

Riverside Baptist Church

Happening @ Riverside

Worship

Sermon Series

Pastor Otto's upcoming Christmas series, "The Genesis of Christmas," is as follows:

December 7th: *The Birth of the Last Adam*
(1 Corinthians 15:45)

December 14th: the Riverside Joyful Singers
present "He Shall Reign Forevermore"
The Birth of the King from Judah
(Genesis 49:10)

December 21st: *The Birth of the Promise to Abraham*
(Galatians 3:16)

Advent

We celebrate the Advent season, a significant four-week period dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas and Christ's expected return in the Second Coming. It's a time of deep spiritual significance.

This important event on the church calendar is marked by a unique focus each week on a different theme—hope, love, joy, and peace.

It's a time when Christians from all denominations and backgrounds come together, united in this

reflective period, as they contemplate the significance of Jesus' arrival.

We will light our Advent Candles:

- ◆ Love, on **Sunday, December 7th**
- ◆ Joy, on **Sunday, December 14th**
- ◆ Peace, on **Sunday, December 23rd**
- ◆ Christ Candle, on **Christmas Eve**

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Join us for a heartfelt celebration as the Riverside Joyful Singers present "He Shall Reign Forevermore" on **Sunday, December 14th**. This inspiring event offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ and share the joy of the season. Bring your family and friends, and let's create cherished memories filled with laughter and love!

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our exceptional **Christmas Eve Service** on Wednesday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center, where we will joyfully come together to celebrate this joyous occasion.

Pastor Otto's sermon title is "The Birth of Hope in Bethlehem," based on Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:6.



Current Sermon Series

As part of our service, we will observe the Lord's Supper. Whether you're with us in the Worship Center or participating from home, you are part of our community.

Please prepare some unsalted crackers and juice in advance. This is a meaningful moment we'll share at the end of the service, and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Spanish Service

Our Spanish Worship Service meets on **Sundays** at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel with Dr. Guillermo Lozano as the worship leader. Their Connect Groups meet at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing.



Training, Ministry, and Missions

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This December, we invite you to participate in our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Every dollar you contribute is fully dedicated to supporting our missionaries on the front lines, and it truly reflects your generosity and commitment to spreading the Gospel. Your support plays a vital role in expanding God's Kingdom, both in Kendall and across the globe. To discover more about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and its profound impact on our missionaries, please visit the International Mission Board's website. Riverside's goal is \$10,000.00.

Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office is a great way to send Christmas cards to fellow church members and contribute your tax-deductible postage money to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Please address your card in full and place it in the proper slot in the Post Office Box in the Foyer.

Be sure to check your box for cards sent to you.

Deposit the amount of postage used into the offering box, make your check payable to Riverside

Baptist Church, and write Lottie Moon Post Office in the memo section.

Remember, the Post Office Box will only be available until December 31st, so act now!

Kendall Community Christmas Party

On **Saturday, December 6th**, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, Riverside is hosting a Christmas Party for the children in Kendall.

This FREE party is for children through 5th grade.

We will have fun, exciting games, delicious cookies, and warm cocoa.

Do you want to Help? Donate an unwrapped toy for kids aged 1 to 14. Your generous donation will bring joy to children in need this Christmas.

Volunteers are also needed. To volunteer, contact Kara or sign up for the Foyer on Sundays.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kara Cordoba.

Christmas Toy Drive

Riverside is having a Christmas Toy Drive until **December 7th**. New unwrapped toys, no more than

\$30, can be dropped off in the Foyer or the Church Office; donations will also be accepted.

Help us bring joy and cheer to the children of Kendall. Toys will be distributed after our Kendall Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th.

Discover Riverside Class

Don't miss this exciting chance to join Pastor Otto on **Sunday, December 7th**, for the Discover Riverside Class, happening right after the Worship Service in the Volunteer Room. This engaging one-time class will provide you with valuable insights on how to connect with God and become part of His family. Whether you joined our church after April 2000 or are contemplating membership at Riverside, we warmly invite you to attend this essential class. To ensure we can accommodate everyone, please sign up in the Foyer if you plan to join us!

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A Church on a Journey

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www.riversideonline.org

Weekly Happenings

Our **Connect Groups** meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We offer classes for all ages, from infants to adults. If you are not currently part of a Connect Group, we encourage you to join one.

Our **Coed Exercise and Fellowship Class** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Warehouse and on Fridays via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. It is an exercise program developed specifically for mature participants. It is designed to be socially stimulating while focusing on areas of recognized importance for mature participants.

Heart and Hands, our Tuesday gathering, is more than just a project. It's an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and make a real difference. By assisting with projects that advance God's Kingdom, we're reaching out with heart and hands to meet the needs of others near and far. Your participation is not just appreciated; it's vital to our mission. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

The **Men's Ministry**, a Tuesday night tradition in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m., is more than just a gathering. It's a platform for engaging discussions on topics that matter to us today. From faith to family, we cover it all. For more information, contact Lannes Whitelock at 305-519-3060.

Our weekly **Church Prayer Meeting** is on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and is a time when we come together corporately for prayer. We meet via Zoom. Call the church office for the meeting ID to join us.

Join our **College Group** at FIU in the Green Library on the first floor at 11040 SW 14th Street, 33174. Connect with fellow students as we study the Bible together, discovering how to apply biblical truths to enhance our everyday lives on campus. Don't miss

this opportunity to grow in faith and friendship! For additional information, reach out to Pastor Nicholas Noyola.

Our **Women's Bible Study** is for women of all ages. It meets off-premises on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The group studies various books of the Bible and has group discussions. Betty Rodriguez leads the study. Contact the church office for the location or additional information.

Our **Children in Action** meets on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. in The Dock (Room 215) for children aged 5 to 5th grade. Trace it back to just the facts! The evidence is clear. The proof is all right here! Join us as we discover and explore Jesus working in our world.

The **Riverside Students** Ministry meets on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. at The Warehouse and is for students in 6th-12th grade. Students will have a time of fellowship, games, singing, and a sermon on relevant topics for today's youth.

***Face-to-Face Bible Study** takes place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 204. This Bible study is open to all women and girls, regardless of age, as they come together to explore the Word of God. Sherri Beall leads the group.

The ***Boys Discipleship Class**, designed for boys in 6th through 12th grade, takes place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For questions or additional information, contact Nicholas Noyola.

****Please note, our regular schedule the week of December 22nd through January 2nd, will be canceled due to the holidays.***

Training, Ministry, and Missions (cont'd)

Join Us for the Sidewalk Market Fundraiser!

We invite you to our Sidewalk Market on **Saturday, December 13th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., hosted by Riverside's student and children's ministries. Your support will directly contribute to funding our upcoming mission trips, making a positive impact in the community and beyond. Don't miss out on this chance to shop and help others!

If you're interested in securing a spot, booths are available for \$25 each. See Kara or Nicholas if interested in reserving a spot.

Miscellaneous Information

Riverside Christian School Christmas Program

Our Riverside Christian School will host their Christmas Program on **Thursday, December 11th** at 11:00 a.m.

We invite you to join us as our children and their families share the holidays with us.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Join us for a fun-filled Birthday Party for Jesus hosted by the Children's Ministry on **Sunday, December 21st**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All children are warmly invited to celebrate, and best of all—it's completely free! Don't miss out on this special event!

Riverside Christian and Public Schools

Our Riverside Christian School and public schools will be on their winter recess from **December 22nd through January 2nd**.

Church Office

The church office will be closed from **December 23rd through January 2nd**. All regularly scheduled activities are canceled. We will reopen on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we all navigate the hustle and bustle of Christmas time—purchasing gifts, decorating, and planning gatherings—let's make sure we remember Christmas's real meaning: celebrating our Savior's birth.

May we be reminded of the profound love and selfless sacrifice of the Christ child, who came to save us all, a gift that humbles us and fills our hearts with gratitude.

May His enduring love light your way, providing comfort and reassurance, and guide you through every moment as we glorify the Lord born on that first Christmas night.

Contributions

We are grateful for your contributions to further God's Kingdom here in Kendall and throughout the world. 2025 Contributions will be accepted in the Church Office through **Sunday, December 28th**. Contributions mailed in must be postmarked on or before **December 31st**. Thank you, and blessings to you this holiday season.