



ORDINARY *miracles*

REGULAR PEOPLE THAT GOD USED
TO CHANGE THE WORLD

WELCOME

Everyone has a favorite character from the Bible. Some love David's heart. Some appreciate Paul and his intellect. Some value Ruth's faithfulness. Esther's courage is also a favorite.

But many characters that God uses in the Scriptures don't get very much space. Who is Jephthah? Why is Asa important? Why does Philemon get a whole book?

These characters are part of God's great work of building his people but we don't know much about them. Let's change that.

This summer we're going to study some of these characters and learn how God builds his Kingdom with these unknown miracles. What we may find is that they sometimes are exactly like us. Then maybe, just maybe, God can use us too.

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.



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 refreshed daily by dynamic teachings and worship times (not to mention the trip to Huntington Beach). We need your help to make the week happen! Please be on the lookout for ways that you might be a part Redlands SERVE this year!



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:

- June 2 – Benevolence
 - June 9 - Christian Education Fund (CEF)
 - June 16 – Missions
 - June 23– Redlands SERVE
 - June 30– Care Portal
 - July 7– Benevolence
 - July 14– CEF
 - July 21– Missions
 - July 28– World Renew
 - August 4– Benevolence
 - August 11– CEF
 - August 18– Missions
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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 9

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 or the Resources table in the foyer.

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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND (CEF) APPLICATIONS- River families with students going into Kindergarten -12th grade in a Christian School are eligible to apply for help from the CEF. Regular church attendance is necessary so that the child is receiving Christian instruction both at school, at home, and in the church. Please take some time to prayerfully consider if you have a need for CEF assistance. Applications can be filled out at therivercrc.com under "calendar and information" and must be turned in by **June 15th**.

BLOOD DRIVE – The River Church will be hosting a blood drive on June 12 from 2 to 7 p.m. All donors will automatically be entered for a chance to win a 4-pack of Disneyland tickets! There is a time slot sign-up sheet in the foyer. Walk-ins are always welcome. Be sure to drink plenty of water, bring a photo ID. Donors under 17 must bring a signed LifeStream parental consent. www.LStream.org. Questions? Call the church office.

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.

REDLANDS FAMILY SERVICES IS OFFERING A SEMINAR to help parents learn about the trends among teens and their friends. The cost is \$10 which includes dinner and childcare. Please RSVP to Donna at Redlands Family Services at 909-793-2673 ext 109 if you would like to attend.

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THE RIVER'S 9 MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT is available in the Foyer.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS– Starting June 3– August 4th office hours will be changed to Monday– Thursday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Friday, 8:00 am-12:00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery: Carol Kreuter, Henriette Nydam, Kimberly Kirk

Cookie Duty: Amy Brown, Beatriz Szwabowski, Bertsy Seim

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

Ordinary Miracles- Regular people that God used to change the world. Hannah- 1 Samuel 1:1-28

There are no easy answers when we ask questions about God's will.

A. 1-8: Hannah wants a child.

"And the Lord had closed her womb." Vs. 5

B. 9-16: Hannah pounds on the gates of heaven.

"I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Vs. 16

Deep broken and deep vulnerability.

C. 17-20: Eli gives Hannah peace.

"Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer down-cast." Vs. 18

D. 20-28: Hannah lives out her vow.

"For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." Vs. 28

E. What do we learn from Hannah?

Can God's mind be changed?