

CHURCH FOCUS

January 2026



PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

6 RESOLUTIONS FOR 2026

Happy New Year! The Apostle Paul prays thus: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). Only a small part of Paul's prayer; but it is pregnant with meaning and exhortation. To walk worthy of the Lord is the Christian's high calling. It is the Christian's holy calling. It is the Christian's happy calling.

Do you want to know what God wants you to do in 2026? Walk worthy of the Lord. What does that mean? It means that you and I conduct our lives in ways that are fitting for a Christian. And we ought to do it happily—"unto all pleasing". The picture here is like a butler waiting on the president in the White House; like a Soldier standing at attention waiting to execute her Captain's command; like a little boy eager to please his daddy! One scholar points out that trying to please can be a "cringing and sub-

servient habit," where someone is willing to go to great lengths to satisfy a patron, even anticipating their smallest requests.

So, on the precipice of a new year, we are resolved to walk worthy of the Lord. Are you cringing to ever please the Lord?

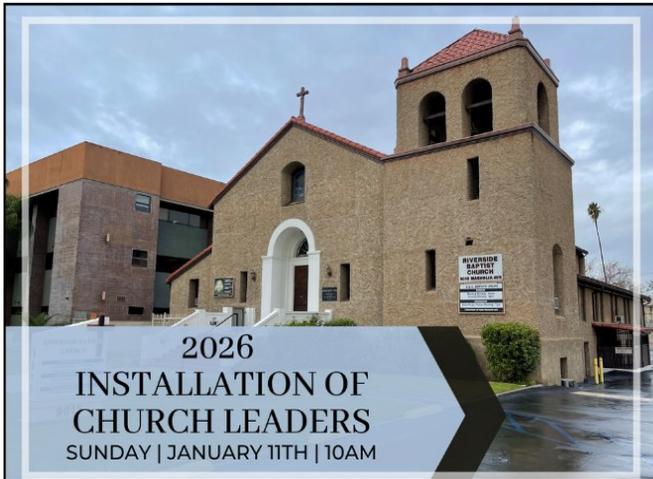
#1) Resolved to rejoice in the Lord. There's not a discouragement too big to squash your joy in the Lord. Don't allow somebody who criticize you wrongly to take away your joy in Christ. There's not a circumstance that can take away your joy in the Lord. So, rejoice evermore!

#2) Resolved to be courageous witness for Christ. We've seen on the news what happened to Charlie Kirk. A young husband and father of two very young children, a vocal advocate of free speech and freedom of worship, was assassinated. He was bold in his proclamation of the gospel in public

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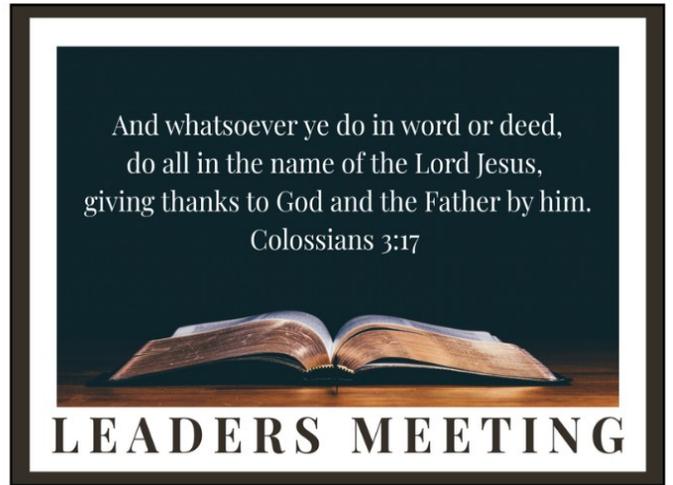
This Month at RBC

1	New Year's Day <i>(Church Office closed)</i>
4	Special Guest Speaker Dr. John Waldrip 10 am & 6 pm
11	Installation of Church Officers 10 am Communion 10 am Leaders Meeting 5 pm
16	Women Walking Worthy Game Night 6 pm
17	Outreach 10 am
19	MLK Jr Day <i>(Church Office closed)</i>
26	Recalibrate Conference 6:30 pm



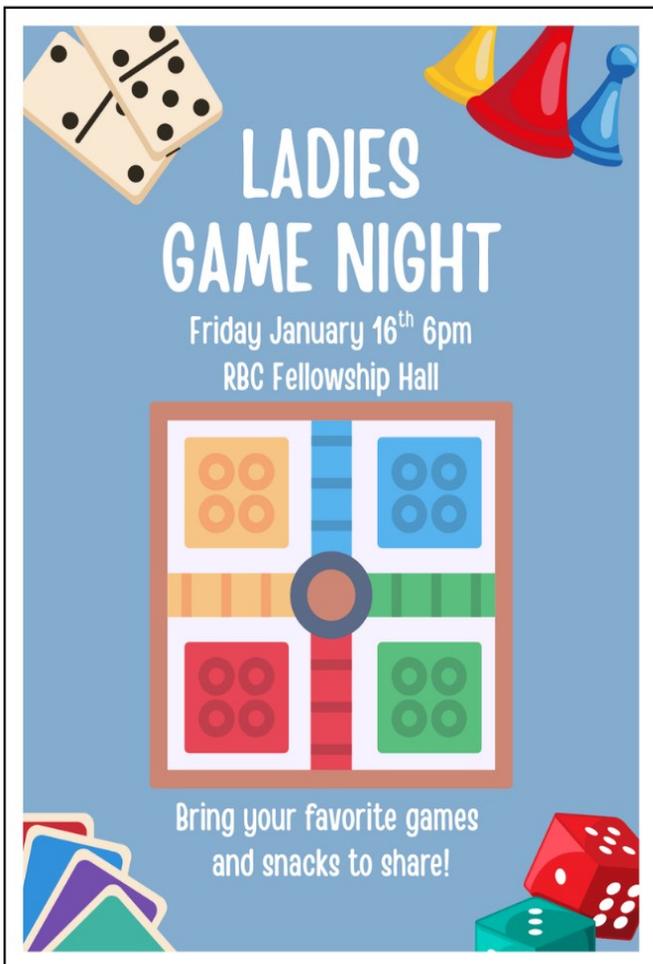
Installation of Church Leaders

Sunday | December 12 | 6 pm



Church Leaders Meeting

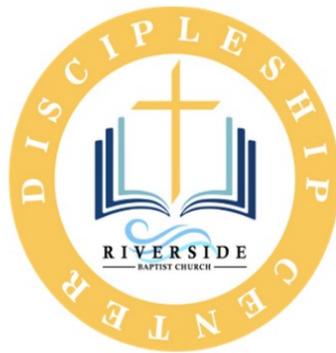
Sunday | January 11 | 5 pm





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.



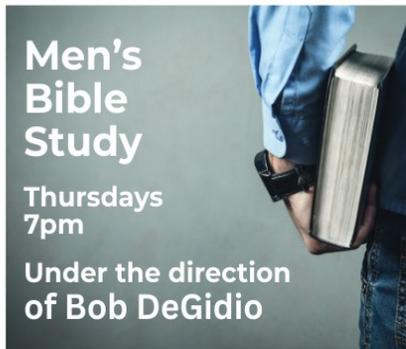
Discipleship Center

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



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.

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

Three Ways to Give



At Church



Online



By Mail

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Riverside, California 92503
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 Pastor: Christian Torres



Children's Ministries Ages 3-11

Adventure Club
Wednesdays 7pm

Children's Discipleship
2nd & 4th Sundays

HOMEBUILDERS

The Foundation Of Our Faith

Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian faith.

God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our faith: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14, KJV). He continued, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17, KJV).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God: "One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours."



Scripture Keys To A Joyful New Year

- H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
- P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

- N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
- E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)
- E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- A**im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

— Gus Nichols

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places across America and around the world. As a result, millions open up to the good news. One thing I learned from that horrific murder is that I want to be a courageous witness for Christ.

#3) Resolved to attend to the Word of God. Read the Bible. Study the Bible. Research the Bible. Meditate on the words of the Bible. Commit to memory the Word of God. Pray the Bible. Pray back the words of the Bible. Attend to it. If you don't like to read, then listen to it being read. We Americans are blessed to have an abundance of Audio Bibles! Neglect of the Bible implies neglect of our own inner life. Don't neglect it.

#4) Resolved to cultivate a life of prayer. What does James 4 say? You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. Become a man of prayer. Become a woman of prayer. Become child-like in your prayer to God! A life of prayer, by the way, is not just about asking and receiving. It is about having a consistent communication and communion with God. You know this: pray without ceasing!

#5) Resolved to disciple my spouse and my children. To disciple, fundamentally, means to teach. So, resolve to teach your spouse. Christian men, especially, you are the God-designated leader of your wife, you need to take this responsibility seriously. The Bible says, Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her involves teaching your wives, men! (See Ephesians 5:26.)

#6) Resolved to interact meaningfully with my brothers and sisters in Christ. There's a lot that can be said about this; but there's a problem today with Christians not meaningfully interacting with Christians. The restrictions of COVID certainly did not help; but it's already 2026! Let's go back to meaningful fellowship. Harken to wisdom: let us be given to hospitality (1 Timothy 3:2); lovers of hospitality (Titus 1:8). Let's be committed to connecting with our brothers and sisters in Christ in a meaningful way. Let's focus on rebuilding meaningful fellowship. Have a great new year this year!

With Sincere Love In Christ,

Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher