

# Welcome

# **FEBRUARY**

### 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.



Women's Ministry / February 7 / 6:30PM Do you know your love language? Author and pastor Gary Chapman gives insight in his book, The 5 Love Languages, into how we best accept and give love to others. We will discuss the book and take the quiz. Regardless if you are married, single, a mother or a grandmother, join us for this fun evening together. Questions? Email massillon@rivertreechristian.com



Men Step Up / Begins February 9 / 10AM Bible study and discussion for all men, Meet at Dairy Queen in Massillon. Just show up or if you have questions email Thom Voshall at thomvosh@gmail.com



**IF:Stark / March 9 / 9AM-4PM** Women 14+ are invited to attend this Stark countywide event in Downtown Canton for powerful worship, authentic conversation and energetic speakers focused on Proverbs. Early Bird pricing now ends February 12. Registration ends March 2, if still available. Details at *ifstark.iflocal.com* 



**E.P.I.C.** / March 22-24 / For grades 9-12 Everyone is created in the image of God and therefore Every Person Is Crucial to God's mission. Register to attend at *rivertreemassillon.com/students* or grab a flyer at the Welcome Center. Questions? Email Erica at *hollingere@rivertreechristian.com* 



Worship Night / March 14 / 7PM Save the date! This is a time to focus our attention on God, to give thanks and to celebrate who He is, and all He has done for us.



Freedom Tour Live / April 11 / 7PM / RiverTree Jackson
Jennie Allen, author and visionary of IF:Gathering with
award- winning songwriter, Christy Nockels, host a special
night focused on the freedom we've been given in Him and
the courage to really live like it. Tickets at cantonfreedomtour.
eventbrite.com







# UNLIKE CHRIST: Addressing the Failures of the Church

#### February 3 / Christians Are Antihomosexual

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?

# **GET SMART: Practical Wisdom from Proverbs**

#### February 10 / Fear God, Find Wisdom

**READING** / Proverbs 1:7; 19:23

**SUMMARY** / The starting point for wisdom is reverent respect for God and His commands. When our lives and choices revolve around honoring God, we also find that his ways are much better for our lives. There are real benefits and blessings when we seek to live life the way God intended for us.

**REFLECTION** / What drives your lifestyle choices? Is it God and His Word, or is it something else like fear, greed, pleasure, etc.? What is it for you?

#### February 17 / Watch Your Words

**READING** / Proverbs 15:1-4; 10:19; 17:28; 21:23

**SUMMARY** / Our words have great power to do harm or to do good. We must watch what we say, how we say it, and when we say it. Sometimes it is better for us not to speak at all, rather than saying something we regret and finding ourselves in trouble. Proverbs gives us some insight into our words.

**REFLECTION** / Do you struggle with saying things you regret, or letting your emotions control your words? How do these Scriptures help that?

#### February 24 / Steward Your Money

**READING** / Proverbs - 21:5; 22:7; 3:9-10; 13:11

**SUMMARY** / We all know that money matters and is important for our lives, but so is how we use it. If we don't have a plan for our money, we can find ourselves in all kinds of trouble. Proverbs shows us how God calls us to think about money in a way that honors Him, but is also beneficial to our lives and our future.

**REFLECTION** / Do you have good money management skills? Do you have a budget? How are you doing with your spending, saving and giving?