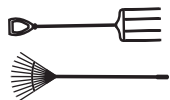


NEW
FOR
JULY

Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



Community Garden Clean Up / July 7 / 9AM Weather permitting, we invite anyone involved in the community garden or who wants to get involved to join us to help weed and clean up the garden area. This is a great opportunity to connect with others.

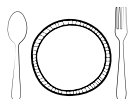
ONE

One Service Celebration / July 8 / 10:30AM ONLY

Following the ONE service, we invite you to stay for a time of food, fun and fellowship. We will grill out, have an inflatable for the kids, play games and enjoy the sunshine. Bring a side dish to share.



TreeHouse Kidz Outside Play Day / July 15 / During Both Services Grab an info sheet at the TreeHouse Kidz desk and plan for kids to wear play clothes and sunscreen to church.



Second Saturday Men's Breakfast / July 14 / 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.



Third Thursday Prayer / July 19 / 6PM We believe prayer is crucial to God moving in powerful ways. Join us for a short time of prayer to lift up our church, schools, community and one another.



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



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.



STUDENT MINISTRIES SENT (grades 9-12) and NRG (grades 5-8) Grab a summer schedule at the Welcome Center for great events and gatherings all summer long.



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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.

July 1 / Our Trials and God's Glory

READ / *Philippians 1:12-18*

REFLECT / What is Paul going through? Why does he still rejoice? What does this say about the trials we go through? Are you going through any trials right now? In what ways could God be glorified in your situation?

July 8 / Trusting God in Life or Death

READ / *Philippians 1:19-26*

REFLECT / What is Paul hoping will happen? What are his thoughts about dying? In what ways is this different than we usually think? Why is Paul still rejoicing and hopeful? In what ways can this encourage you?

July 15 / The Gospel-Shaped Life

READ / *Philippians 1:27-30*

REFLECT / What do you think a "life worthy of the gospel" looks like? Would you say that you are "striving" in your faith journey? Would you consider yourself "all in?" In what ways does your life need to change or look different?

July 22 / Walking in the Way of Jesus

READ / *Philippians 2:1-11*

REFLECT / What type of behavior does Paul say believers should be showing? Is this easy or difficult? Do you try to live this way? How does this connect to the life and example of Jesus? What was the model that he gave us?

July 29 / Bright Lights in a Dark World

READ / *Philippians 2:12-18*

REFLECT / Paul says that we work on ourselves, and God works in us. In what ways are you working on your life to look more like Christ? What behaviors does Paul say help us "shine as lights?" What do you think that means?