and talk about James River College and all God is doing through the college and church. The point of the promo trip is not only to let the youth know James River College is out there, but also to serve the communities we visit with loving hearts.

**Outreaches:** Much like promo trips, James River College sends a team of students and staff to events and churches. The point of outreaches is to be the hands and feet of Christ. Promo trips are mostly for getting the school name out there, while outreaches focus on serving the communities visited. Each outreach is unique, whereas, on one outreach we might bring a worship team, and at another we are just serving the leaders in this area.

**Practicum:** This is the hands-on leadership experience for our students. The students' practicum is their preferred area of ministry where they get to dive head first into every aspect of their area of ministry. Practicum is much more than a class, it is the first building block to becoming connected to James River.

**College Days:** These are scheduled days for high school students to tour our campus and spend time getting to know what the college is about. During this time, James River College students will host the visitors and give them the full James River experience.

**Visits:** Similar to college days, visits are for high school students to tour the college. Visits are college days, but on a smaller scale. Not as many people will be touring at the same time, and it tends to be more personal.

**Winter Boom:** Once students return from Christmas Break they celebrate just like they did at the beginning of the school year. There are games, food, and fun for the students to enjoy as they ease back into the school setting. It is a great time to reconnect with the friends they have been away from, and meet the new spring students who may be just starting their college year.

**Leadership:** This is how the students refer to those in authority over them. It is a universal term for anyone in a position that is higher than the students. Sentence: Leadership asked us to be at Chapel at 10 o'clock.

**DFL:** An abbreviation for the women's conference that James River puts on every October. It stands for Designed for Life meaning every woman is designed for life with Christ. During DFL, there are guest speakers who come and major performances that take place. All of this happens in order to build the women at the conference and show them God's love.

**Sisterhood:** Women become a part of the Sisterhood when they attend DFL or any of the gatherings the Sisterhood puts together. It is the way the women's department unifies the women of not only James River, but those cherishing and searching for a relationship with Christ.

**DSM:** An abbreviation for Designed Sisterhood Morning. There are multiple DSM's a year and they all lead up to the main event of DFL. DSM's are on Tuesday mornings and are for woman only. The Sisterhood comes together to seek God and grow in their faith together.

**DSN:** An abbreviation for Designed Sisterhood Night. Much like DSM, this is another opportunity for the Sisterhood to come together and seek the Lord. There are 3 DSN's a year that lead the way to the main event, DFL. The three DSN's are in January, March, and July.

**EC:** An abbreviation for the term Early Childhood. Early childhood doubles as a weekday preschool and Sunday morning and Wednesday night kids' area. This is where preschool-aged children go for age appropriate services. They learn about the love of Jesus at an early age and get the consistent care they need.

**JRKids:** An abbreviation for James River Kids. James River Kids is the ministry for children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The 3 different age groups are broken up into age appropriate services where the children can learn the same material, but in a way they will understand. The three areas are as follows: The Park (Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade), The Factory (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade), and The Warehouse (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade).

**JRY:** The youth ministry of James River Church. Students grades 6-12 come together to seek God and have age appropriate services. There are services at each campus for the youth on Sundays and Wednesday nights. 6.8 is the service for youth in the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. 9.12 is for the youth in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. These two services happen almost every Sunday and Wednesday night, and they fit the needs of the different age groups.

**October 31<sup>st</sup> Party:** A replacement name for the word Halloween. It is James River's way of providing a safe fun-filled day of candy, games, and the Gospel to children in the Springfield area.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** An annual Easter egg hunt for children to join in on the Easter fun. They decorate the church and provide many fun options for the children and family to experience as they come in for the egg hunt.

**SMC:** An abbreviation for the men's conference in the spring called the Stronger Men's Conference. Much like DFL, this conference is specific to gender, and brings the men closer to God through the speakers and activities offered to the men at this conference.

**A James River Christmas (AJRC):** The Christmas production put on every year by JRC. This is a huge event that talks about the birth of Jesus Christ while also bringing the community together for an amazing show, and life-changing service.

**Vision Sunday:** This is where the church's direction is introduced for the new church year. Each year the church undergoes a theme, and this theme affects decoration of the church, how the church is run, and

the different welcoming techniques used to make everyone feel welcome. Example: Welcome Home is this year's theme.

**Life Groups:** Where a group of people come together to seek God and do life together. They are mini Bible studies with other members of the church that help a mega church seem smaller.

**Life Group Leader:** Each Life Group has a leader who is in communication with the church. Each Life Group is known by the church and has a representative or head of the group that stays in communication with the church. In the Life Group, he or she is the go-to gal or guy.

**Life Group Leader's Conference (LGLC):** A conference for Life Group leaders to help lift them up and show the church fully supports the Life Groups. They get insight to help them better connect with their Life Groups, and maintain a healthy connection with the church as a whole.