



The River Report

With News Of Happenings And Conditions On The River

May/June 2009

Mission and Vision Statement

Living Life Deep
And Wide

- *Relationship
- *Commitment
- *Mystery
- *Care
- *Growth
- *Tapestry

Baptisms on Father's Day

This Fathers Day (June 21) give your Heavenly Father the gift of your baptism. If you have come to faith in Jesus Christ, your next step should be baptism or confirming your infant baptism. A class to get you ready for this great day in your life will be held in the Pastor's Office on Sunday June 14 at 9AM. A sign up sheet is located in the church lobby.

Mother's Day

As always, Mother's Day will be a time of celebrating and thanking God for moms. The message will be specifically focusing on Moms and those who love them! On this day, to allow you to bring mom breakfast in bed, there will be no Sunday School. So come at 10AM and bring your mom!

Graduation Sunday On June 7

All senior high, college, and post- graduates will be honored during the service on Sunday, June 7. As we will have a special gift for each, please be certain to let Jordan Gash (Minister to Students) know if you are or have a graduate that will be attending on Graduation

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, June 7

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, June 7 immediately following the worship service. During this meeting we will elect new Council and Financial Officers. We will also approve the 2009-2010 budget. While all persons may attend and speak at this meeting, voting is limited to members of River47. (See article below for info on the next New Member's Class.)

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Congregational Discussion Meetings

Our format at congregational meetings does not allow for gathering information and asking questions. Rather, the congregational meeting is a time when we are to come informed, ready to give opinion, pray and vote. It is at the Discussion Meetings that we encourage information gathering, questions, etc. The reason for this is simply to make sure that we are able to responsibly sit with and contemplate decisions facing a congregation with ample time to understand and pray. With this in mind, two identical Discussion Meetings have been set for Sunday, May 31 during the Sunday School hour at 9AM and Wednesday, June 3 while our Junior High – Senior High Students are enjoying their end of the year Luau at 7PM. Mark these on your calendar and plan to attend one.

New Members Class

Our next two-hour membership class is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd from 5-7PM. This announcement has been in the bulletin the past few weeks. If you have not yet let us know of your childcare needs, it may still be possible for us to arrange this for you. Pizza preference and sign up can be communicated to us as late as the end of service on May 3rd. New Members will be brought into membership on Sunday, May 31. If you have already taken the class previously and desire to place your membership with us at this time, please let the pastor know by Sunday May 10th, Mother's Day. A sign up sheet for this class is located at the information table in the church lobby.

Memorial Day Sunday

Each Memorial Day we take a few moments in our Sunday Service to remember family members and friends that have been lost to us in the service of the nation. We also remember that the freedoms we enjoy here in the United States have come at a sometimes terrible cost. This Memorial Day Sunday we will honor the day even as we ask the Lord's protection on all service men and women presently deployed. Please also note, there is no Sunday School this morning.

Sunday Mornings

Sermon Titles

5/3	Christianity and Islam	
5/10	Poetry For Knowing	Psalm 139
5/17	Being "Spiritual" - Dr. Ed Rybarczyk	
5/24	Poetry For Hope	Psalm 23
5/31	Poetry For Praise	Psalm 100
6/7	Poetry For Confession	Psalm 51
6/14	Poetry For Anger	Psalm 55
6/21	Poetry For Perspective	Psalm 2

New Series: Poetry for Life

The Psalms are a part of the Bible also known as "Hebrew Wisdom and Poetical Literature." Each one was written in poetical form as a song to touch not only the intellect but the heart. Throughout the centuries, believers have often taken hold of particular Psalms as banners for their life. As we open this series on Mother's Day, our first four Psalms are actually the favorites of four of the Matriarchs of our congregation. Nelda Snow loves Psalm 139, Evelyn Johnson Psalm 23, Lois Norling Psalm 100, and Elvira Thomas Psalm 51. Moving from a Mother's theme to that of Godly fathers, we'll deal with temper and perspective as we close out the series with Psalms 55 and 2.

Attendance & Finances

We've all noticed it. River47 is growing! That is the wonderful and strong news. In fact, not a Sunday has gone by lately when we have not seen at least one new household or individual visit and stay. The news is also good on the financial side, as financially we are growing as well. Thinking back, the Fall saw us floundering and falling behind \$2,000.00 per week. Since that time, giving has grown substantially, to the point where our giving is trailing the budget by only a few hundred dollars per week. Still, while the news is good, it is important to note that our financial footing is still not where it needs to be. As we prepare to head into the summer months, your continued financial support, even while on vacation, is vitally important. Giving from a distance has also been made easy with an online option at www.river47.org.

Attendance & Finances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Gen. Fund</u>
03/01	270	\$ 6,327.84
03/08	186	\$ 8,073.00
03/15	248	\$ 5,672.50
03/22	237	\$ 4,595.64
03/29	224	\$ 4,679.69
04/05	267	\$ 8,017.05
04/12	365	\$ 5,512.17
04/19	181	\$ 3,821.84
04/26	210	\$

*Weekly Offering Needed to Make
Budget: \$6,500.00*

Website News

The River47 website is always being updated. If you check out the "Meet The Staff" section of the site you will see some new pictures of the River47 staff and their families. Another new addition to the site is in the "Events" page that you can get to by clicking on the "Activities" picture on the front page of the site. All of the upcoming events are taken from the slides that are displayed every Sunday at the beginning and end of the service. Every Sunday the sermon is uploaded as a podcast so you won't miss a single message. Check out the site at



Lindsey Swedzinski	May 4
Sean Montoya	May 6
Roxanna Morgan	May 6
Alex Strickland	May 12
Glenn Thomas	May 15
Jeffrey Gremling	May 15
Zach Strickland	May 15
Jonothon Verdugo	May 18
Patricia Rutledge	May 20
Jordan Gash	May 21
Taylor Harvey	May 21
Emily Eggeston	May 23
Kris Almgren	May 24
Shirley Bracken	May 25
Hannah Verdugo	May 28
Vera Gremling	June 1
Don Daley	June 1
Mike Harvill	June 4
Melita Sutherland	June 4
Karen Hartley	June 5
Amy Nygren	June 9
Annette Perkins	June 12
Holly Luttrell	June 14
Nathan Fang	June 14
Joshua Wooden	June 15
Debra Noland	June 16
RaDawn McKinney	June 16
Emily Strom	June 17
Joseph Wooden	June 25
Benjamin Wooden	June 25

Happy Anniversary!!

Glenn & Amy Thomas	May 1
Craig & Maria Saunders	May 12
George & Roxanna Morgan	May 25
Ray and Moira Singer	May 31
Greg & Vera Gremling	June 10
Joel & Kacie Andrews	June 16

***Get us your special dates:
New to the congregation??
Call the church office with your
birthday and anniversary!!

Miscellaneous News and Events On The River

Prayer Meeting

Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, broke bread with His Disciples, they ate the Passover meal and partook of the bread and the cup and Jesus washed their feet. After all this, they went to the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asked them to pray with Him. They all fell asleep while Jesus went off alone to pray. Jesus (the man) needed to align Himself with the will of the Father. He knew what lay ahead and what it would cost. Jump ahead to just before Christ ascended to heaven, He told His followers to go and wait and pray for the Holy Spirit to empower them. Prayer is the vehicle for power to live this life in obedience, to be empowered so that we can function as His church, and to hear His voice so we can know how to pray. On the first Sunday of each month, we meet at 7 PM in the Sanctuary for prayer.

Dear River47,

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to you and your congregation for your contribution of \$2600. for the Bibleless people of the world.

As a result of your generosity, these spiritually hungry people can hear the Word of God and be discipled as they begin to understand the Bible and walk with Jesus Christ.

Because of people like you, we've sent the life-transforming Word of God, in our Audio Drama New Testament, to blind people in Mozambique, a leprosy colony in India, an orphanage in Peru, villages in the Amazon... helping redeem lives around the world!

Thank you for being a part of this eternal work of the Lord. Your gift is bringing joy, hope, and heart-healing as people of every generation around the world experience the living Word of God in their own language.

*Servant of Christ,
Morgan Jackson
International Director
Faith Comes by Hearing*

2nd River47 Golf Challenge

Its been a long time coming, but the 2nd River 47 Golf Challenge will take place on May 30th at Fullerton Golf Course in the City of Fullerton. The first tee time will be 10:00 AM. The first Challenge was a great time and we think this challenge will be even better! The entry fee for the challenge will be \$60.00. This includes your green fee, electric cart, BBQ, goodie bag, skill awards and many other surprises. Plus, you have a chance to fellowship with other golfers at River 47. This is open to everyone over the age of 7, up to golfers in their 90's. Invite your friends and family members! Get your foursomes together! If you're a single or twosome, no problem, we'll place you in a group of friendly people! Each player must have his or her own set of clubs (rentals are available from the course). The Challenge will be a scramble format. The bottom line is that we want you at the Challenge no matter what your skill level! Getting to know you better is what the Challenge is all about.

Entry forms will be passed out starting April 26th. We would like to have all entries in before the 23rd of May. See or call John Mitchell at 714-998-5361 (home) or 714-598-9829 (cell), or see John at the Kiosk after church for sign up



Summer Sunday School Break

Fathers Day marks the beginning of our Summer Sunday School Break. From Fathers Day through Sunday August 16 we will take a break from our 9AM teaching hour. For those weeks plan on joining us at 10AM each morning for great wor-

Promotion Sunday - June 7

All children and students! This is the Sunday that you officially move up to the next grade. On this morning we urge all of you to attend the 9AM Sunday School hour to be welcomed to your new class and another chapter of growth in your life. This is also the last Sunday before the Summer Sunday School Break.

Community Bible Study

Did you know that more than 200 women from churches across Orange County meet each week for an in-depth study of the scriptures? Did you know that Shelly Scott is one of those study leaders? They meet at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orange every Wed. from 9 - 11 AM. Right now they are going through the Book of Revelation. Talk to Shelly or go to "www.thingstodo.msn.com/orange-ca/events/show/84918579-community-womens-bible-study" for more info!

9th Annual Educator's Prayer Breakfast

On Thursday, May 7, the 9th annual Educator's Prayer Breakfast will be held in Santa Ana at the Elk's Lodge on Elk Lane. This event mirrors the national day of prayer. A full breakfast is being served and inspirational music will be presented as well as a featured speaker. The breakfast will run from 6:00 am to 7:15 am and all local educators are invited, not merely those from Santa Ana. To make reservations, call Teresa at 714-549-

National Day of Prayer

Meet on the steps of City Hall on Thursday, May 7th, at 12:00 pm to pray with many other people from congregations throughout the City of Orange. If you can't make that, don't worry, there will be another meeting at 7 pm at the Heritage Christian Fellowship Center (7436 E. Chapman Ave, Orange). These will be great times for fellowship and prayer in our town!

Consider a House Sitter

This summer we have some wonderful families and singles who could benefit by house sitting for you, either by getting out of their own home or having a place with more room to spread out. It will cost you nothing and at the same time give you the security of knowing your house is well taken care of. For more information, to house sit or to have someone house sit for you, call the church office.



The Creek Preschool News

Preschool News

Spring is here and with only a few weeks of school left the children are excited about all the fun things that we will do as we celebrate all the things that God grows - plants, animals and us! Here are a few reminders for the next few weeks:

May 5th & 6th - Today is our "Mommy & Me Tea" and special Chapel Service at 11:00.

May 13th & 14th - Today Captain Carl will be here!

May 25th - NO SCHOOL for Memorial Day!

May 21st & 22nd - The Bike-A-Thon is today!

June 3rd and 4th are the last days of school!

June 12th - Tonight we will have our graduation ceremony and ice-cream social at 6:30p.m.!

June 8th - Summer Camp starts today!



Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment has begun at The Creek Preschool and Kindergarten! We are accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. We currently have room in our classes which range from 2 ½ years old through Kindergarten. We are growing fast so please come by and check out our preschool programs. We would love to see you here!

Summer Camp

We have a super fun Summer Camp program here at The Creek for kids 2 ½ thru 3rd grade! Sign up today for the whole summer or just one week! There are fun preschool programs in addition to a high-energy Sports camp for the older kids. Don't miss out - sign up today!

Mommy & Me Tea

May 5th and 6th all the Mommies are invited to join us in the church sanctuary at 11:00 for a special Chapel Service by our Pastors, followed by a tea with the children! This is a fun time for the children to show their Mommies how much they are loved!



Bike-A-Thon

To help us raise money for our school, the kids here at The Creek will be riding their bikes, trikes, and scooters! On May 21st and 22nd we will have a blast as the kids race around a mini track in our parking lot. This is always a fun event and a great fundraiser. As a special bonus this year, Cinderella and a Power Ranger will be throwing a party for all the kids who raise \$100.00 or more!

Children's Ministry

Nursery Schedule

Date	9am	10am Infant Room	10am Toddler Room
May 3	Jennifer Harvey	Angelica French Eva Luttrell Holly Luttrell	Dan French Marsha Burke
May 10	No Sunday School	Melita Sutherland Val Yungblut	Theresa Young Eric Delawder
May 17	Holly Bastidas	Debbie Licata Diann Smith	Elizabeth Rice Tanya Rybarczyk
May 24	Jennifer Harvey	Angelica French Eva Luttrell Holly Luttrell	Dan French Marsha Burke
May 31	Melissa Meyer	Melita Sutherland Val Yungblut	Theresa Young Eric Delawder
June 7	Holly Bastidas	Debbie Licata Diann Smith	Elizabeth Rice Tanya Rybarczyk
June 14	Jennifer Harvey	Angelica French Eva Luttrell Holly Luttrell	Dan French Marsha Burke
June 21	No Sunday School	Melita Sutherland Val Yungblut	Theresa Young Eric Delawder

Children's Church

Date	Preschool & Kindergarten	1 st -3 rd Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade
May 3	Jon & Rachel Verdugo	Melissa Meyer	Benji Sutherland
May 10	Cora Riley	Bob & Melissa Murphy	Michael & Kim Davis
May 17	Greg Sagehorn	Terry & Natalie Jackson	Cherie Brown & Luc Sutherland
May 24	John & Rachel Verdugo	Melissa Meyer	Benji Sutherland Hunter Kennedy
May 31	Cora Riley	Bob & Melissa Murphy	Michael & Kim Davis
June 7	Greg Sagehorn	Terry & Natalie Jackson	Cherie Brown & Luc Sutherland
June 14	John & Rachel Verdugo	Melissa Meyer	Benji Sutherland
June 21	Cora Riley	Bob & Melissa Murphy	Michael & Kim Davis

Thank You Sunday School Teachers!

June 21st is the last day of Sunday school! I want to thank Dawn Sutherland, Laura Rice, Joel Kubin, Chris DiCato, and Lindsay Swedenski for the great job they have done this year teaching our kids EACH AND EVERY WEEK! Thank You!

Summer Camp at Alpine

July 19th - 25th our 4th - 6th grade kids are invited to head to Alpine Camp and Conference Center for a fun filled week of adventure! They will live in tee-pees and attend daily pow-wows! Register today to reserve your spot in this super fun camp by calling Kacie Andrews at (714) 633-0402 and pick up a form in the church Narthex.

SUMMER

Clean the Beach Day

May 23rd, kids and their parents are invited to head to Newport Beach where we will spend 30 minutes cleaning the beach, followed by a fun time playing games, playing in the sand, and swimming. Check the church website for more information or call Kacie Andrews to RSVP!



Summer Volunteers

We still need more volunteers for Summer Children's Church! If you can serve just one Sunday this summer sign up in the Narthex as soon as possible! Thank You!

Vacation Bible School

July 3rd - 7th from 6:00pm-8:30pm a "Crocodile Dock" Vacation Bible School is coming to River47! This is going to be an exciting week in the Down-Under Bayou where we will make exciting crafts, play gator-games, make and eat delicious snacks, sing songs, and more! The cost is only \$25.00 for the week with a discount of \$5.00 off each additional child!

River47 Student Ministries



Minister to Students: Jordan Gash 714-633-6464 x107, jordan@river47.org
 Weekly Meetings: College, Monday @ 7pm; Jr. High, Tuesday @ 7pm;
 High School, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm



All Student Ministries Announcements:

Student Ministries Yard Sale on May 16:

That's right! We here at River47 Student Ministries are putting on a yard sale to raise funds to help students go to special events like CHIC and camps! We would love to have you come out on May 16 sometime between 8am-3pm!

DONATIONS: We need donations for our yard sale! If you would like to donate, bring your stuff to church on Mother's Day (May 10) and we will certainly help you unload!

Jr. High Ministries:

Where in Orange is Carl San Francisco??? - May 12 @River47:

WANTED



Arg! That blasted Carl San Francisco has escaped us again! But what is this? He has left us small clues along the way to help us find him - that is strangely convenient... he must not be too bright. Aha! Nevertheless, we are on the case and we want you to come help us find him! Do you think you have the knowledge and the wits to search throughout Orange to find him? Then, because we are so excited we found him, we'll have a party! Join us on May 12 from 7pm-9pm! Totally FREE! Sign up in the office or with Jordan now!

Alpine Summer Camp 2009 Aug. 2-7:

That's right! We're going back! Brochures available in the office! Talk to Jordan if you want to go! Check out www.alpine-cc.org for more info!



High School Ministries:



Luau is June 3rd @ River47:

Our graduation Luau here at River47 is a long standing event that is always a lot of fun! It's the way that River47 student ministries celebrate the transitions of our graduating classes! Join us for this end of the school year party as we hang out, eat food, play silly games, and reminisce of the past year! By the way... be sure to come in your great Luau outfit! The winner gets a prize! Sign up in the office or with Jordan!



Backpacking Trip July 22-25:

Cheap, great, adventure and fun in the High Sierras!! Be sure to put it on your calendars! Spots will be limited! Talk to Jordan for more info!

The Current: College-Aged Ministries

Carpinteria Camp-away June 26-28:

Beach. Camping. Friends. Need I say more? If you are a college student then you need to stop filling the stereotype that all college students are procrastinators and sign up for our camping beach retreat NOW! Then when we actually get to Carpinteria, near Santa Barbara, filling that stereotype will be highly encouraged! We are storming the beach with our readiness for FUN! Oh, and if you are a senior in High School, you won't be for long - that means you'll be college-aged and can join us!

Adult Ministries

Adult 9am Class Offerings

Please see church bulletins for updates

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Ed Hess, Chairman

Fellowship And Fun

Graduation Sunday on June 7th

Join us for special refreshments immediately after service to celebrate our special graduates!



Concert on the River, June 27th

Bring a chair and a picnic dinner (or buy from our concession stand) and join us on the River as we enjoy some tunes with the Anonymous and an evening of fellowship and fun! Bring your friends!! More information to follow.

River Ladies

We meet the last Thursday of each month for lunch at different restaurants. All ladies are invited, so take a break and join us for food and fellowship with the ladies of River47. For more information call Diann Smith (714-633-1514) or email her at timdiann@surfside.net.

If you are interested in assisting with planning of fellowship events, Sunday morning coffee service, or have a great suggestion, please contact Diann Smith (714-633-1514).