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// WALKING IN THE STEPS OF GOD
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What specific plot of earth on this planet is your favorite?

Is it your home town? Your 1st house? Perhaps a school, a beach, a mountain, or a store. These spots have power in us. They exert gravity in a unique way because of memory, experience, familiarity or relationship. We are tied to them beyond their actual make-up (dirt, buildings, trees, etc.) to what they represent.

Scripture has many such spots. God's story occurs in specific and special places, most of which still exist. Like our special places, these move beyond simple rock, soil and edifice to something much deeper.

Through Easter, we will explore these spaces. We'll study what makes each important. We'll learn more about the message they carry and how our 'Grounded-ness' in Christ can grow as we understand more about the important places in God's story.

Come and learn. Let's get some dirt under our fingernails and dig deeper into the Ground of God.

FOR MORE INFO, MAPS AND DIRECTIONS, VISIT

THE RIVER CRC.COM



Our Mission: We exist to make disciples who put God's love on display to our world.

Our Vision is to see a people inspired by God's love and faithfully sharing that love with the world.

Our Values: Every member of The River is daily and communally engaged in a deeper relationship with Jesus through...



We welcome people into our lives appreciating our differences and similarities.



We will grow by following the Holy Spirit's work in and around us.



We will give generously of our time, talents and finances to see God's kingdom grow.



We will go where God calls us to go.



We will serve intentionally using and growing the gifts God has given us.



Resonate continues the good work of Home Missions and World Missions. For more than a century, these two agencies introduced people to Christ in North America and around the world. For resonate, that means continuing their partnership with churches in the United States and Canada to plant churches, do campus ministry, train and equip pastors, and develop future leaders. Additionally, it means sending missionaries overseas, proclaiming the Gospel, and forging lasting partnerships.

In addition to this ongoing work, Resonate is also tackling new opportunities for ministry. Here in North America, they need experience in international ministry to help churches effectively reach across cultural barriers and forge partnerships within new communities of faith. In other nations, they need expertise in church planting and campus ministry to help people in every nation discover God's plan for their church, community, and life. With your prayers and financial support, as Resonate Global Mission, they will be able to equip all our churches for ministry and join together with what God is already doing around the world.



The people of The River believe in investing in outreach activities. One of the ways that we do this is by supporting both financially and prayerfully a number of different organizations, ministries and Christian groups.

There will be two offerings each Sunday. The first one is for The River Life Fund. The schedule for the second offering is as follows:

- March 3– Benevolence
- March 10 - Christian Education Fund (CEF)
- March 17– Missions
- March 24 – The Village at Redlands
- March 31– Resonate Global Missions
- April 7– Benevolence
- April 14– CEF
- April 21– Missions

THE RIVER REUSES

The earth is a gift from God the Creator. Please help us be good stewards. On your way out, please drop your weekly shell in the bins by the exits to be used again the following week.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 17

LEGACY NIGHTS will not be meeting on March 27th, because of local spring breaks.

THE MID-YEAR REPORTS that were distributed at the Congregational Meeting last Sunday are available in the Foyer. The Report includes information about the River Ministry Teams, the 6-month Finance Report, and the new Patio Project.

THE PATIO PROJECT was presented to the congregation last Sunday at the Congregational Meeting. We anticipate two large Shade Sails being in place by May 31st. The Patio Project Fund now has \$18,000 in cash, and \$19,000 in pledges to be fulfilled, leaving \$8,000 to reach \$45,000. Keep tuned in for on-going information about the First Stage of the Patio Project, the Shade Sails.

STEPHEN MINISTRY – There will be another informational meeting regarding becoming a Stephen Minister on Thursday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the River House (Church Office). Questions? Call Debbie Bueermann in the church office.

JOIN THE HIKING GROUP on Saturday, March 30th for a hike through San Timoteo Natural Sanctuary. Meet at the church parking lot at 8:15 to carpool over to the hike.

THE RIVER'S COLD WEATHER SHELTER remains open! We are looking for a few dedicated people who are willing to supervise the shelter from either 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. or 2:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. We are also looking for meals for the group each night it is open; if interested, meals are for 6-8 people. Please contact Debbie Bueermann at Debbie@therivercrc.com or sign up in the foyer.

MOM'S GROUP will be starting up with their first gathering on April 8th at 9:30 am at Ford Park! Be on the look out for monthly gatherings and fun for mom's and kids! Contact Rachel Peters at 909.653.5217 or Kim Lee at 909.499.8789 with any questions.

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NEXT SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery: Susan Van Dam, Alison Winslow

Cookie Time: Joy Berkompas, Joyce DeBlauw, Judy Rickard,

To contact the Care Ministry Team or a pastor, call the church office at 909-798-2221.

Grounded: Nazareth

Luke 4:14-30

The Only Time I Get Anxiety

The Homecoming

The Desire and Fame

The message is bigger than us

The Blinding Desire

Live in Truth