

NEW
FOR
JUNE

Welcome



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.



Men's Step Up Bible Study / Saturdays / 8AM New location - meet at the Lincoln Apartments (across from Speedway). Grow in the Word and with one another, and fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples.



In the Wild VBS / June 10-13 / 6-8PM For ages 4-year-old through 4th grade. Register to attend at rivertreemassillon.com/vbs. If you are willing to help, email Bethany_reppb@rivertreechristian.com.



Women's Gathering / June 19 / 6-8PM A night of fellowship, teaching, and a craft and a great opportunity to meet others and get more involved. Questions? Email massillon@rivertreechristian.com.



ONE Service Celebration / June 23 / 10:30AM We'll combine for one Sunday service to honor 2019 grads, celebrate baptisms, and enjoy a cookout after service. If possible, bring a side to share. If you recently graduated or would like to be baptized email massillon@rivertreechristian.com.



High School Canoe Trip / July 2 / 4-6:30PM Meet at the Trailhead Canoe Livery. Cost \$15 includes pizza. Grab a flyer at the Welcome Center or email Erica at hollingere@rivertreechristian.com.

LEARN TO SHARE Spreading the Good News of God's Grace

June 9 / Sharing Faith

READING / Romans 10:13-17; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

SUMMARY / Many Christians think that we show Christ only by the way we live. This is true, but it is also essential that we share who Christ is and what he did through our words. The Bible says faith comes through hearing. People need to hear the message of Christ. All Christians are called to this, but it is God who does the real work. We plant and water, but God gives the growth!

REFLECTION / What stops you from sharing Jesus with others? What are your biggest fears and concerns? What would it take for you to begin doing this?

June 16 / Sharing Life

READING / John 17:15-18; Mark 2:15-17

SUMMARY / Jesus tells us that his disciples (all Christians) are sent, just as the Father sent him into the world. What does this mean? As Jesus put on human flesh and lived among others, we are called to live life with others so we can accomplish the will of God. This means building relationships, sharing our dinner tables, and showing hospitality. This opens the door and opportunity for us to share the message of Jesus with those around us.

REFLECTION / Do you have people in your life that aren't Christians? Do you intentionally try to build relationships with them? What are some ways you can show hospitality?

June 23 / Sharing Hope

READING / 1 Peter 3:15-16

SUMMARY / In this context, Peter encourages us to share our faith in the context of having and giving hope to others. He says we must be prepared to have a response when others ask us about why we have hope, or about what it is we believe. Peter also partners this with the way we live our lives as examples to others. Our witness comes with word and deed, and we should live hopeful lives, and be able to explain to people why we have hope in Christ.

REFLECTION / Do you live as if you truly have hope? Do you know what you would say to someone if they asked what you believe? Can you explain why you have hope?

June 30 / Sharing the Process

READING / Matthew 28:18-20

SUMMARY / This is what is known as the Great Commission, or one of the last things that Jesus commands of his disciples. Jesus expects his followers to help other people become disciples. This means to teach them who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. This is also a process, not just a one-time event. Christians must walk alongside people in this journey of faith, and intentionally commit to teach them what it looks like to follow Jesus together.

REFLECTION / Who are the people in your life you can begin teaching what it means to follow Jesus? What stops you from doing this? Who are some people you can begin to do this with?