

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.

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.**

New River Prayer Requests

1. Pray for opportunities to invite people to come with you to New River during the holidays. Most people will come if they receive a personal invitation.
2. Pray for the Kenya Christmas Project and that we would do all that we can do so that God can do what only He can do.
3. Continue to thank God specifically for at least one thing every day.
4. Pray that people would continue to sow generously so that we would continue to reap generously.

Community Group Prayer Requests:

Service Times:

South Campus
6pm Saturday
10:15am Sunday

North Campus
9:15am Sunday
11:15am Sunday

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MESSAGE NOTES

Notes:

Lentils

Nov. 28th & 29th



Food is found throughout the Bible and many times the reference to food has layers of meaning. On this Thanksgiving weekend, which is an American holiday based and centered around food and gratitude, we'll take a look at the significance of a bowl of food. One bowl of lentils forever changed the lives of two brothers and two nations. A bowl of lentils can change you forever as well. Sound a little far-fetched? Not really. This weekend we'll see how our contentment with God always offers us the very best life and when we look other places we always end up with... **lentils.**

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?

Sharing

1. What is the best deal that you've ever made? Do you still think it was a good deal?
2. What is the worst deal?

Exploring

Read Genesis 25:19-34

1. From this passage alone, how would you describe Esau? Jacob?
2. Which would you prefer as a son? A brother? Why?

Read Luke 9:23-24

3. What does it mean specifically to you to:
 - a. deny yourself
 - b. take up your cross daily
 - c. follow Christ
 - d. lose your life

Exploring Continued...

4. Have you ever been ashamed of Jesus? When?
5. Knowing what you do now, would you reconsider your commitment to Christ? Why or why not?

Next Steps

1. Memorize Luke 9:23-24
2. What is the next step for you to take in your relationship with Jesus? What can others in your group do to help you take that next step?

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 email dan@nrcc.net

New River News

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing

December 10th 6pm - 9pm
NRCC adults will join together at the OCC Warehouse to prepare and pack the shoeboxes that have come in from churches all over the United States to be delivered across the globe.

Kisumu Kenya

Proceeds from the Kisumu Kafe and generous givers at NRCC help with the Ahero Bible and Theological School, 19 different churches in Kisumu and 290 orphans. This November we're encouraging New River People to financially support the missions in Kisumu. Our goal is to tell every child there that they don't have to worry about having clothes to wear or food to eat for the next year.

Don't Put Away That Cell Phone Yet...

Join the NRCC texting community by texting "NRCC" and your first and last name to 312-285-8254. We'll use this great tool for several different things; you can send us your prayer requests throughout the week and during sermons we can use it for quick crowd polls, and just to send you quick updates on info.

Christmas Eve Services

North Campus at 4pm, 5pm & 6pm.