

CHURCH FOCUS December 2025



PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

COMPLETE IN CHRIST

In Colossians 2:10, Paul says, "And ye are complete in [Christ], which is the head of all principality and power." He means two things: 1) we are completely filled with Christ's righteousness that is necessary for our salvation. 2) We are completely equipped with all spiritual blessings that are necessary for our sanctification.

In the first statement, Christ imputed to us His perfect righteousness. We needed it. We lacked righteousness. All our righteousnesses were but filthy rags (see Isaiah 64:6). There was no way to even wash it. We had to be stripped of it, and Christ had to give us His robes! We see this concept very early on in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve soiled theirs because of sin, and God used the skin of a slain innocent lamb to cover their shame. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (v. 21).

We see this concept throughout Scripture. Paul says in Romans that Abraham, "being fully persuaded that, what [God] had promised, [God] was able also to perform" (4:21). Furthermore, Paul concluded that Abraham's faith was "imputed to him for righteousness" (v. 22); meaning, Abraham's faith in God's Word was charged to Abraham's account as righteousness that did save his soul! (See also James 2:23).

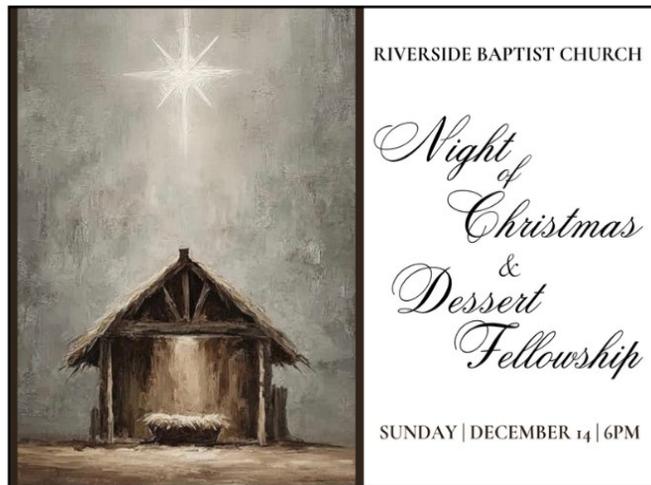
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This Month at RBC

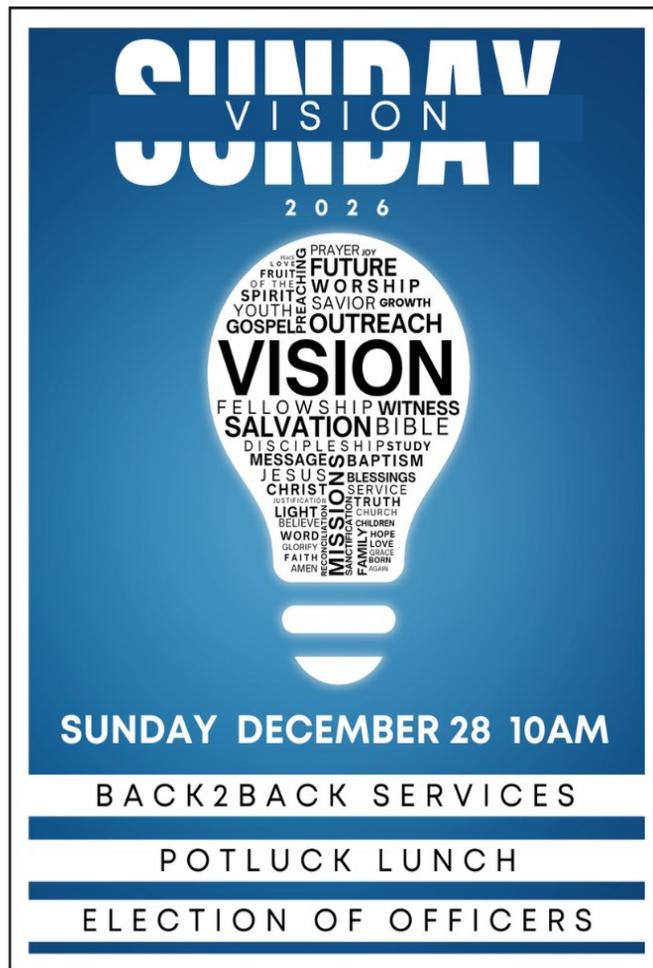
7	Leaders Meeting 5 pm Communion 6 pm
12	Christmas Caroling 6 pm
14	RBC Night of Christmas & Dessert Fellowship 6 pm
20	Outreach 10 am
24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6 pm
25	Merry Christmas! <i>(Church office closed)</i>
28	2026 Vision Sunday & Potluck Fellowship 10 am



Christmas Caroling
Friday | December 12 | 6 pm



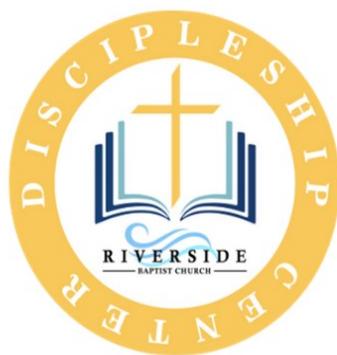
RBC Night of Christmas
Sunday | December 14 | 6 pm





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

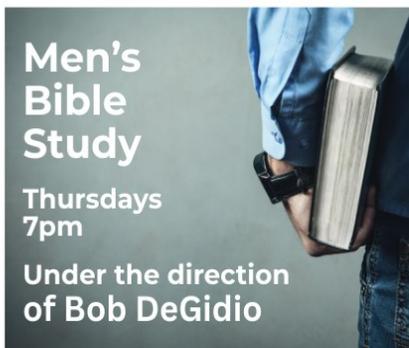
Thursdays:

- 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.

Three Ways to Give

At Church Online By Mail



Children's Ministries Ages 3-11

Adventure Club
Wednesdays 7pm

Children's Discipleship
2nd & 4th Sundays

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His Many Names, Our Great Hope

Long before the manger in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah pointed God's people to the promise of a Savior. In Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) we read: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Even before Jesus' birth, his names revealed who he is and what he would bring. Each title carries a promise that still impacts our lives today.

- **Wonderful Counselor.** Jesus brings wisdom and guidance for every situation. In moments of confusion, we can lean on him to direct our steps with love and truth.
- **Mighty God.** He is strong enough to carry our burdens and powerful enough to overcome sin, fear and death itself.
- **Everlasting Father.** Jesus reflects the heart of God the Father, offering care that is constant and unchanging. His love doesn't fade with time or circumstance.
- **Prince of Peace.** In a world filled with turmoil, Jesus offers a peace that goes deeper than circumstances, a peace that guards our hearts and minds.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise, a Savior with many names. Each one reminds us of his eternal love and presence. This season, let his names bring you comfort, strength and peace.

The Angels' Song In Three Words

On the very first Christmas Eve, frightened shepherds were suddenly surrounded by light and music. A choir of angels filled the night sky, singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14, KJV).

Nineteenth-century pastor Charles Kingsley reflected on how those three simple words — glory, peace, and good will — still capture the meaning of Jesus' birth and the hope it brings.

Glory. God's glory isn't shown in dazzling displays of power but in humility and mercy. The baby in the manger revealed God's greatness by stooping low, forgiving, and showing love.

Peace. True peace is more than the absence of conflict. It comes when we follow God's example of selflessness, giving up pride and selfish ambition to live in harmony with one another.

Good will. God's good will toward us is a gift that transforms our lives. Through Jesus, God invites us out of selfishness and sin into a life marked by love, kindness, and community.

The angels' song wasn't meant only for shepherds long ago. It still sings to us today, calling each of us to live in glory, peace, and good will.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Complete In Christ

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And then we see this concept again in the last book, Revelation. John records, "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (6:9-11).

In the second statement, Christ gifted us His complete and sufficient Word. Peter writes that God has "given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). This means that God gave us guidance to every aspect of life, physical life and spiritual life, "and godliness"—topics ranging from justification to sanctification to glorification! I like what William Downing said: "No area of life and reality exist where the Scriptures do not speak with absolute and final authority." He explained, "There is no issue in life to which the Scripture does not speak by precept, by example, by principle and by good and necessary consequence."

Someone has said, "By the sufficiency of Scripture, we mean the ability of God's Word to produce any and all spiritual results intended by God, when it is accompanied by the supreme power of the Holy Spirit. By this position, it is not meant that all truth of every kind is found in Scripture. Nor does it imply that everything Jesus or the apostles ever taught is preserved in Scripture (see John 20:30; 21:25). Rather, the sufficiency of Scripture affirms that everything necessary for the spiritual well-being of individuals, both in salvation and sanctification, as well as direction for gospel ministry, is found in God's Word."

You see, friends, if you've been saved, then you are complete in Christ. Contented in Christ. Fulfilled in Christ. Satisfied in Christ. Blessed in Christ. Aaron R. Wolfe writes, "Dear Savior! when before Thy bar / All tribes and tongues assembled are, Among Thy chosen will I be, At Thy right hand, complete in Thee."

With Sincere Love In Christ,



Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher