

Planning an event at RCF?

1. Plan ahead. You should plan your event a *minimum* of 6 months in advance.
2. Check the calendar in the church office. Make sure there are no other events scheduled for the date, time and location of your event.
3. Fill out an *Event and Meeting Reservation Form*. It is found in the Church Office and on the website *Resource* Page.
4. Don't go it alone. If you are in charge of the event, then you are in charge of making sure you have enough people to staff your event, from set up to clean up.

THE DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BULLETIN INFORMATION IS SUNDAY, JAN. 15th.

January Birthdays

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- 1 - Eric Weidler
- 3 - Donald Latshaw
- 5 - David Roberts
- 8 - Donna Chase
- 14 - Kevin Heist
- 21 - Jacob Jerdan
- 30 - Kayla Heist (2016)



WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION Information

Listen to Channel 69 News Storm Center - WFMZ TV. The name of *Riverview Christian Fellowship - Reading* will appear on the display. You may also find it on the Internet at <http://www.wfmz.com>



He that
believes
and is
baptized
shall be
saved.
Mark 16:16

What happens when I am saved?

Acts 26:18 says:

- Our eyes are opened.
- We have now turned from darkness to light.
- We have turned from the power of Satan to God.
- We receive forgiveness for our sins.
- We are given a place among God's people.
- We are set apart by faith.

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In to heal. Out to love.



"This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small remnant of God's people. But is it impossible for me? says the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

Zechariah 8:6

Riverview Christian

January 2017

Welcome! Worship Jesus Christ with us!

Our Statement of Purpose:

To introduce everyone to Jesus Christ, and to teach them to follow in His footsteps.

January Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, January 1: Happy New Year!**
No Youth Group Meeting tonight.
- **Sunday, January 8: Communion**
- **Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm: Anti Trafficking Meeting in Pastor's Office.**
Everyone is invited to this planning and prayer meeting. See Brittany for more information.
- **Sunday, January 15, 12 noon: MEETINGS FOR: Children's Ministry, Hydration Celebration, Worship and Greeters**
Pizza provided. See Pastor John for more info.
- **Sunday, January 15: Anti-Trafficking Prayer Walk in the City of Reading**
Pizza provided. Depart for Franklin St. at 1:00 pm where we will meet the F.R.E.E. group to pray and engage the businesses on that street to raise awareness about trafficking.
Youth Group Event. See column at right.
February Bulletin deadline. See back page.
- **Thursday, January 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm: Centershot Indoor Archery 8-week course for ages 8 and up begins in the Fellowship Hall**
Pick up a registration form in the back foyer. See Amber LaPearl with any questions.
- **Saturday, January 21, 5:00 pm: Dinner and discussion at Lisa Letterman's house for all women interested in joining a women's small group.** Must RSVP to Lisa by January 15th.
- **Sun., Jan. 29, 5:00 pm: Annual Church Mtg.**
Financial Report, Vision for 2017, and Voting for Board Members and District Assembly Delegates. Everyone is invited, but only members may vote.



THE MISSIONAL CHURCH Part I

Dr. Timothy Keller

The rapid decline of Christendom since the end of WWII has instituted an even greater need for "missional" churches to engage the surrounding community and retell the culture's stories through the context of the gospel.

THE NEED FOR A MISSIONAL CHURCH

In the West for nearly a thousand years, the relationship of European Christian churches to the broader culture was a relationship known as "Christendom." The institutions of society "Christianized" people and stigmatized non-Christian belief and behavior. Though people were Christianized by the culture, they were not necessarily regenerated or converted with the gospel. The church's job was then to challenge persons into a vital, living relation with Christ. There were great advantages and yet great disadvantages to Christendom. The advantage was a common language for public moral discourse with which society could discuss what was "good." The disadvantage was that Christian morality without gospel-changed hearts often led to cruelty and hypocrisy. Think of how the small town in Christendom treated the unwed mother, for example. Also, under Christendom the church often was silent against the ruling classes' abuses of the weak. For these reasons and others, the church in Europe and North America has been losing its privileged place as the arbiter of public morality since at least the mid-nineteenth century. The decline of Christendom has accelerated greatly since the end of World War II. British missionary Lesslie Newbigin went to India around 1950. There he was involved with a church in a very non-Christian culture. When he returned to England some thirty years later, he discovered that the Western church now found itself in a non-Christian society as well, but it had not adapted to its new situation. Though public institutions and the popular culture of Europe and North America

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no longer Christianized people, the church still ran its ministries assuming that a stream of Christianized, traditional/ moral people would simply show up at worship services. Some churches certainly carried out evangelism as one ministry among many, but the church in the West had not become completely missional—adapting and reformulating absolutely everything it did in worship, discipleship, community, and service so as to be engaged with the non-Christian society around it. It had not developed a missiology of Western culture, the way it had done with other nonbelieving cultures. One of the reasons much of the evangelical church in the United States has not experienced the same precipitous decline as the Protestant churches of Europe and Canada is because in the United States there is still a heartland with remnants of the old Christendom society. There the informal public culture, though not the formal public institutions, still stigmatizes non-Christian beliefs and behavior. There is a "fundamental schism in American cultural, political, and economic life. There's the quicker-growing, economically vibrant . . . morally relativist, urban-oriented, culturally adventuresome, sexually polymorphous, and ethnically diverse nation. . . 2 "And there's the small-town, nuclear-family, religiously oriented, white-centric other America, [with] . . . its diminishing cultural and economic force. . . [T]wo countries."1 In conservative regions, it is still possible to see people professing faith and the church growing without becoming missional. Most traditional evangelical churches can win to Christ only people who are temperamentally traditional and conservative. As Wolff notes, however, this is a shrinking market, and eventually evangelical churches ensconced in the declining, remaining enclaves of Christendom will have to learn how to become missional. If they do not, they will decline or die. We don't simply need evangelistic churches; rather, we need missional churches.
(Part 2 in next month's bulletin)

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Infants and Children up to 4th Grade



Infant Room Schedule for January

January 1: Debbie Weidler / Deb Pauley
January 8: Debbie Weidler / Tammy Alvarez
January 15: Debbie Weidler / Verna Bewley
January 22: Debbie Weidler / Jackie Connor-Joseph
January 29: Debbie Weidler / Holly Smith

Starting January 8th

Children will be back in the Kingdom Kidz room for the ENTIRE service. They will have their own worship time followed by a Bible lesson with Ms. Hanna. Parents are asked to bring their kids to their room starting at 10:15am.

2-5 year old class starts January 8th!

Youth 5th - 12th Grade



SUNDAYS, 6:00 PM
Youth Group meets in Rm. A-1 in the Adult Hallway. Games, discussion, and snacks. No regular meeting on January 1 or January 15.

SUNDAY-MONDAY, JANUARY 15-16

REFRESH

Meet at 5:30 pm Sunday in RCF back parking lot to drop off your teen - and again at 2:00 pm Monday to pick up your teen. The event takes place at Immanuel Church of the Nazarene, in Landsdale. Cost for event: \$10.00 per person. This event will include fellowship with teens from other churches, worship, games and community outreach projects. Call Rus Tenney for more information at 484-794-5719.