

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

# CHURCH FOCUS

February 2026

## This Month at RBC

1	Communion 6 pm
8	I Love My Church Sunday Pastor's 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Leaders Meeting 5 pm
13	Valentine's Day Banquet 5:30 pm
16	President's Day <i>(church office closed)</i>
20	Women Walking Worthy Prayer Fellowship 7 pm
21	Outreach 10 am



### PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

## WHAT THE MURDER OF STEPHEN TEACHES US

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, demonstrated the qualities Christ's church should produce: grace, courage, and an otherworldly nature. His immersion in Scripture empowered him to speak with wisdom and authority. He performed miracles, mirroring the works of Jesus and the apostles. Stephen's life serves as a model for Christians, urging us to embody these qualities and strive for complete obedience to the Holy Spirit's commands. Christians, are you listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? Are you sensitive to His guidance?

And yet, they murdered Stephen. The enemies "were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him." Then the author tells us, "But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him" (see Acts 7:51-60).

What the murder of Stephen teaches us is that although people can get convicted by the words that we say, they can remain unrepentant. His enemies could not argue with him by reason of his brilliance and wisdom! "But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking" (Acts 6:9). It is paramount that we not only pray people will get convicted; but that they, too, should become contrite—humble themselves and repent of what they're convicted of! Consider this: "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

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RBC WOMEN'S PRAYER EVENING		2.20.26
		FRIDAY 7 PM

# Women's Prayer Fellowship

Friday | February 20 | 7pm



# Presidents Day

Monday, February 16, 2026  
*(church office closed)*





## I LOVE MY CHURCH

Sunday February 8, 2026

That together you may with one voice glorify  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Romans 15:6**



SOLID ROCK BAPTIST ACADEMY  
INVITES YOU TO

# VALENTINE'S DAY

## Banquet

COME PREPARED TO BUY YOUR VALENTINE A  
SPECIAL TREAT OF CHOCOLATE AND ROSES, AND  
ENJOY MUSIC, SKITS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE BY  
SOLID ROCK BAPTIST ACADEMY!

FEBRUARY 13 AT 5:30 PM

Riverside Baptist Church  
9015 Magnolia Ave Riverside, CA

For more information, please contact:  
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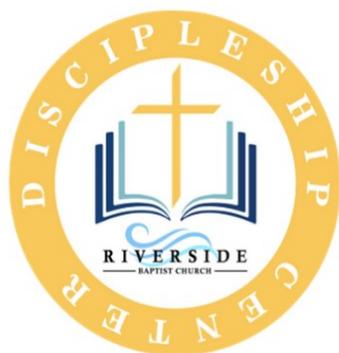
\$20 per person\*  
RSVP by February 6, 2026  
(Childcare will be provided)

\*all proceeds will go towards convention fund



### Discipleship Class

Come grow in your faith! Under the direction of Jose Duran, the Discipleship Class meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the DC.



### Discipleship Center

Come check out the DC! Books, Bible Studies, and more...there's something for everyone!

## Regular Schedule

### Sundays:

- Discipleship Class 9am
- Women's Bible Study 9am
- Morning Worship Service 10am
- Children's Discipleship (2nd & 4th Sunday)
- Choir Practice TBA
- Evening Worship Service 6pm

### Tuesdays & Fridays:

- Men's Prayer 4:30pm

### Wednesdays:

- Adventure Club 7pm
- Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 7pm

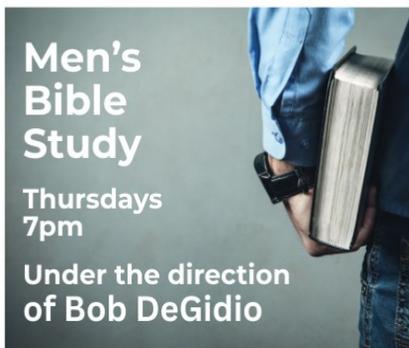
### Thursdays:

- Men's Bible Study 7pm



### Women's Bible Study

Ladies, join your sisters-in-Christ for this blessed time of biblical understanding and spiritual growth.



### Men's Bible Study

RBC Men, don't miss this opportunity for sound Bible teaching and meaningful fellowship.



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 Pastor: Christian Torres



### Children's Ministries Ages 3-11

Adventure Club  
Wednesdays 7pm

Children's Discipleship  
2nd & 4th Sundays

# HOMEBUILDERS



## Shine Without Wax

How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us.

The word sincere comes from an old Latin phrase meaning “without wax.” In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.

When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.

## What We Really Need

Twelve ministers were on a flight headed to a conference in Seattle when the plane hit a fierce storm. Trying to calm their nerves, they told the flight attendant, “Let the pilot know everything’s fine — there are twelve ministers on board!”

A few minutes later, the flight attendant returned from the cockpit.

“Well?” one of the pastors asked with a grin. “What did the pilot say?”

She smiled and replied, “He said he was glad to have 12 ministers aboard, but he would rather have four good engines.”

# PASTOR’S MESSAGE

## What The Murder Of Stephen Teaches Us

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Stephen demonstrated deep knowledge of the Old Testament, referencing Genesis, Exodus and Psalms in his defense. He immersed himself in the word of God through attention to preaching, personal study, meditation and memorization of Scripture. This is a lesson worth resolving and acting upon in this new year. Let’s do it, Church!

When his enemies arrested him they had to secretly employ men to falsely accuse him. Stephen pointed out that the Jewish leaders’ ancestors had rejected God and His prophet Moses, and that they were continuing in that tradition by rejecting Jesus of Nazareth whom Stephen proclaimed!

Despite all this, he remained graceful, exhibiting spiritual charm and winsomeness. Stephen’s life and ministry exemplify the qualities the church should cultivate. These are the characteristics which the Church of Christ can and should produce in her disciples’ lives! Graceful disciples—not cantankerous; but people full of God’s grace and power, exhibiting spiritual charm and winsomeness. Courageous disciples—not timid; but people courageous enough to speak about Christ and their faith. Otherworldly disciples—Stephen’s countenance shone like an angel’s, reflecting his otherworldly nature as a citizen of heaven. We are only pilgrims in this world. We ultimately belong in another world—heaven. Christians are described as a peculiar and chosen people, belonging to another world and awaiting their Savior. Paul said our citizenship is in heaven (see Philippians 3:20). Peter said we are a peculiar people (1 Peter 2:9)!

Our call to action can be summarized like this: embrace the characteristics which Stephen exemplified and strive towards embodying these characteristics, sensitive and obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Because of God’s Grace,

Christian Torres  
Pastor-Teacher