



THE RIVER

Rundown

Spring 2025

By now, you hopefully know that a significant leadership transition is in motion in our church community. In the coming weeks and months, you'll be invited to communal gatherings to hear about how we intend to navigate this important season in a spirit of faith, hope, and love.

In the midst of our transition, God's deepening work in our midst continues as we follow the contours of the church calendar. As we journey through the month of April, we continue in the Lenten journey, marked by fasting and giving. We hope you'll carve out time during the week before Easter (Holy Week) to intensify your walk with Christ by coming to the office to participate in the guided prayer experience known as The Stations of the Cross. Our Easter celebration is always intended to be a hospitable space. We hope you'll bring a friend! Throughout the month of May, we'll ponder the meaning of the resurrection in the midst of the mundane realities of ordinary lives.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we pray that you will take meaningful steps towards a deeper connection with the God who, in great love, suffered, died, and was raised for you.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Monday - Thursday, April 14 - 17

Holy Week Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 16

Young Adult Worship and Prayer Night

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday & Pancake Brunch

Friday, April 25

Seniors: Coffee, Conversation & Community

Sunday, April 27

On Being: The Manuscript Study begins

Wednesday, April 30

Taco Talks

Friday, May 2

Family Movie Night Fundraiser

Sunday, May 4

Town Hall Gathering

Friday, May 9

Ladies Bunco Night

Sunday, May 18

Young Adults Lunch

Tuesday, June 3

Christ in the Rubble Book Discussion begins

Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20

Maker Camp

Holy Week Events



The Stations of the Cross are a series of images and prayers that Christ-followers use to "walk" through Jesus' last hours with Him. There will be guidance for you to travel through the space meditatively, stopping to pray and make use of various sensory experiences that map to particular parts of Jesus' final hours. Come anytime between 7 - 9 pm, allowing yourself at least 30 minutes for the experience.



Community

Coffee, Conversation & Community

Friday, April 25 | 10 - 11:30 AM

All Seniors (65 years +) are warmly invited to join us for our next time of coffee and conversation in The River lobby. We'll have a question to ponder... but mostly we just want to spend time together.

Taco Talks

Wednesday, April 30 | 7 - 8:30 PM

Join Iheoma and Grace for our second Taco Talks, a space for open and meaningful conversation about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).



Over tacos and conversation, we'll explore what DEI means in our communities, workplaces, and daily lives. Our goal isn't to persuade or debate—it's to listen, learn, and reflect on why it matters. Bring a friend, your questions, and an open heart as we create space for dialogue that deepens understanding. We hope to see you there!

Family Movie Night Fundraiser

Friday, May 2 | 6 - 8 PM

Join us for Family Movie Night, a fundraiser for our High School service Trip to South Korea. Come enjoy the modern classic "Shrek" and eat delicious Shrek themed snacks! \$15/ticket, fun for the whole family, invite your friends!



Ladies Bunco Night

Friday, May 9 | 6:30 - 9 PM

Join us for a Ladies Night Out for an evening of Bunco! Whether you are a seasoned Bunco lover or have never played, we hope you will join us for a time of food, fellowship, and fun!

Town Hall Gathering

Sunday, May 4 | 12:45 - 2:30 PM

This gathering is open to all Sunday attenders to hear about how we intend to navigate this season in a spirit of faith, hope, and love. The River Board will provide updates on the task forces related to the pastoral transitions, as well as updates on the budget. Partners will have the opportunity to vote/ratify members of the lead pastor search committee. Lunch and Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP by April 27.



Young Adults

We use the term "young adult" to refer to those in their 20s & 30s - single or married, making their way in the world.

Young Adult Lunch

Sunday, May 18 | 1:15- 2:30 PM

Join us for our next monthly lunch! Our goal is to gather on the 3rd Sunday of each month for connection, eating good food, and continuing to build relationships amongst our young adult community. Contact hannah@the-river.org to RSVP.

Young Adult Worship and Prayer

Wednesday, April 16 | 7 - 8 PM

A evening of worship and prayer. Join the River Young adults as we seek God in musical worship and prayer.

The River Young Adults gather on Wednesday nights from 7 - 9 PM for fellowship and small groups. Contact Pastor Daniel (daniel@the-river.org) with any questions, or to be added to the young adult WhatsApp group.

Small Group Communities

Looking to establish deeper connections and grow within a supportive community? Fill out our form at: tinyurl.com/RiverSGInterest and we will get you connected. We have groups meeting throughout the week, some organized by life stage and some that are intergenerational.

Commission

Christ In the Rubble: Book Discussion

Tuesdays in June | 7 - 8:30 PM in The River Lobby

Palestine continues to be a human and moral cause. For the church, it is also a theological crisis about the credibility of our witness. This group will 'wrestle with the tragic consequences of bad theologies' through Christ in the Rubble: Faith, the Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza written by Palestinian Christian Rev. Dr Munther Isaac. His book is a call 'to embrace our calling in this wounded world and land', 'insist on seeing the image of Jesus in every victim of oppression, marginalization, and violent ideologies of supremacy and Empire' and 'declare the goodness and justice of God.'

Hydroponics Workshop

Saturday in Late May/ Early June | 1 - 3 PM

Hydroponics is the growing of plants using nutrients in a liquid medium. This method can use up to 90% less water than traditional farming and yields orders of magnitude more produce! We'll be exploring creation care and this exciting growing technique in a hands on workshop! Participants can make 1 of 3 types of small hydroponic systems to start your growing journey, and will leave with seedlings, nutrients, a hydroponic system and community of growers and creation care enthusiasts. *Participants will be invited to help revive the River's Community Garden partnership in the Washington Guadalupe neighborhood

Communion

On Being : The Manuscript Study

Sundays, April 27 - June 8 | 9 - 10:30 AM in the Upper Room

'On Being' will begin the first Sunday of Eastertide and continue to Pentecost. The 7 week manuscript study is of the seven 'I am' discourses in the gospel of John. *P.S. Only 1 of the 'I am' discourses was covered in last years Beloved Disciples group.

Contribution

Our hope is that everyone would find a meaningful way to serve within the church using their unique passions, skills, or abilities. There are opportunities on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Find out more about serving teams at the-river.org/serve or email serving@the-river.org to set-up a time to discuss with someone how your gifts or talents would best serve the church.



Middle School and High School meets upstairs on Sunday mornings during the 11 AM service.

Middle School Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6 - 8 PM on these dates:
April 6, April 27, May 4 and
May 18 (End of the Year Party)

Ongoing Service Opportunities

The Willows | City Team Ministries | Delivering food to families at the Willow Apartments every 4th Wednesday 6:45 - 7:45 PM | adults & kids

The River/Shalom | Reaching Out Center | Delivering food to families at the River, Shalom Iglesia & local community every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8 - 9:15 AM | adults

The Warehouse | Second Harvest: Cypress Center | Sorting, boxing and packaging for food ministries | 2nd Wednesday 6 - 8 PM

Registration is open for:



June 16 - 20
9 AM - 12 PM

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Our e-newsletter is sent weekly with sermon summaries, news, and more event details.

Did you know the River has a slack channel? The #general channel is a great place to let the community know if you have a bike to sell, room to rent, searching for one, or just cool events you'd like to invite others to! Slack can be used on a web browser or as a mobile app, and in a rapidly changing political/social world our communal slack channel is restarting! Join us on slack! tinyurl.com/rivercc

