

NEW  
FOR  
OCTOBER

# Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

## Next Steps

**Next Steps** If you are new or haven't filled out a Connect Card, grab one at the Welcome Center so we can keep you in the loop. If you want to get more involved, fill out an orange card. If you have chosen to follow Jesus or you want to get baptized, fill out the green "We Care" card.



### **Second Saturday Men's Breakfast / October 13 / 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.



**Church Grounds Clean Up / October 20 / 9AM-12PM** Help us clean up the outside of our building and grounds to ensure our property is prepared for our fall festival and better ready for spring! All welcome!



**Family Fall Festival / October 21 / 4-7PM** Free fun for the entire family! Food, trunk-or-treat, pumpkin painting, hayrides, a petting zoo, bonfire, games and contests for everyone. Bring a side dish to share. \*\*Note: For children wearing costumes, please no blood, gore, or costumes with weapons. Feel free to bring lawn chair for extra seating.



### **Spiritual Gifts Extension Class / Begins October 28 / 6PM**

Have you ever wondered about the way God has wired you? Or about the unique place and purpose God has for your life? Starting Sunday, October 28 for 4-weeks, we will help you learn your spiritual gifts and the ways that God might be calling you. RSVP to let us know you're coming to [lombardia@rivertreechristian.com](mailto:lombardia@rivertreechristian.com).

**Thanksgiving Harvest Meals** As a part of our outreach every year, we prepare Thanksgiving meals for local families in need. This year, our goal is to provide 400 meals! More info to come in November!

# FIGHT: Winning the Battle Against Temptation

## October 7 / Preparation is Key

**READ** / *Mark 14:26-43 (key verse - v. 38)*

**SUMMARY** / Jesus is in the moments before his arrest, and warns his disciples about being ready. He gives them three keys to guard against temptation: to know their weakness, to be watchful and to pray.

**REFLECTION** / Are you aware of areas in which you are tempted most? Are you careful and prayerful about those areas?

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## October 14 / Listen to Your Coach

**READ** / *Matthew 4:1-11*

**SUMMARY** / After Jesus has fasted for forty days and nights, he is alone, weak and hungry, and the enemy comes to tempt him. Jesus is wise, and against every enticement that comes his way, Jesus quotes the truth of God's word to defeat Satan's deception.

**REFLECTION** / How do you try to fight temptation? Do you rely on God and his truth, or your own will power?

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# ORDINARY: How God Uses Everyday People

## October 21 / Doesn't God Use the Best?

**READ** / *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

**SUMMARY** / Paul tells the Corinthians to consider how God chose them, the weak in the world, so he could accomplish his purposes. God intentionally chooses to use the least expected, to show the world his glory and power.

**REFLECTION** / How is God's method different then the way we view people? How can that give us hope and encourage us?

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## October 28 / I'm Not Gifted Enough

**READ** / *Exodus 3:10-11 / 4:10-17*

**SUMMARY** / God calls Moses to go to Egypt, to speak with Pharaoh and lead the Israelites from slavery. Moses feels unworthy, and doesn't think he has the ability to do it. God assures him that his power and presence will be with him.

**REFLECTION** / Do you ever feel like you aren't gifted or talented enough to be used by God? Why? How does this passage change that perception?