

What's Happening at River Church Family! For the week of July 26, 2020.

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Jackson County Update on Wearing Masks

Jackson County has released new guidelines requiring that masks be worn in public indoor spaces, including places of worship. We continue our commitment to honoring local government officials and community leaders and caring for the health and safety of our family and community (1 Peter 2:13-17). In accordance with the new guidelines, we are asking anyone who attends in-person services to please wear a mask. A limited number of masks will be available at the church for those who may not have one. If you are unable to meet this guideline for any reason, we encourage you to join us online at <https://www.rivercentral.org/online-media/> and consider inviting others to watch at home along with you. We continue in faith believing that God is using this time for his glory and his kingdom!

Refresh Women's Ministry BINGO Night

The Refresh Women's Ministry is hosting a Bingo night fundraiser! Friday, July 31st, 6-8pm, join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Event will take place in the Anchored building, (11547 63rd St.). Suggested donation is \$5 per Bingo card; funds will benefit Refresh Ministry and future events. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend! For questions, contact Jamie Williamson at refresh@rivercentral.org

Giving

You can give by going online to rivercentral.org/giving/ and choosing to make a "one time" or a "recurring gift." Recurring gifts made from your checking account are the easiest and most cost-effective way to continue to support the mission of River Church Family and partner with us in seeing our mission of restoring our broken lives, reviving our communities and releasing hope to our world through the love of Jesus keep being accomplished.

You can also text the words "rivercentral" to 77977 to give on your mobile device. Checks can also be mailed to the church at PO Box 9333, Raytown, MO 64133.

Financial Update:

07/13/20 - 07/19/20:

Weekly: \$1,393/\$5,985 ; 23%

MTD: \$6,946/\$23,938 ; 29%

YTD Budget: \$142,547/\$162,556 ; 88%

ONGOING GROUPS

Life Groups

We value opportunities to communicate and connect in smaller groups with *Unexpected Authenticity*. One way we can keep participating in transparent relationships is to move our Life Groups to online platforms. If you would like to be connected to one of our virtual Life Groups, please contact Stephanie Hill at steph1390@gmail.com or (816) 517-6003, or go to www.rivercentral.org/groups/ for more specific details.

Mondays	Cody & Amy Persell	6:30PM
Mondays	Greg & Donnette Siems	6:30PM
Tuesday	Bob & Patty Hensel (Messenger VideoChat)	6:30PM

Tuesdays	Kevin & Margie Hanke (Messenger VideoChat)	7:00PM 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays	Chris & Megan Whitehead (On Summer Break)	6:30PM
Thursdays	Recovery on the Rock Rick Castelo	6:00PM

J7 & J12 Discipleship Class and Sunday Morning Kids Church

Kids Church and Wednesday Night J7 & J12 Discipleship classes will be using an online avenue through River Kids Private Facebook. If you don't have access to Facebook Pastor Amy can email you lessons for the kiddos to enjoy. Please email Amy at amy@rivercentral.org for any questions.

Anchored Youth

Wednesday Youth will be using an online avenue through Anchored Youth Facebook, Anchored YouTube Channel and also using Zoom calls. If you need more info to stay connected please contact Gravy 816-491-1318 or Jenny 816-315-3160.

Update of Gathering at the River

We are so grateful for the opportunity to resume in-person gathering in our building on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Throughout this season, we have been reminded that we are the church, and we know that we will continue to value and encourage being the church wherever we are and however we are able to gather. We are also excited to continue our livestream and build our online community and extend the opportunities it provides for smaller group gatherings and new connections.

We have prayerfully sought the direction of the Holy Spirit and we have considered the recommendations provided by our local government officials and community leaders regarding the health and safety of our family and community, in alignment with our conviction to honor the ones in those roles. (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

In an effort to do all we can to honor our leaders and to provide intentional care for all members of our church family, these are the guidelines that those charged with the leadership of River Church Family have decided to implement at this time. (Romans 12:10, 1 Peter 2:17, 1 Cor. 13:4-7, Phil. 2:3-4)

- We will limit in-person gathering to 50% of our sanctuary capacity, to allow room for social distancing of six feet between people not in the same families. This will allow us to safely accommodate up to 150 individuals. We will provide overflow space to watch online in the Sequoia Room (Kids Church) if we reach our in-person capacity limit.
- We will not resume River Kids Ministries at this time, due to concerns about the safety and efficacy of maintaining social distancing guidelines for young children.
- We ask that everyone please maintain social distance (6ft of space) with those not in their immediate family/household while inside the church building.
- We will not provide coffee or donuts in the lobby prior to service, and will discourage congregating in groups in the sanctuary or the lobby. If you wish to visit and hang out after service, consider heading outdoors first.
- Please plan to enter and exit through the front doors, where our First Impressions Team will be ready to greet you and to hold the door open for a touchless entry.
- We have set the auditorium with wider rows. We ask you to allow three empty chairs between your family/household and others if seated in the same row.
- We will not pass the offering baskets during service. Giving envelopes may be collected and dropped off at the kiosks on the back wall of the sanctuary or by the front door, or you can continue to give online at rivercentral.org/giving.
- We will not be handing out bulletins or having baskets with I Am Here cards, prayer cards, pens, etc. in order to ensure a paperless service. Details about events, updates, etc. can be found at rivercentral.org, through our e-news, and on Facebook. Prayer requests and requests to speak with a pastor can also be completed online or by sending an email to connect@rivercentral.org.

- We will encourage greeting those watching online, but will not have an in-person greeting time to lessen hand-to-hand contact. If you DO want to hug someone (we know how you huggers are!) please ask them first, and respect their response if they are not comfortable.
 - Wearing masks are required. We will have a limited number of masks available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, nose and face. Avoid touching surfaces. Please note, all surfaces and bathrooms will be cleaned/sanitized before, during and after each service. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the building.
 - If you must cough, please cough into your elbow or sleeve. If you continue coughing or sneezing, please immediately leave the service and consider not reentering the sanctuary.
 - If you have experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or if you have recently and knowingly been exposed to COVID-19, we ask that you please remain home and watch the livestream.
 - If you have risk factors such as age or pre-existing conditions, or are not yet comfortable with in-person gathering, we encourage you to continue to join us online.
 - If you cannot follow the guidelines that we as the leadership believe the Lord has led us to, then we ask you to continue to worship with us online.
 - If you develop COVID-19 symptoms within a couple of days after attending in-person service, please contact the church office at 816-356-7400 or by email to info@rivercentral.org.
- Thank you for your cooperation and grace in helping us to resume in person gathering safely. We do also encourage you to consider watching the livestream and meeting in small groups as you are comfortable, taking advantage of this unique opportunity to maximize relational connection, even as we take steps toward gathering in person in our building as well.