



# **WHY DOES THIS MATTER**

**4 WEEK SERIES ON THE TRINITY**

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# WELCOME

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If we think about it enough, the Trinity; God as one God in three persons, is really confusing. We don't get it. He is God and we are not. It's beyond our comprehension.

But it's still important. If it's important then we need to wrestle with our incomprehension some so that even though we don't get it, we can embrace it and affirm it with some level of confidence.

That's what we're doing in this series. We're wrestling with a mystery knowing full well it will remain mysterious. But in that wrestling, we can see a little more beauty in this incredible God who loves us so very much.

Let's do some learning and growing together.

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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.

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

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**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.



One of our values is to see DISCIPLES SERVE intentionally with our God given gifts.

In the past, River members have blessed student-guests with a rich hospitality, opening homes and pools, cooking meals, praying for, and doing whatever it takes so that they feel at home when we host SERVE, this summer, The River will host around 80 students/leaders for Redlands SERVE the week of July 20-27! They will engage in a Sports Camp at Lugonia Elementary and other service opportunities in the community. They'll also be stretched and re-freshed daily by dynamic teachings and worship times (not to mention the trip to Huntington Beach). We need your help to make the week happen! **SERVE volunteer/ donations sign-ups will be May 12th and May 19th** after the service. Please be on the lookout for ways that you might be a part Redlands SERVE this year!

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The people of The River believe in investing in outreach active ties. 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:

April 28– GEMS/ Cadets  
May 5 – Benevolence  
May 12 - Christian Education Fund (CEF)  
May 19 – Missions  
May 26– Camp Dunamis Scholarships  
June 2 – Benevolence  
June 9 - Christian Education Fund (CEF)  
June 16 – Missions  
June 23– Redlands SERVE

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### 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.

# welcome to the river

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 12

**REDLANDS SERVE** is coming July 20-27 and we need your support!!! This morning we will be having sign ups for a variety of ways that you can support the week. We need donations for all sorts of items, volunteers to make meals, prayer partners, pool/shower homes, and more! One thing you can start doing is saving your empty cereal boxes! We need to collect around 90 boxes! Please bring empty boxes to the front office or place them in the SERVE donations box in the foyer! Thank you for your support!

**SUMMER SPORTS CAMP** hosted by The River. Kids in, or entering, Kindergarten thru 5th Grades are invited to join us for FREE at Lugonia Elementary on July 22, 23, 25 and 26. 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Registrations available on [therivercrc.com](http://therivercrc.com) or the Resources table in the foyer.

**WOMEN OF THE RIVER– SAVE THE DATE!** October 4 and 5 2019 for an amazing conference at Crosspoint Church in Chino. Our church has been invited to attend this Fresh Ground conference featuring Jennifer Rothschild, Laura Story, and Katherine Wolf. Registration is already available at [www.freshgroundedfaith.com](http://www.freshgroundedfaith.com). More information to come, but mark your calendars!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR AN ALL CHURCH FISHING TRIP!** The trip will take place on August 3rd from 5:30– 9:30 pm on the Sum Fun out of Dana Point. Contact Jack Nydam at 909-213-0046 for more information or to sign up.

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT UPDATE**-We held a yard sale fundraiser last November to help raise money to offset the registration costs for an All Church Retreat. We will be holding another yard sale fundraiser this November. Save the dates of Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2 2019. The retreat is in the planning stages for Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.

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**THE REDLANDS HUNGER WALK** is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 at 8:00. This 5K walk is family friendly and benefits the food pantry and meal program at the Redlands Family Services Association. The walk starts and ends at the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel. The River Church would like to put together a team. If you would like to be on this team please sign up in the foyer. The fee is \$25 for adults (13 and older) and \$7 for kids 12 and under. Sorry, no dogs, skateboards or bikes. Contact Debbie in the church office with questions.

## **NEXT SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery:** Kris Kok, Judy Rickard, Ruthanne Long, Alice Kok

**Cookie Duty:** Norma deDoes, Norma Greenfield, Patti Winslow, Patty Wagner

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

# **Why does this matter- The Son**

**John 1:1-18**

## **Why doesn't John start with Bethlehem?**

### **A. 1-5: John makes a connection, but you have to look for it.**

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in all the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Vss. 4, 5

### **B. 6-13: John is a witness to the unrecognized light.**

"He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him." Vs. 10

## **What kind of Mother's Day is best?**

### **C. 14: The God-head engages us more deeply.**

"The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Vs. 14

### **D. 15-18: In Christ we're given the "new times" of God.**

"The law was given through Moses; Grace and through came through Jesus Christ." Vs. 17

### **E. So what do we learn about the trinity.**

**In darkness seek light.**