



UPCOMING SERMONS

November 2 (Pastor Scott)

The Sign of Communion
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

November 9 (Pastor Mario)

The Body of Christ
1 Peter 2:4-10

November 16 (Pastor Scott)

The Power of God's Word
John 17:6-19

November 23 (Pastor Rick)

The Fruit of The Spirit
Galations 5:13-26

Advent Begins Sunday, November 30

The Sermon Series, Texts, and Titles are
to be determined.

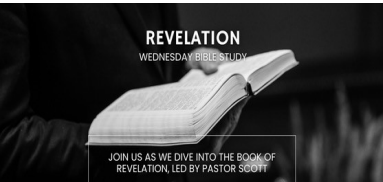
SECOND OFFERING SCHEDULE

Every Sunday the offering bags are passed twice. The first offering goes to The River Life (or General) Fund. This is for the normal operation of the church. The second offerings are designated for a special purpose or for one of our Kingdom Partners.

- November 2:** Benevolence
- November 9:** Christian Education Fund
- November 16:** Missions
- November 23:** MCCA
- November 30:** Thanksgiving Offering (see list on last page)

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Scott and others diving into the book of Revelation, Wednesdays at noon, in the River Office Building.



Annual Thanksgiving Service

The annual Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday, November 26, 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Pastor Mario will lead the service. He will lead the congregation in thinking both about obvious blessings and those things that might at first not seem like blessings but later are found to have been. This is always a very special service to begin the holiday season. **If you don't drive after dark but would like to attend, please call your Care Group Elder or Deacon, or the front office for help with a ride.**



TWO CARE GROUP LUNCHES LEFT IN NOVEMBER

Care Group 4 will meet Sunday, November 2. Care Group 5 meets Sunday, November 9. All groups meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning service. This is an opportunity for you to gather with your Care Group Elder and Deacon, along with other members of your care group, to get to know each other better, enjoy a meal together, and talk about things that matter to your care group. If you don't have a Care Group or don't know which one you are in, please contact the office at 909.798.2221 or frontdesk@therivercrc.com.

**JOIN WOMEN'S MINISTRY FOR A DAY OF SHOPPING, LUNCH,
AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 9 AM—3 PM**

Women and girls of all ages are invited to a day of shopping thrift stores and having lunch together in the Palm Desert area on Saturday, November 15.

The group will leave church at 9:00 AM and shop at three thrift stores from 10:00-11:30 AM. The group will regather for lunch on the patio at the Longhorn Steakhouse in La Quinta, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. November in the desert is usually very pleasant, but if it is cooler the restaurant will turn on the heaters.

After lunch the women and girls will be able to stop at a number of thrift stores on the way home. The Women's Ministry Team has done an impressive job of compiling a list of eight stores along the way.

There will be a table in the foyer to sign up or you may use the QR code provided.



**WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU
TO THE RIVER'S ANNUAL HANDMADE MARKET!**

The Handmade Market at The River Church in Redlands is happening in just a few days on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot!

We hope that you get the opportunity to come and support local talent, find one-of-a-kind treasures, and connect with the creative heart of our community. Not only that, but you will also have an opportunity to donate to LifeHouse Theater's Bethlehem Marketplace. By supporting the Bethlehem Marketplace, we are able to provide a chance for more people to experience an immersive journey through the gospels during this Christmas season.

This year we have over 30 vendors who will be joining us including crafters, authors, bakers, and more. There are several students from The River that will be selling items and Greg Hernandez will be serenading us with some fabulous tunes!

We hope that you get the chance to join us on Saturday, November 1! Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family for this one-of-a-kind community event!

If you would like more information about the market you can visit our website www.therivercrc.com.

Mark Your Calendars Friday, Dec. 5

Annual Deacon's Dinner 5:00 PM

Bonner Singers 7:30 PM

**Watch for more information
as the date grows closer**



Legacy Nights Meets Only Once in November

Legacy Nights will meet November 12. Legacy Nights usually meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, but the fourth Wednesday in November falls during Thanksgiving Week. Come enjoy a meal together at 5:15 PM on November 12. **The meal will be roasted chicken, potato casserole, and salad!** Jeff Mercer and the kids lead worship at 6:00 PM. Kingdom Kids, GEMS, Cadets, and Adult Classes meet at 6:15 PM. Adults have two options: a Discipleship Series led by Don Bueermann and David Oliver with video teachings by Ray VanderLaan or Chatty Crafts with Teri Heemstra.

SECOND ANNUAL BEAUTIFUL GATE WALK/RUN Saturday, November 8, 2025, 8:00 AM

By Jim Nydam

The second annual fundraiser for Beautiful Gate orphanage in Lesotho, Africa, will be held on Nov. 8. The location of the event is the same as last year, the Carriage Trail in Redlands on Alessandro Rd. The Beautiful Run/Walk follows the free-flowing stream of Live Oak Canyon which flows into Beverly's Pond. You will enjoy the sights and sounds of nature as you run or walk the trail. The Generosity and Outreach Team at The River is looking forward to seeing you at the starting line.

If you are not able to walk/run but want to support Beautiful Gate with a special gift, please contact Jim Nydam (909) 213-0044. Also, if you want to register for the run/walk but don't know how to use the QR code or online registration, please call Jim.

Beautiful Gate Lesotho exists to reach out to orphaned, abandoned, and neglected children ages newborn to 5 years old, and give them the love they need and deserve. Beautiful Gate Lesotho seeks to glorify God by giving these children their childhood while they wait for their forever families.



PROCEEDS SUPPORT BEAUTIFUL GATE ORPHANAGE
IN LESOTHO, AFRICA
BEAUTIFULGATELESOTHO.ORG

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

5K RUN/WALK

Carriage Trail
Alessandro Road, Redlands
Starting at 8:00am



Scan here to register

NOVEMBER 23 SECOND OFFERING SUPPORTS Mexican Christian Children's Aid (MCCA) Luncheon Scheduled for MCCA presentation

The Second Offering on Sunday, November 23, will go to MCCA, Mexican Christian Children's Aid. Since 1964, MCCA has been obedient to God's call to care for children in need by supplying those in Baja California with food, scriptures and the opportunity to know the love of Christ. The River has been an active part of MCCA over the years.

On the 23rd, the Generosity and Outreach (GO) Team will be hosting a lunch after church for members to learn more and hear updates from Paul Vela, one of our members, who is serving as President of MCCA. Registration for the luncheon will be held prior to the event.



From the MCCA Website: "Approximately once every 4-5 weeks, MCCA purchases food in bulk in order to make deliveries to local Christian organizations in the northern Baja California region. We deliver the food donations primarily to facilities that operate as a 24/7 childcare center or as a daycare center, but we also make deliveries to feeding programs that attend to needy families within their own communities."

"Along with the food, Spanish translation Bibles, Gospel tracts, clothing and other items are generally a part of our deliveries. Our monthly runs consist of all-volunteer drivers and riders who donate their vehicles full of fuel and literally everything needed to complete the mission each time we go. MCCA does not own or rent a building, nor are there any paid staff. Additionally, via wise stewardship, MCCA receives cash back rewards and other means of revenue. The result is that 100% of all monetary donations goes directly to purchase food to serve those in Mexico."

REV. MOSES CHUNG TO BE AT THE RIVER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Rev. Moses Chung is The River's newest missionary. He was at The River a few months ago. He will be returning Sunday, November 16 before leaving for South Korea.



Rev. Chung is serving as Resonate Global Mission's Asian Mission Team Leader. On the CRC website, Kevin DeRaaf, director of Resonate says, "We see God's hand in leading Moses and [his wife] Eunae to South Korea to engage with church-planting efforts there and to support the work of Resonate in this critical region in the world."

Also on the CRC website, Chung says, "To his surprise and wonder he felt God calling him to mission work in Korea, where he had spent the first 15 years of his life before moving to North America."

"I have a new sense of calling in my life to leave here and do mission work in Asia, in Korea in particular. . . . I feel God has equipped and prepared me in the past 55 years of my life to do the work that's laying in front of me, and that God is inviting me to join in what God is doing already in Korea," he said.

Chung added, "I am amazed at how God led me to apply for this position—another big surprise. I am eager to see how God will reveal God's purposes through this journey, and I look forward to engaging in God's mission alongside Resonate and the Asia Mission Team."

Chung holds a master of divinity degree from Calvin Theological Seminary and a doctorate in missional leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary. He worked in parish ministry for 20 years in California, in Michigan, and in South Korea before being appointed to serve as the director of Christian Reformed Home Missions in 2011.



MEN'S MINISTRY HELD TWO EVENTS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Men's Breakfast

At 7:00 AM, 20+ guys gathered for the monthly Men's Breakfast. After a meal of scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, and french toast and plenty of good conversation around the tables, Paul DeWaard shared his testimony. After Paul shared, the guys had a time of prayer for each other and various needs of others in our church and community.



Expanded Men's Ministry By Cecil Miller

A new season of Men's Ministry was launched on Saturday, October 18, at 6:00pm. Pastor Mario began the evening with scripture reading from Psalm 133. He prayed for the evening and for the taco dinner. The dinner was catered by El Cheyenne: Tacos and Buffets. The food was excellent, and the fellowship was even better. There were approximately 25 in attendance with several fathers bringing their high school-aged sons. It was a great time of fellowship amongst several generations from teenagers to seniors in their 80's. There were sign-up sheets for those interested in going golfing or fishing together. It was a blessing to have dinner with men that we seldom interact with and to get to know them better. The intention is to have similar evenings of fellowship each quarter. The Lord blessed our time of encouraging each other and fellowshiping together.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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HIKING MINISTRY OUTING SATURDAY, OCT 11, 2025 By Karla Whitman

The Hiking Ministry went to Alder's Creek Road. The weather was lovely, not too hot nor too cold, and the road was nice to hike. We hiked for 3 hours and as we walked, we were able to look over parts of Highland and Redlands. It was a very enjoyable time.

Randall Whitman coordinates the hiking ministry. Joining him were Patty Turley, Karla Whitman, and a couple of relatives, Gina Griffin and John/JJ Goodman.

Watch the announcements for future hikes and join in the fun.



GEMS CAMPOUT

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 & 4, GEMS headed out to Yucaipa Regional Park for an overnight campout. GEMS is The River's ministry for elementary-aged girls. GEMS stands for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. The girls and their moms slept in tents, enjoyed a campfire, hiked around the lake, and talked about their faith. Kara Banks, the leader of GEMS, shared a devotional using *The Prince's Poison Cup*, one of a series of children's books by RC Sproul designed to present deep biblical truths to children on their own level. Everyone had a lot of fun!



EXCITING DAY AS NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Sunday, October 26, was an exciting day at The River as Bob and Kathy Hartman, and Marianne Pielin were received as new members. What made it all the more exciting was that Bob and Kathy were both baptized. What a joy to baptize two people, both in their eighties, and welcome them into our family of faith.

Bob and Kathy Hartman

Bob and Kathy Hartman began visiting The River Church in January 2024. They came to The River because lifelong friends recommended it. They met in Yucaipa and have been married for over 38 years. Their blended family consists of four adult children, four dogs, and a cat. Kathy retired after working 15 years in the Yucaipa School District and 17 years for the Air Serv International in Redlands, a company born from Mission Aviation Fellowship. Bob retired from Verizon after 38 years in the industry. They moved to The Pass in Beaumont and lived there for 20 years. In 2024, they moved to Redlands.

Recently, they have become great-great-grandparents and are thrilled by this new role!

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Care Group #3



Marianne Pielin

Marianne was raised in an Indiana farming community until she was 10 years old. She then moved with her family to the San Bernardino mountains where she graduated from Rim of the World High School.

She is blessed by her family of one daughter, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Last year, Marianne was introduced to The River Church by several individuals in her community. Although she has physical limitations, she looks forward to taking part in and supporting activities at The River, especially within the senior community.

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Care Group #4



SENIOR LUNCHEON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Over sixty seniors gathered for lunch and fellowship on Saturday, October 14. Some came at 10:00 AM to play dominos and enjoy each other's company. At 11:30 AM Pastor Rick welcomed everyone, the group sang a couple of hymns, and Gladys DeBruyne shared a devotional.

About noon the meal was served. The menu was: brats with pickles, diced onions, grilled onions, and sauerkraut; potato salad; chips; and beverages. Dessert was pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

After the meal the group played, "Name That Tune" with classic hymns. Bertsie Seims played the first phrase of each hymn and the seniors had to guess which hymn it was. People seemed to have fun with that. Pastor Rick closed in prayer.

Thanks to all who helped make the luncheon happen: Mike and Patty Turley, Marcia VanMouwerik, Marlene Hekman, Dave Camenitti, Don Bueerman, Pastor Rick and Gladys, Bertsy Seim, Don Morris, Jeff Mercer, Karla Whitman, and Kathy Nagelkerk.

Jean Wagner made the pumppkins that were part of the centerpiece. People could buy them to support Beautiful Gate Orphanage in Losotho. She raised \$100.



CarePortal Update August – September 2025

- A single mom recently got her two children back and requested two dressers. We delivered those dressers.
- The Family Services Association in Redlands website requested grocery baskets. The baskets were to help families carry their groceries from Family Services to their homes. The River delivered those grocery baskets.
- A third grader at Lugonia asked for three blankets. He told the Assistant Principal that it was hard to sleep without a blanket. He asked for three blankets because he wanted to make sure that his mom and brother also had a blanket. Three new blankets were delivered that day.
- A Lugonia family was having a difficult time battling head lice. The River Church bought and delivered three deluxe lice kits and new bedding.
- After many months the mother and children on this request were able to acquire an apartment. Unfortunately, they did not have money for beds or furniture. Thanks to Jim Nydam and Roy Null, they delivered and set up enough beds for everyone.
- A 16-year-old girl was in foster care due to her parents' substance abuse and mental health issues, she asked for help attending her homecoming dance. Despite many family challenges, this young lady does well academically and socially. The school submitting the request asked for a VISA gift card to help her buy a dress and shoes. We delivered a gift card to the school.
- After a year of diligent effort by a mother to improve her circumstances and work on healthy relationships, her 16-year-old son was able to return to her care. When he arrived, he needed personal care items like clothing and bedding. The River church was able to partner with this mom and get these items.
- A maternal aunt with four of her own biological children, agreed to care for a relative child to prevent him from being placed in a foster home. The children's mother was imprisoned for abusing this 11-year-old and his sibling. The sibling passed away from the injuries, and this young man is struggling from the loss. This young boy enjoys playing sports. The aunt requested help paying for the 11-year-old to play community sports. We paid for his fees to play football.
- CarePortal request #253436 came in on September 10. A family in Hemet recently lost their home and all their belongings due to a devastating fire. They were moving into a new

home on September 13, and they needed just about everything to start over. The household consisted of 5 adults, 5 children, and 3 dogs. Everyone was able to get out safely. Thanks to all the great donations from The River's congregation and other people in the community, we were able to fill their new home. Here is a list of items delivered: 5 beds, a couch, 2 club chairs, a crib, a stroller, pots & pans, dishes, utensils, glasses, cups, kitchen towels, bath towels, silverware, blankets, bedding, lamps, a hygiene basket, and a cleaning supply basket. They were blessed. We were blessed. God was glorified.

- The student on this request is a first grader. Unfortunately, he had accidents at school and needed adult-sized pull-ups. His mother did not have the money to purchase these items. We purchase the items requested and delivered to their home.
- A young adult living in transitional housing (former foster child), needed help with buying groceries. She is in a Medical Assistant program, and subsequently she had to reduce her hours at work.
- A young female exiting foster care and transitioning to her own apartment requested a dresser. We supplied the dresser, and it was delivered by the social worker.

Here's how Care Portal works: A child or family in need requires help from a child-serving professional. The child-serving professional vets the need and types it into CarePortal online. CarePortal alerts nearby churches and community members to needs in their area. Churches and community members partner to ensure that the child and family is helped. (Taken from CarePortal's website).

The River has been involved in CarePortal since 2018. In 2025, so far the economic impact of The River's contributions is \$73,268! Since 2018, our combined economic impact has been \$395,170! In 2025 so far 139 children and families have been served. Since 2018, that number is 865! And that does not include assistance to Lugonia students and their families.

Debbie Bueermann, Director of Outreach and Support, manages CarePortal for The River. She has a handful of people who help her with moving, pick-ups, and deliveries. Thank you to Deb and her team for all the great work they do and have done over the last seven years. Deb also coordinates Legacy Nights, meals for memorial services and other events, works with Women's Ministries, and a host of other things.





Harriet	Bierling	November 02
Roy	Null	November 04
Karen	Grip	November 05
Henriette	Nydam	November 05
Roger	Whitman	November 09
Elizabeth	Kremer	November 13
Eileen	Vander Linde	November 17
James	Seim	November 18
Marie	Koen	November 20
Joan	Smith	November 24
Wilma	Offinga	November 27
Joanne	Winefer	November 29
Bruce	Grip	December 05
Donna	Heemstra	December 05
Joyce	DeBlauw	December 08
Eugene	DeFouw	December 09
Joy	Griffin	December 09

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

We try to be up to date, but sometimes things change and we're not aware of it. If you know of a praise or need that we might not be aware of, please let Pastor Rick know at 909.576.5214.

Chuck and Dianne Callahan: Dianne's mother, Dorothy, went home to be with Jesus Saturday, October 25. after a three week stay in the hospital and a brief time on hospice at home. Remember Dianne, Chuck, and all their family. They are happy for mom, but grieve their loss.

Claire Huibregtse and Candy Carl: October 21, while at church, Candy Carl and Claire Huibregtse fell together on the way into Bible Study. Candy quickly recovered but Claire sustained a significant cut on her head and a painful bump on her elbow. She was taken to Loma Linda. She received treatment to close the cut and after a long wait was released home where she was able to get a full night's sleep. We praise God that both women are recovering at home. Pray that their recovery continues and that there are no further complications.

Norma Greenfield: Norma was in the hospital for a couple days. She went into ER with chest pain. Doctors were able to clean two of her stints but could not get the bleeding at her wrist stopped following the procedure. She's home and doing well now, but still needs to be careful and rebuild her strength

Glen Coulter: Glen Coulter got word on Saturday, October 18, that his father passed way after a brief time in hospice. Please keep Glen, his mom, and all his family in prayer as they grieve their loss.

Pastor Mario and his family: Pastor Mario's dad is doing well following surgery for cancer. We praise God for his progress and want to continue to keep their family in prayer. Pastor Mario's cousin's wife has been diagnosed with colon cancer. It is quite serious. She is 35 with young children. Pastor Mario's aunt is also dealing with cancer and is receiving treatment. Finally, his uncle, who lives with his parents, has cysts on his kidneys. Doctors are trying to decide the best way to treat him.

Chris and Jim Nydam and family: Chris Nydam has daily radiation treatments M-F until Oct. 31. She is pretty sick from the treatments. She asks for prayer that she will feel better and that the chemo and radiation have been effective.

Debbie Clinton: Debbie is home after a hospital stay in LA. They are trying to adjust her meds for treating CMV, a virus that Deb contracted from the donor. Her daughter, Christy, is also having some health issues, which means her son, Kevin, has more of a load caring for them both. Please keep Debbie and her kids in continuing prayer.

Bill and Harriet Bierling: Harriet has started a new treatment. Her first one went well with little side effects. She is still dealing with fatigue and hoping that will improve. They ask for prayers that the new treatment will be effective.

Those with ongoing needs:

- Jean Wagner with severe knee pain and limited mobility.
- Betty Kremer as she adjusts to life without Pete.
- Rich and Karen Jarvis as Karen continues PT and may have to consider additional surgery.
- Grace Florence as she struggles with her health and with insurance providers.
- Glenn and Claire Huibregtse as Glenn continues quarterly treatments for prostate cancer.
- Roger and Theora Whitman as Roger continues to undergo six treatments a month at City of Hope National Medical Center located in Duarte.
- Greg and Wanda Bachman as Wanda had a hospital stay in October for pneumonia on top of her other health concerns.

Those who are homebound or limited in their activities:

- Claire Fik
- Marie Wiersma
- Jack and Mae Bailey
- Dick Dirksen
- Chuck and Joy Griffin
- Jake and Shari DeHoog

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing care and concern for people at the River.



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Beautiful Gate — For many years the people of The River have had a close relationship with this orphanage that ministers to HIV/AIDS infected children in Lesotho, Africa.

Benevolence (The River Deacon Fund) — enables deacons of The River to provide for financial, physical & spiritual needs of church members. It also is used to empower the Giving, Generosity & Benevolence team to share the love of God in our community locally, nationally, and globally.

Care Portal- Care Portal is an agency that brings the needs of children and families in our community to the attention of churches. Child welfare workers uncover the needs and Care Portal makes local churches aware (via email), giving churches a real-time opportunity to respond.

Christian Education Fund — provides tuition assistance to River families who send their children to local Christian schools.

Good News 4 Redlands- Good News 4 Redlands is a local volunteer, ecumenical mission distributing scriptures throughout Redlands. Their goal is to reach every one of the 25,000 homes in Redlands with a bible reader, Great Bible Truths.

Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center — a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to the caring of women and families with pregnancy-related issues by providing them with life affirming physical, emotional and spiritual support and resources.

Lunch Bunch- Lunch Bunch is run by Ross and Sandy Cooper and welcomes those from the community who are hungry and in need of help. Everyone from infants to senior citizens are welcome. They come together for Sunday worship and a meal and hope that everyone experiences the love of Jesus while attending.

Mexican Christian Children's Aid — MCCA is a ministry obedient to God's call to care for children in need by supplying those in Baja California with food, Scriptures and the opportunity to know the love of Christ.

Oceans Ministries- Oceans Ministries believes the message and demonstration of the Father's love for us is what our world is thirsty for today. They seek to help people develop a love relationship with God the Father through publications, blogs, and mission trips, ministry in prisons and inner cities, as well as retreats, conferences, and discipleship training. Their ultimate goal is to inspire each one of us to live out our Kingdom calling in the world as sons and daughters of a loving Father.

Resonate Global Missions- Formerly Christian Reformed World Missions and Christian Reformed Home Missions, we came together in 2017 as Resonate to walk alongside Christian Reformed churches as they join God's mission in their own neighborhoods and around the world.

River Life Fund (Church's General Fund) — is approved at the annual congregational meeting in September. It makes it possible for The River CRC to do ministry locally, regionally and around the world.

River Missions Fund- provides support to the missionaries that The River supports on a monthly basis.

Safe Families- Serves families who lack social networks and live in isolation without support of family and friends dealing with crises such as homelessness, unemployment, child abuse, domestic violence, medical emergencies and alcohol/drug rehabilitation.

Youth Hope- The organization was established in 2009 to build confidence and promote self-sufficiency for homeless, runaway, trafficked, and at-risk youth, ages 14-24, by providing trust, hope, support, and education. YouthHope was established to provide a support system for youth in a safe and caring environment so they may grow to be healthy, self-sustaining adults.

World Renew- An organization that joins with the world's families to change the story of hunger, poverty, and illness. For more than 60 years, hundreds of thousands of people have shared in this calling: staff, local partners, global communities. Every day, people give in response to a disaster, offer monthly support to Free A Family from poverty, or travel with our volunteer teams to help renew hope firsthand.