

Riverside Baptist Church

# Happening @ Riverside

## Worship

### Sermon Series

Our English Worship Service, led by Pastor Otto, takes place on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Worship Center and is also streamed on YouTube.

On **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Pastor Otto will conclude his sermon series on 1 Corinthians with a message titled "Final Words of Encouragement" (16:15-24).

Following this, Pastor Otto will begin a new sermon series titled "Heroes of Faith: A Study of Hebrews 11." The series is as follows:

- ◆ **May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day:** "Jochebed: Mothering by Faith" (Hebrews 11:23; Exodus 2:1-10)
- ◆ **May 17<sup>th</sup>:** "What is Faith" (Hebrews 11:1-3)
- ◆ **May 24<sup>th</sup>:** "Abel, Enoch, and Noah: What Faith Does" (Hebrews 11:4-7)
- ◆ **May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Graduation Sunday

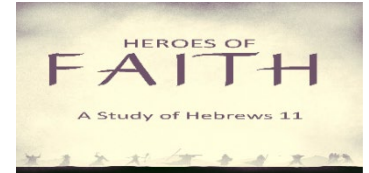
### Lord's Supper

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will joyfully celebrate the Lord's Supper during the English Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper, a time of spiritual connection and reflection, will be observed at the end of the service.

For those joining us from home, please have unsalted crackers and juice ready, so you can feel truly included and connected in this meaningful observance.

We also kindly ask you to remember that during the Lord's Supper, we collect for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF). Your giving helps support members of our community in need, reinforcing our shared care and compassion.



*Current Sermon Series*

### Spanish Service

Our Spanish Worship Service, led by Dr. Guillermo Lozano, meets on **Sundays** at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Their Connect Groups gather at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing (Rooms 207/216).



## Outreach, Training, and Missions

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 8th through June 12th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Our theme this year is "Illumination Station." Culture claims to know about Jesus, but many people are in the dark about who He really is. Some might see Jesus as just a person from history or a good man or a good teacher—but He is more than that!

This summer, VBS will shine a light on the truth of who Jesus really is. Kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals while discovering that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world! Like the disciples, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" They will discover it's not a matter of opinion. Jesus is who Scripture says He is—the perfect, proven, and powerful Son of God.

Pre-registration for children ends on **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will reopen on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the Foyer, depending on space availability.

Adult and Youth volunteers (completed 7th through 12th grade) are needed. Youth volunteer forms must be turned in by Friday,

May 15th. Youth volunteer forms received after the 15th will go on a waiting list.

Adult and youth volunteers must attend two meetings: **Saturday, May 16th**, (9:00am to noon) and Friday, June 5th (7pm). If you cannot participate in one of the meetings, please contact Kara Cordoba.

### Sidewalk Sale

Our children and student ministries will host a Sidewalk Sale on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (set-up starts at 8:00 a.m.), with proceeds to support their mission trips.

Cost is \$25 per spot (10" X 10"). If you're interested in supporting the children and student ministries by reserving a spot, please reach out to Nicholas Noyola or Kara Cordoba. We look forward to your participation!

### Spaghetti Fundraiser Luncheon

Our Missions Committee will host a Spaghetti Luncheon on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** for us to come together and support the Children and Student Ministry Mission Projects. We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall right after our service on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch will be provided, and tickets will be \$5.00

(\$2.50 for children [10 and younger]; maximum \$20 per family). To adequately prepare, reserve your spot and sign up in the Foyer with the number of adults and children attending. Please pay for your tickets at the door when you arrive.

### Widow and Widower Support Group

Join our Widow and Widower Support Group, a caring community for those navigating the journey of loss. We meet on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Volunteer Room, where you can find understanding and companionship. You don't have to face this alone—come and connect with others who share your experience. For more details or to ask any questions, please contact Joseph Goelz at [jody@riversideonline.org](mailto:jody@riversideonline.org).

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**Spanish/Portuguese Schedule**

**Sundays**

**9:30-10:30am** - Sunday School, Connect Groups (Rooms 207 & 216)

**11:00am - 12:00pm** - Spanish/Portuguese Worship Service (Chapel)

**Wednesdays**

**8:00-9:00pm** - Spanish/Portuguese Bible Study (Room 207)

**Fridays**

**8:00-9:00pm** - Spanish Choir Practice (Room 204)

**Saturdays**

**7:00-8:30am** - Prayer Meeting (Warehouse)

## Weekly Happenings

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 explore 1 Corinthians 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our **Young Adults** meet on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. off premises. Dinner is provided, and kids are welcome. Led by Marty and Sherri Beall. For additional information, contact [Nicholas Noyola](#).

## Events and Miscellaneous Information

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Quarterly Business Meeting, an important gathering that will take place after our worship service on **Sunday, May 3rd**.

During this meeting, we will be nominating candidates for the Trustee-at-Large position. The nominee who receives the most votes at the July business meeting will join the board starting in October. Your active participation is essential.

### National Day of Prayer

Let's mark our calendars for the first Thursday of May, a day of great importance, as it has been designated as the 'National Day of Prayer.'

This day is an opportunity for our community to come together and pray for our nation, our leaders, and our communities, showing how much, we value collective faith and support.

The theme this year is "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeing Him in All Generations" based on 1 Chronicles 16:24, encouraging us to feel inspired and united in our spiritual journey.

### Baby Dedications

One of the most cherished moments at [Riverside Baptist Church](#) on Mother's Day is the dedication

of children born in the past year. If your family has welcomed a new little one since last Mother's Day, we warmly invite you to dedicate your child during our special worship service on May 10th. at 11:00 a.m.

This heartfelt ceremony provides a beautiful opportunity to celebrate your child's life and commit to their upbringing in faith. To participate or to learn more, please reach out to Kara Cordoba at [kara@riversideonline.org](mailto:kara@riversideonline.org) or (305) 595-0542 by Tuesday, May 5th. We look forward to sharing this meaningful occasion with you!

### Happening @ RCS

Happening at our Riverside Christian School:

- Mother's Day Breakfast, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>
- RCS Spring Program, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m
- Father's Day Celebration, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Last day of School, May 29<sup>th</sup>

For additional information, contact Lieska de Jesus, Director or Maria Avila, Assistant Director (305) 279-3637.

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May, honors those who died serving in the

United States military. Recognizing this day helps us appreciate their sacrifice and inspires gratitude within our community. This year, Memorial Day is on Monday, May 25th. The church office, public schools, and our Riverside Christian School will be closed on this day, and our regular schedule will be canceled.

### Senior High School Graduates Recognition

Join us at Riverside as we proudly honor our Senior High School Graduates on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, during our worship service at 11:00 a.m.

If your child is graduating from high school and you want them to be celebrated, please reach out to Nicholas Noyola by Wednesday, May 28th. Let's make this a memorable occasion together!

### RCS Summer Camp

Our Riverside Christian School's Illumination Station Summer Camp will be held June 15th through August 5th, 2026. Registration is now open.

Registration fee is \$150 (includes one camp T-shirt). Our weekly rate is \$280.00.

Registration for the Fall school year is also open.

For additional information, contact Lieska de Jesus, Director or Maria Avila, Assistant Director (305) 279-3637.