

What's Happening at River Church Family! September 13, 2020

Practicing Joy Series

Join us this September as we start a new series on Practicing Joy.

Youth Re-Start Info

Anchored Youth Re-Start September 16th from 6-8PM at the Anchored Building. For questions - youth@rivercentral.org

Night of Prayer

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

River Kids Ministry Update

Hey, Parents and Care Givers! It's time, we are planning on re-opening in TODAY! 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

Listen. Learn. Pray. Speak. Act. #endtrafficking

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 on 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.

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%

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
Sundays	Men's Life Group Clark Pickett (Video Chat)	4:00PM