What's Happening at River Church Family!

For the week of Aug., 23 2020.

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Youth Ministry Update

One of our values at River Church Family is Unreserved Empowerment. For us this means encouraging others to pursue their dreams and providing space for all people to use their gifts. We know that one of the ways this value is expressed is through existing leaders raising up and championing new leaders in their areas of ministry. This is why we are so excited to announce that Matt and Julia Hastings, after several months of serving alongside Gregg and Jenny Relaford, are now taking their place as the new Anchored Youth Directors.

This Sunday, August 16th, we prayed over Matt and Julia and the changes this brings for the Anchored Youth at the River. We want to invite you to continue to pray for them in the weeks and months ahead, as Gregg and Jenny Relaford continue to support them during a season of transition. This is an important time in the life of the church, specifically in ministry to the youth of today as they face unprecedented challenges and are an example to all of us of bravery and commitment in their faith. There will be more updates soon about how the youth will be meeting during the fall.

We want to encourage your hearts that Gregg and Jenny will continue to be part of River Church Family staff, and we know that God has exciting plans for their future ministry at RCF as well. We look forward to sharing more about their next steps in the months ahead.

Refresh Ministry Creative Worship Night

Refresh your soul through arts and crafts. Bring your current project, ie. knitting, painting, Bible journaling, scrapbooking, drawing, etc. to work on. While we are crafting we will have the opportunity to hear and share how we can be refreshed and experience worship through creativity. Bring your own snacks and art supplies. Extra craft supplies will be provided. Friday, August 28th 6-9PM at River Church in the Sequoia Room (Kids Church Room). If you have any questions please email Jamie at refresh@rivercentral.org

River Kids Ministry Update

Hey, Parents and Care Givers! It's time, we are planning on re-opening in Sept! Here are some guidelines for your families! We will also have a video on Facebook you can view to help explain some of these guidelines. Any questions contact Pastor Amy at amy@rivercentral.org or call the church office at 816-356-7400.

Guidelines for River Kids Ministry

Sequoia Room (Kids Church)
Max Capacity – 26 people (First come – first serve basis)
Signage in each Room (Post CDC info in each room and in check in areas)

Oak, Elm, Cypress Rooms (Nursery)
Max Capacity – 6 people (First come – first serve basis)
Signage in each Room (Post CDC info in each room and in check in areas)

Pine Room
Max Capacity – 10 people (First come – first serve basis)

Oak, Elm, Cypress and Pine Rooms
Adults
- Wear mask
- Temp. taken before children arrive

Kids
- Temp. taken before entering room
- Diaper & Cup or Bottle will be kept in bin on the check in table outside of room

**Sequoia Room**

**Adults**
- Wear mask
- Temp. taken before children arrive

**Kids**
- Wear masks (special needs accommodations)
- Stay 6 ft. from other children unless they are related
- Stay at assigned seat & table
- Only play with toy bag that is given at the beginning of service
- Kids will stay with parents during Worship and then be dismissed to Kids Church

**Oak, Elm, Cypress and Pine Rooms (Nursery)**
- Temp taken before entry, no higher than 100.4 (School Guidelines)
- Sanitize each room before service and after (Toys, tables, chairs, vacuum floor then spray, bathroom, light switches, doors and handles)
- Childs bathroom sanitized after each use
- Limited the number of toys in each room
- If a toy goes in a child's mouth adult puts it in the sanitization bin
- Snack will be pre-packed from church
- Cups & Bottles must be brought in from home and labeled
- Carpets will be shampooed monthly

Items that will be added to each room – Sanitization Bin, Sanitization Spray Bottle, Hand Sanitizer, Gloves

**Sequoia Room (Kids Church)**
- Temp taken before entry, no higher than 100.4 (School Guidelines)
- Sanitize each room before service and after (Toys, chairs, tables, light switches, doors and handles)
- Toy bag that is given at the beginning of service must be kept in same area at all times. (Labeled with child's name)
- Spacing of chairs & Tables 6 ft and accommodating of siblings
- No water fountain, may bring own water bottles
- Kids & Adults maintain 6ft (unless related) and wear masks

Items that will be added to each room – Sanitization Bin, Sanitization Spray Bottle, Hand Sanitizer, Gloves

**Night of Prayer**
Next Night of Prayer will be September 18th at 7PM. More details to come.


River Church Family's mission of restoring our broken lives means that we acknowledge that we all have brokenness and we need Jesus to bring healing and restoration to our hearts. One of our values that supports this mission is being people of *Unexpected Authenticity*, tackling hard conversations and being willing to engage in transparent relationships. We are so grateful for the way Katie Holman boldly shared her testimony on Sunday, July 26, and we know that her honest communication has brought light to darkness in powerful ways. If you missed her story, we would encourage you to watch the video [here](#).

We are also committed to *Unreserved Empowerment*, striving for intentional growth in every area of our lives. 1 Cor 10:13 says "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." With that in mind, below are some steps that can help if you or someone you know is struggling with sexual sin or addiction.
1. Confession - Confess your struggles to a trusted individual (preferably a spouse, mentor or leader of the same gender). It's scary, but you've got to expose it to the light.

2. Accountability - It's too easy to hide. Have someone on your team, who you can be honest with, checking in on you regularly.

3. Boundaries - Create safeguards in your life. Web blockers/app blockers such as Covenant Eyes for computers and phones. TV/movie filters like VidAngel.

4. Editing - Delete apps, social media influencers, or anything that causes you to stumble. This also includes being conscious of limiting negative influences from unhealthy relationships.

5. Counseling - Ongoing, professional support can help to break patterns and cycles, as well as uncover underlying motivations. Great Oaks Therapy may offer discounted services if you let them know River Church Family referred you. hello@greatoakstherapy.com, 816-200-7266.

The following ministries, websites and social media accounts are worthwhile for anyone to follow in order to understand the impact of sexual sins and resources to overcome them.

- Pure Desire Ministries, robertv@puredesire.org, 503-489-0230
- Moral Revolution
- Fight the New Drug
- Protect Young Minds (great resource for parents)

The following resources help to support the fight against trafficking.

- Exodus Cry
- Operation Underground Railroad
- Jaco Booyens Ministries

River Church Family, we are committed to walking with you. If you need pastoral support, please email timmy@rivercentral.org, tisha@rivercentral.org or Katie at worship@rivercentral.org so that we can partner together with you in this journey.

**New Men's Life Group**

Men's Group starting on Sundays at 4PM Virtually. This group is geared towards “Rooted and Growing” A Friendship Group for Men who want to strengthen their walk with God. For more info please contact Clark Pickett at 816-304-0331 or clark.pickett@gmail.com.

**Pool Workdays**

Be looking for days and times to head to the Pool for some summer projects.

**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:**

08/10/20 - 08/16/20:

Weekly: $3,306/$4,787.60 ; 69%

MTD: $10,619/$23,938 ; 44%

YTD Budget: $161,122/$177,141 ; 91%