

# Welcome To New River!

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Come on in and look around a little. Take some time to ask some questions. If you'd like something to drink or eat, stop and pick that up as well. While you are here, relax. We hope you feel comfortable, accepted, engaged, and inspired.

### Wondering What

#### Happens In Worship?

We usually start our time of worship together by singing. Don't know the songs? Don't worry. We didn't know them either at first. After we sing, one of our pastors will teach from the Bible. If you didn't bring a Bible with you, and you'd like to follow along, we'll project the scriptures so you can. After our time of teaching we usually sing another song or two. If there is anything we can help you with, please swing by our Information Desk in the Lobby. Our Mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

### What Do We Have For Kids?

Kidz Kove is for your Preschool aged children. It's a clean and secure environment where your children will be well taken care of and taught a practical and easy to understand lesson from the Bible. River Kidz is for your Elementary School aged children in grades K-5. Here your children will sing, play games, and learn the Bible from well trained leaders in small groups. Middle School or High School, bring them on into worship with you. We have The Plunge for Middle School Students and The Well for High School Students on Sunday Nights. Be sure to check [www.nrcc.net](http://www.nrcc.net) each week for specific dates, news, and info.

### NRCC PRAYER REQUESTS

~Continue to ask God who in your life he would like for you to disciple.

~Pray that God would be glorified through The Accelerate Project.

~Pray that God would make believers hungry for His Word. Pray through 2 Corinthians 3:18 this week. Ask God to speak to you through this passage as you pray.

~Thank God for something specific He has done in your life everyday this week.

### Community Group Prayer Requests

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### SERMON NOTES:

Celebration Weekend

May 1st and 2nd

**This weekend at New River we're celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives and the lives of people in our community.**

**We've seen incredible things happen in the last 6 weeks as God continues to move strongly in our lives.**

**This weekend we'll see what happens when we prioritize our lives to line up with God's priorities.**



### Community Group Questions

Lined writing area for community group questions.

## Quick Overview

My takeaway from this message is:

This week I am going to:

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

## Introduction

As Christ followers, we have the opportunity to carry the message of Christ with us to others. Our lives influence the lives of people around us in a powerful way because Jesus lives in us.

## My Story

1. Have you ever participated in an unusual job interview? What happened?

## Exploring

1. Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6. What do you feel would prompt Paul to bring up letters of recommendation?

2. Explain what you feel Paul means by his letter being written on tablets of human hearts?

3. Who are some people you know God is using to write such letters, today? Is He using you?

4. How long do you think Christianity would last if no one was being used to write such letters?

5. What do you feel Paul means by saying, "The letter kills, but the spirit gives life?"

6. Describe the characteristics of someone you feel ministers from the "letter" of Christianity. What does Paul say the fruit of such ministry is?

7. Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. What does Paul say was the reason Moses put a veil over his face? How does this differ from the Old Testament version of events?

8. When someone refers to Christianity as a set of laws we must follow to be God's people, do you feel they do or do not have the veil covering their hearts? Why?

## Next Steps

1. Where can you be more bold in your walk with Christ this week?

2. Memorize 2 Corinthians 3:18

## NEW RIVER NEWS

### *Clear*

#### **New Series starts Next Week!**

It is no secret that what you don't know can hurt you. In spite of that, we still go out of our way at times to avoid the truth. Men avoid doctors and women deny evidence of adultery. While the truth often hurts, deceiving ourselves ultimately will hurt worse. In *Clear*, we listen in as Jesus introduces some rather perplexing truth to people who had grown comfortable with their misinformed lifestyles and belief systems. For those who had the courage to embrace the truth, their lives were changed forever. They discovered first-hand that the truth can set you free.

### *Party of 8*

Party of 8 is four couples enjoying dinner together once a month for 4 months. Don't miss this simple, low pressure, fun way to meet other New River couples. Register online at [www.nrcc.net/events](http://www.nrcc.net/events) and tell us which night of the week works best for you and we'll help you connect with the other couples. The first dinner will start in a couple of weeks.

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