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Welcome

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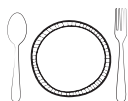


Next Steps If you are new around here or haven't filled out a Connect Card, grab one at the Welcome Center so we can thank you for coming and keep you in the loop. If you want to get more involved, fill out an orange card and we'll get back to you. If you have chosen to follow Jesus or you want to get baptized, let us know by using the green "We Care" card at the Welcome Center.



Game On VBS / August 7-9 / 6-8PM

Grades K-6 (entering this fall) are invited to this fun, free event! Family night celebration is August 9. Check-in opens 5:45PM. Adults must sign in/out. Register to attend at rivertreemassillon.com/vbs



Second Saturday Men's Breakfast / August 11 / 8AM

This is a great opportunity for all men to meet others, and to grow through a time of devotion and discussion. Food is provided. Just bring yourself and a Bible.



TreeHouse Kidz Outside Play Day / August 12 / Both services

Plan for children to wear play clothes to church. Feel free to bring sunscreen or anything else they'll need to be outside during services.



Third Thursday Prayer / August 16 / 6PM We believe prayer is crucial to God moving in powerful ways. God calls us to pray together as believers, and not just individually. Join us at RiverTree Massillon to lift up our church and community.



SENT High School Kickoff Party / August 21 / 6-8PM

RiverTree Massillon welcomes all students grades 9-12 for an epic time of crazy games, fun and food. Invite your friends!

RUOK / For grades 6-8 / October 5-7 / Annual "mud week-end" highlight of the fall! Registration opens August 12 with early bird pricing through September 18. Details and online registration at rivertreemassillon.com/students. Questions? Email Ben Eberly eberlyb@rivertreechristian.com



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RiverTree Massillon

PHILIPPIANS: Finding Joy in Christ

For most of us, our natural tendency is to live a life in pursuit of happiness. The problem is, we mostly look for happiness in things other than God, and not only that, but our imperfect lives, relationships, and circumstances stop us from finding lasting happiness. The book of Philippians tells us a different story. It tells us that God wants us to experience true joy. This joy cannot be taken, because it isn't based on circumstances, but based on knowing Jesus Christ.

August 5 / Examples Worth Following

READ / *Philippians 2:19-30*

REFLECT / In what way does Paul say Timothy is different from others? What were other people concerned with? Who is the other man Paul wants to send to Philippi? What are some things we can learn from these men? Do you think you are living a life that you would want others to imitate?

August 12 / When You Lose, You Win

READ / *Philippians 3:1-11*

REFLECT / What does Paul say we shouldn't put our confidence in? What motive does Paul have in laying aside all of his achievements and reasons to boast? What does Paul say matters the most to him? Ask yourself, what things would be hard for you to lay aside for the sake of Christ? What things in your life are you tempted to care about more than Christ and his kingdom?

August 19 / Pressing Toward the Goal

READ / *Philippians 3:12-21*

REFLECT / What does Paul say he forgets so that he can pursue his goal? What is his ultimate goal? Why do you think Paul wants believers to imitate him? What are some of your greatest goals in life? How are you striving to achieve them? Do you consider how your goals might intersect with God's will for your life?

August 26 / Resting in the God of Peace

READ / *Philippians 4:1-9*

REFLECT / What is Paul's request for the Philippians in verse 4? How does he say this is possible in verses 6-7? How do you think training your mind to focus on the "good things" in verse 8, helps people experience joy and peace? Would you consider your life to have a lot of joy and peace? What can you take from this passage to help?