



THE RIVER

Rundown

Summer 2025

Summer is a time in which we often immerse ourselves in great stories. Some of us watch the latest movies. Some of us read bestselling books. As a church community, we'll give our attention to one of the great narratives in all of antiquity—the Old Testament story of David.

According to Professor Robert Alter, "The story of David is probably the greatest single narrative representation in antiquity of a human life evolving by slow stages through time, shaped and altered by the pressures of political life, public institutions, family, the impulses of the body and spirit, the eventual sad decay of the flesh." At once, David is a courageous warrior and also a tragically passive father ... and horrible sinner. All of this makes David a fascinating character for people, young and old, wherever they are on the spiritual journey.

Through the life of David, God gives us hints about what it means for Jesus to be Messiah ... and what it means for us to be frail people who can nevertheless serve the lasting purposes of God. Let's immerse ourselves in this captivating narrative ... and welcome the living God to deepen our devotion to Jesus.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, June 3

Christ in the Rubble Book Group begins

Saturday, June 7

BBB - BBQ / Beverages / Brotherhood

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Prayer

Marriage Book Club begins

Sunday, June 15

Young Adult Lunch

Monday to Friday, June 16 - 20

Maker Camp

Monday, June 16

Healing What's Within Book Group begins

Sunday, June 22

Compassion & Justice Banquet

Friday, June 27

Seniors Luncheon

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Wednesday, July 9

Pray for the Church

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Mix & Munch

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Kids' Community Volunteer Kick-Off

Saturday, August 23

Farewell Party for Brad & Michelle

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Honoring
**Brad Wong
&
Michelle Manley**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
5:30 PM

The River Church Community
670 Lincoln Ave in San Jose, California
Adults only

All River attendees are invited to join us as we celebrate Brad and Michelle and their many years of fruitful ministry at The River! The party will be a dinner celebration for adults only. Visit our page at www.the-river.org/farewell-party to RSVP and learn how you can contribute photos and words of appreciation.

Community

(BBB) BBQ / Beverages / Brotherhood

Saturday, June 7 | 7 - 9 PM @ Casa de Kevin

Another fabulous installment of River Men's Ministry, BBB is a chance to eat bbq, crack a cold beverage, hang with other brothers, and contemplate the mysteries of life, faith, and smoked meat. Brad Wong will be our guest speaker. RSVP for Kevin's address.



Marriage Book Club

Sundays - June 8 - 29 | 9 -10:30 AM Upstairs Classroom

Join Pastor Daniel and Miranda for a four-week book club to "discover your love style and enhance your marriage." Together we will read and explore the book How We Love by Milan and Kay Yerkovich.

Taco Talks

Wednesday, July 23 | 7 - 8:30 PM

In this edition of Taco Talks, we're diving into a big question: What happens after we die? We'll tackle some critical (and often controversial) topics: Is hell really a place of eternal torment? Could a loving God send people there? And what do we really know about heaven? Together, we'll explore what the Bible says (and doesn't say), wrestle with theology, and reflect on how these beliefs shape the way we live today.



Join Iheoma and Grace for an evening of honest conversation, good food, and community connection. Whether you're curious, skeptical, or just hungry—there's a seat for you at the table. Bring your questions, your thoughts, and your appetite, because nothing pairs better with deep conversation than tacos! RSVP for address because this event will be off-site.

Intergenerational Game Night: Lazy Summer

Saturday, June 28 | 4 - 10 PM @ The River

You're invited to come mingle and make new friends while playing games with people of all generations! This intergenerational game night we'll be getting into the summer spirit--fresh juice, baseball hats, hotdogs, Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses. Bring your favorite game and a couple of friends or family members!



Pickleballooza

Saturday, July 12 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Pickleballooza is back! Join the growing group of River friends who play and want to share the love of the game with others.

We will have some courts for experienced players and a court dedicated for newbies. Location is TBD as we can only reserve courts a week prior to the event. We have a few options to choose from so sign up to let us know you are interested and we will share more details as the date approaches.



Summer Art Social

Saturday, July 26 | 2 - 5 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of connecting with others! Ruth VanderZee will lead us in creating a collaborative piece of art which will be hung in The River lobby. No experience necessary! This is a great chance to get to know others in a relaxed setting. It's also a great event to invite non-church going friends to!



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. Contact Pastor Daniel if you are interested in their weekly small group - daniel@the-river.org.

Young Adult Lunch

Sunday, June 15 | 1 - 3 PM

All young adults are invited to come have lunch, make a new friend or catch-up with an old one every 3rd Sunday after church. Gather in the lobby after the second service to discover where we'll eat!

Seniors

All Seniors (65 years +) are warmly invited to join us for any of our upcoming events.

Quarterly Luncheon

Friday, June 27 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Afternoon Tea

Friday, July 11 | 1 - 2:30 PM

Friday, August 15 | 1 - 2:30 PM

Coffee, Conversation & Community

Friday, July 25 | 10 - 11:30 AM

Friday, August 29 | 10 - 11:30 AM



Commission

Neighborhood Tree Tour

Sunday, July 20 | 1 – 2:30 PM



A Sustainability Cohort event – as a part of our commitment to caring for creation, we have the amazing opportunity of learning more about the trees in the neighborhood of The River. Join us as we go on a walk around the corner as we find fruit trees and learn about the different kinds of trees that grow in our community. Our tour will be led by the Executive Director of the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles and River attendee, Kris Jensen, who has been doing these tree tours in the South Bay for years.

Compassion & Justice Banquet

Sunday, June 22 | 2:30 – 5:30 PM

We will be joining with members of both Jewish and Muslim communities in partnership with the Abrahamic Alliance to prepare and share a full meal to homeless and unhoused people in our city. Our time together will begin with learning and conversation with our Muslim and Jewish friends who are doing good here in San Jose. We will prepare our meal before serving a plate with those who live near and around Columbus Park. This is a powerful opportunity for our church family to partner with other local faith communities in serving and blessing our neighbors!

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 | 6/25, 7/23/, 8/27

The River/Shalom | Reaching Out Center | Delivering food to families at The River, Shalom Iglesia & local community every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 8 – 9:30 AM adults | 6/11, 6/18, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27



Middle School and High School

meet upstairs on Sunday mornings during the 11 AM service. Please Note: There will be no Youth program on July 20. Youth should join us in the Sanctuary.

Youth Group Summer Pop-Ups will be on August 3, 10, 17
Details in the Youth Newsletter!

Communion

Pentecost Prayer

Sunday, June 8 | 7 – 8:30 PM @ The River

Come experience the supernatural power of community and prayer as we gather to seek the Holy Spirit, lift one another up, and open our hearts to God's transforming presence—just as they did on the day of Pentecost.

Pray for the Church

Wednesday, July 9, August 13 | 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Join us as we gather to listen to God's heart and pray for the church and upcoming leadership transitions.



Saturday, June 7 | 1:30 – 4:30 PM in Oakland

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of global music, international dance, and inspiring words. Meet others who want to support individuals, families, and communities recovering from the Eaton fires earlier this year. This event brings together many people from the Bay Area... including some friends from The River!

From The Healing Path Ministries...

Summer Book Group: Healing What's Within

Mondays, June 16 to August 4 | 7 – 9 PM

The subtitle is "Coming Home to Yourself--and to God-- When you're Wounded, Worn, and Wandering." If we are honest that's all of us, and yet not all of us know that. We hope it resonates with you and awakens a curiosity to participate with us. This is a Christ-centered group experience where individuals can process emotional wounds, explore relational struggles, and receive spiritual encouragement in a safe, grace-filled community. The group blends Biblical truth, psychological insight, and Spirit-led reflection to promote healing and transformation. RSVP to david@the-healingpath.org

Check out THP website for other events including a **Men's Retreat** on October 3 – 5 @ Mount Hermon
healingpathministries.org/events



Scan the QR code to receive our electronic River Rundown.

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

