

Welcome to New River!

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.

Worship Service Times:

South Campus

6pm Saturday
10:15am Sunday

North Campus

9:15am Sunday
11:15am Sunday

What do we have for kids?

Kidz Kove is for your **Preschool** aged children. It's a clean and secure environment where they 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** age children in grades K-5. Here they 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 on Friday Nights for Middle School Students and The Well on Sunday Nights for High School Students. Be sure to check www.nrcc.net each week for specific dates, news, and info.

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 is a Community Group?

Community groups are small gatherings of people (Christian and non) that meet regularly for friendship, accountability, study, prayer, laughter and occasionally tears. These groups are an essential expression of the mission of New River.

Community groups are the place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life that God intends for us. They are a place where we learn more about growing in our relationship with Jesus, and lives together.

Each community group is unique, shaped by the people who attend. At the heart of each community group is the desire to see authentic community marked by love for Jesus, one another, and the community. For more info on joining a community group, email dan@nrcc.net.

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?

"Tis the season for Dad to drop the holiday ball, stress out as the money is being spent for presents, and miss yet another providential opportunity to lovingly lead his family. So, this list is intended to help dads not fall into the same old rut of holiday humdrum, sitting on the couch watching football and eating carbs, but rather intentionally plan out the upcoming holiday season. Dads, we are the pastors of our families. Our children grow quickly and if we miss the sacred moments God opens up for us to connect with and bless our families, everyone suffers and we set in motion generations of missed opportunity.

Dad needs...

1. **a plan** for the holidays to ensure his family is loved and memories are made. Dad, what's your plan?
2. to **check the local guides** for what's going on to make fun holiday plans for the family. You can check online for all kinds of holiday activities.
3. to carve out time for sacred events and experiences to **build family traditions** that are fun and point to Jesus. Dad, is your calendar ready for the next 2 weeks?
4. to not let the **stress** of the holidays, including **money**, cause him to be **grumpy** with Mom or the kids. Dad, how's your joy?
5. to give experiences and not just gifts. Dad, what **special memories** can you make this holiday season?
6. to manage the extended family and friends during the holidays. Dad, who or what do you need to **say "no"** to?
7. to ensure his **family is giving generously** during the holidays. Dad, who in need is your family going to adopt and bless?
8. to schedule a big **Christmas daddy date** with his daughter. Dad, what's your big plan for the fancy daddy date?
9. to schedule **guy time with his son**. Dad, what are you and your son going to do that is active, outdoors, and fun?
10. to **help Mom** get the house decorated. Dad, are you really a big help to Mom with getting things ready?
11. to ensure some **holiday smells and sounds**. Dad, is Christmas music on the iPod, is the tree up, and can you smell cookies and cider in your house?
12. to **snuggle up** and watch some fun shows with the kids, especially the little ones. Dad, is the DVR set?
13. to **take the family on a drive** to see Christmas lights while listening to music and sipping cider. Dad, is it mapped out?
14. to **help Mom** get the kids' rooms decorated. Dad, do the little kids get lights or a small tree in their room?
15. to **read about Jesus and pray over his kids**. Dad, how's your pastoral work going with each of your kids?
16. to **repent** of being lazy, selfish, grumpy, or just dumping the holidays on Mom. Dad, are you a servant like Jesus to your family?