

NEW
FOR
NOVEMBER

Welcome

SERMON SERIES:

Parables: Small Stories With Big Truth / Through November 10 This month, we continue in this series to examine these parables to discover Jesus' teachings and what they mean for our lives.

The Basics / Begins November 17 This three-week series helps us focus on the fundamentals for following Christ through worship, service and witness. Together we can take the time this season to focus on getting back to the basics.



Men's Breakfast / November 9 / 8AM An enjoyable time of food, fellowship and testimonies. All men are welcome, and encouraged to bring a friend! Help us prepare for food and let us know you're coming! Email massillon@rivertreechristian.com or sign up in the community room.



Thanksgiving Harvest Meals / November 28 Every Thanksgiving, we partner with other area churches to bless people in need. This year, our church plans to provide 425 hot meals to the surrounding community. But we can't do this alone! We need donations of cookies and turkeys, and volunteers who can help with meal assembly, and delivery drivers. This is a church-wide outreach opportunity. Donations will be collected in November and volunteers will help the morning of Thanksgiving Day.



ALL IN / For grades 9-12 / November 15-17 A weekend full of fun and an incredible opportunity for high school students to connect with God, one another and leaders who want to invest in them. Details and sign up at rivertreemassillon.com/allin2019. Questions? Email Ryan and Erica Hollinger at hollingere@rivertreechristian.com.



One Service & Water Baptism / November 17 / 10:30AM During this one combined service, we will also celebrate baptisms. If you are ready to take your next step of faith in baptism, fill out a green "We Care" card at the Welcome Center or email us at massillon@rivertreechristian.com

Sign Up to Serve Sunday / November 24 Did you know God has given us gifts that he wants us to use? After both services, you will have the opportunity to see some different opportunities to serve. We will share the areas inside and outside of the church where we would love to see more people commit to serving God and others.

Christmas Services We can't wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus with you! Plan now to attend one of two identical service options. We will offer one service on Sunday, December 22 at 10:30AM and one on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4PM. Children's classes available for birth-3 years.

Christmas Outreach Every Christmas, we have the opportunity to be a blessing to others and demonstrate God's love for the world. This year, we are partnering with Gorrell Elementary to bless local families. Ways to get involved include opportunities to sponsor a child with Christmas gifts, donate gift cards for the parents, or volunteer your time at a special dinner with the families. Be on the lookout for more information in December.



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PARABLES: Small Stories With Big Truth (continued)

November 3 / The Unmerciful Servant

READING / Matthew 18:23-35

Jesus teaches on a very difficult topic – the issue of forgiveness. In this parable, a master forgives a massive debt of one of his servants, only for that same servant to refuse to show compassion or forgiveness towards someone that owed him. Jesus shows the importance of forgiving because God has chosen to forgive us.

November 10 / The Rich Man and Lazarus

READING / Luke 16:19-31

This is a well-known, and yet challenging parable from Jesus. The parable is about how the choices we make on earth dictate where we will spend our eternity. Our decisions matter. How we treat people matter. And ultimately, whether or not we live for God or for ourselves. Jesus affirms the reality of eternity, but more specifically, heaven and hell.

The Basics – Fundamentals for Following Christ

November 17 / Called to Worship

READING / Romans 12:1-2

If we are going to follow Jesus, we have to understand what it means to worship. Paul writes that worship is more than singing songs, it is responding to the grace of God by offering our whole lives to God. Worship isn't just something we do, it is the very way we live, by constantly seeking God's will and striving to honor him in all things. Worship means that God is worthy of everything we have to offer him.

November 24 / Called to Serve

READING / Romans 12:3-8

As Christians, we not only live in relationship with God but also with other people. Part of our role as believers is to serve others and be a blessing to the people God has placed around us. In these verses, Paul writes that all Christians have been given gifts and that we are supposed to use them to serve one another! All of us are different and unique, but everyone has something to contribute.