

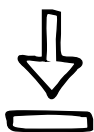
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JANUARY

Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



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, we'll get back to you. If you've chosen to follow Jesus or you want to get baptized, fill out a green "We Care" card at the Welcome Center.



2019 Commitment Cards Every year we hear about all of the New Year's resolutions that people make. But how many times do we think seriously about a higher commitment to God, His Church and His mission? Consider your own faith journey and ask what God might be calling you to do. Grab a card and commit to go deeper with God in 2019!



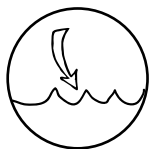
Women's Ministry / January 10 / 6:30PM New Year's Resolutions for the Soul! Whether you're single, a young mom, or further down the road, we will explore how to plan for success with tools on journaling, choosing a Bible, or if you love technology, maybe an app to start your day!



Second Saturday Men's Breakfast / January 12 / 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.



Men of Iron / Begins February 2 / 8AM This discipleship program for men is located at the ONE Center (901 Tuscarawas St. E, Canton, 44707). Breakfast included. To join a discipleship group or partner or for details, email Thom Voshall at thomvosh@gmail.com or email Pastor Anthony at lombardia@rivertreechristian.com.



Water Baptism & Child Dedication / February 3 If you want to take the next step of faith and follow Jesus in water baptism, or you want to dedicate your child to God, we will offer this special ceremony at both services. Please let us know by filling out a green, "We Care" card at the Welcome Center or email massillon@rivertreechristian.com.



IF:Stark / March 9 / 9AM-4PM Women and ladies 14+ are invited to attend this event of worship, connection and speakers focused on Proverbs. Early Bird pricing ends February 2. Registration ends March 2. Details/tickets at ifstark.iflocal.com.

ALL IN: Raised to Life, Released for Purpose

January 6 / The Call of Following Christ

READING / *Mark 8:34-37*

SUMMARY / Jesus teaches his disciples a lesson about what it means to follow him. For Jesus, following him means a life of full surrender and devotion. The standard of discipleship is that one must be willing to put Christ and his kingdom as the priority above everything else.

REFLECTION / How do Jesus' words challenge or shock you? In what ways can you commit to being a more devoted follower of Jesus?

UNLIKE CHRIST: Addressing the Failures of the Church

January 13 / Christians Are Hypocrites

READING / *Matthew 23:23-28* / *Luke 6:46-49*

SUMMARY / Jesus teaches that being a true follower of his is about more than a verbal profession or religious ritual. Being a follower of Jesus means not only acknowledging him as Lord, but living a life of obedience. Jesus is not just concerned with our outward appearance, but also the condition of our heart.

REFLECTION / What areas of your life are inconsistent with your faith? What are the ways that you need to start obeying Jesus?

January 20 / Christians Are Judgmental

READING / *Luke 19:1-10*

SUMMARY / Jesus befriends a man named Zacchaeus, who had a bad reputation. When Jesus goes to the house Zacchaeus, people grumble and begin to complain that Jesus hangs out with sinners. They not only judged Zacchaeus, but Jesus, as well! Jesus' response and treatment of Zacchaeus shows us the right way.

REFLECTION / Are there certain people you think badly about, or make assumptions about? How does Jesus' example challenge you?

January 27 / Christians Are Anti-homosexual

READING / *John 8:1-11*

SUMMARY / Jesus encounters a woman who has been caught in sexual sin. Jesus offers the perfect balance of grace and truth and the woman experiences the transforming power of his love. This gives the Church an example of how we are to treat those who are in the homosexual community.

REFLECTION / Have you been guilty of stereotyping those in the homosexual community? In what ways might your perspective need to change?