



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | April 29, 2021

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVE

RVC Congregational Meeting

Have you ever been overcome with praise? I sat at the Congregational Meeting and felt myself overwhelmed by how good God has been to RiverValley

Let me first give you some background. I have been a pastor for 40 years and, for 33 of those, I have attended a lot of congregational meetings. The 25 years I spent in Illinois were marked by 4 congregational meetings a year. I would prepare for about four hours to be ready to answer questions. Those meetings always produced a great deal of anxiety for me.

Then I came to RiverValley where the congregation trusts their elders, and you should. They are godly men who love you and carry the weight of your well-being. Second, there is no chairman. They just pick up the slack and make it work. I have never been in a place where the elders functioned like one unified group without a main leader. Third, I am not the one up front and rightly so. After all, RVC isn't my church--it's the Lord's. And it's led by a group of men who work until we are in one accord.

So, on Sunday while I sat in the front row, I watched as elders Ben Prevost and Norris Batts presented our financials. In a pandemic year we added about 140 new people, we finished with a surplus of over \$100,000 for the year (with \$350,000 ready for our next phase of church planting), and we have never had an outbreak of the virus run through us in any notable way. WOW!

I thought of King David who was anointed king, and his thirty mighty men were joined by 340,000 defectors from Saul's army. They took Jerusalem and established him as king. Then he defeated the Philistines and brought the ark to the tabernacle in Jerusalem. As he realizes what God has done, he pens a song. Let me share 8 of the 28 verses of his song:

1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 34-36

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, That we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise."

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

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RVC | MEN MEET ON MAY 8TH



RVC I Men: Discipleship - As you already know, we're retooling the Saturday men's group with a focus on disciple-making. Jesus was very clear in calling all of us to make disciples, yet it remains an elusive activity to the modern church. Recently, we shared the "Next Steps" of making disciples. In May, we invite all RVC men to join us on the 8th as we seek to follow Christ's call to entrust the faith to faithful men who will entrust the faith to faithful men who will... You get the picture! Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m., and we finish by 10:00 a.m.

After RVC I Men is finished we're looking for a few good men (8 - 10) that could help with RVC yard cleanup for about 60 - 90 minutes. If you're willing and available, bring a rake or shovel if you can.

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ASIA FRONTIER OUTREACH JOB OPPORTUNITY

Asia Frontier Outreach (AFO) exists "to see every tribe in SE Asia liberated from spiritual & physical oppression". Their mission is to partner with SE Asian believers through the indigenous church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to care for vulnerable children, and build up families.

RiverValley Church provides financial support to Asia Frontier Outreach, and Pastor Wyatt is on the board.



please contact Pastor Wyatt at wyatt.fisher@rvcoshkosh.com.

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MASKS IN LIBRARY

We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable while worshipping at RiverValley so we have designated the Library as a "mask only" space. Please only use this space if you intend to wear a mask.

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COMPASSION TEAM

The Compassion Team would like to reach out to the church body to see if there are things that people need help with--an extra hand around the house/yard, a ride, a delivery. If there's something we can help with, text Jeff at (920) 422-8167.

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GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT MAY 8TH



Dr. Alphonso Simpson, Jr., is the Program Director of African American Studies and an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Once again, he brings his Divine Voices of the Valley (DVOV) gospel choir to RiverValley Church. DVOV's purpose is "to contribute to the cultural, educational, and the spiritual life of its participants, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student body, faculty, staff, and communities throughout the state and

the interest can be nurtured."

Everyone is welcome, and families are encouraged to attend this lively event! The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 8.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 6TH

The first Thursday of May every year has been designated by an act of Congress as a National Day of Prayer. You are invited to join the Prayer Team from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on May 6th to pray for our nation.

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RVC | kids

All 3rd-5th graders are welcome to attend a time of fun and fellowship on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (lunch following). Please RSVP by May 10th (tracy.fettner@rvcoshkosh.com).

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RVC | families

Peter commanded all believers to be ready to give an answer to others when people ask us about our faith. In 1 Peter 3:15, the word "answer" is the word apologia, which means "a reasoned statement or argument." Obeying this

to be prepared, we've got to know what we believe and why we believe it. We invite you to join us for...

Bridging the GAP...

- ...Between knowing what you believe and knowing why you believe it
- ...Between knowing your kids will be challenged in their faith and knowing how to prepare them to face those challenges
- ...Between knowing there are tough questions and knowing how to address them

Bridging the GAP Apologetics Class

RVC will be hosting an apologetics class on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. this summer starting on June 3rd and running through August 19th. We will be using the book [Keeping Your Kids on God's Side](#) by Natasha Crain. For more information or to sign up, please contact Tracy Fettner.

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THIS WEEK AT RIVERVALLEY

(Best viewed in landscape orientation on mobile devices)

Sunday, 5/2

Sunday Service (Worship Center)	9:00 a.m.
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High School Youth Group	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/5

Middle School Youth Group	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Thursday, 5/6

Ladies Bible Study	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Team	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, 5/8

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GIVING UPDATE:

YTD Giving 5/1/20 - 4/30/21

Actual: \$801,609.76

Budget: \$694,928

Weekly Giving: 4/19/21 - 4/25/21

\$22,165.92

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