

CHURCH FOCUS

March 2026



THE SANCTITY OF LIFE & HONORING THE DEAD



This Month at RBC

1	Sanctity of Life Sunday with Guest Pastor Max Graves Communion 10 am
4	Pastor Daniel Ward 7 pm
8	Daylight Saving Time Begins Leaders Meeting 5 pm
14	Outreach 10 am
18	Youth Group Resumes 7 pm
20	Women Walking Worthy Spring Swap Night 6 pm
28	Spring Cleaning 8am-12pm
29	B2B Services & Potluck Fellowship 10 am (No evening service)

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE & HONORING THE DEAD

I refer to the two distinctive gospel ministries with which our local congregation has been entrusted. One—Brother Jose, whom we have licensed last year to marry, bury and preached the gospel, is spearheading the sanctity of life distinctive. And two—I, your pastor, am taking the lead in honoring the dead distinctive.

So, in this month of March, we are holding a Sanctity of Life Sunday. Life begins at conception. All scientists know this, despite the fact today that not all will admit this. The Psalmist said, "I praise [God], for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth" (Psalm 139:14-15). Therefore, the fetus that is in the womb is a human life at the moment of fertilization! (Fetus, by the way, is Latin for offspring. The human fetus is therefore a human offspring!)

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SPRING SWAP

FRIDAY | MARCH 20 | 6PM

CALLING ALL LADIES OF RBC!
It's time to clean out those closets and spruce up our homes for Spring!

Bring 5-10 clean, gently loved items to swap with your sisters-in-Christ.

What to bring:
Clothing, Christian books, Home Decor.
No dirty, damaged, broken, or stained items.



Ladies Spring Swap

Friday | March 20 | 6pm



Daylight Savings

Sunday March 8, 2026
Set clocks forward 1 hour



JOIN US AT
RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
FOR

BACK-2-BACK SERVICES
&
POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY | MARCH 29
BEGINNING AT 10 AM

Bring your favorite dishes to share with your church family!

Sign-up in foyer.



**RBC
ALL-CHURCH
WORK DAY &
SPRING
CLEANING**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 28
8AM - 12PM**

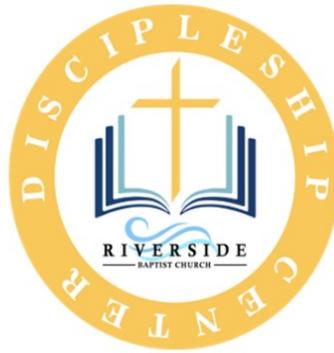
Coffee, juice & donuts
will be provided

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



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.



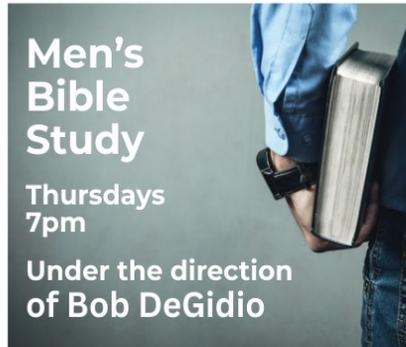
Discipleship Center

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
- Youth Group (every other week)
- Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 7pm

Thursdays:

- Men's Bible Study 7pm

Three Ways to Give



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Children's Ministries Ages 3-11

Adventure Club
Wednesdays 7pm

Children's Discipleship
2nd & 4th Sundays

HOMEBUILDERS

If God Had A Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers?

Let's imagine it for a moment.

I had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.”

Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.

Press 2 for prayer for your church.

Press 3 to give thanks.

Press 4 to confess sins.

Press 5 for salvation.

Press 6 for physical needs.

To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4.

Another voice responded cheerfully:

“We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.

If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.

If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn't route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don't get busy signals, menus or automated voices.

Instead, our Father listens instantly, personally, and lovingly. Instead of a voice mail system, he says, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24, KJV)

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Sanctity Of Life & Honoring Of Death

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I have invited Pastor Max Graves from Liberty Baptist Church, Norwalk, CA to speak on the sanctity of life and the abolition of abortion in Riverside. Brother Max has been doing this critical gospel ministry for half a dozen years in the Los Angeles county with the establishment of their pregnancy center across the street from Planned Parenthood Whittier. He serves as a model for how our Brother Jose spearheads the sanctity of life distinctive gospel ministry in our city. He is currently joined by a couple other brothers from two different local churches. They pray in front of Planned Parenthood Riverside. They stand with posters like one which says, “Abortion is murder. Forgiveness for murder can be found in Jesus Christ alone.” They plead with mothers not to proceed with abortion. And offer them Christ's gospel. There's help. There's hope. There's salvation!

The other distinctive gospel ministry we have is honoring the dead with me in conducting Military Funeral Honors in cemeteries all over Southern California. I've had many golden opportunities to proclaim the gospel to hundreds of people in the many funerals especially at the busiest National Cemetery in the world.

You might be asking, “How can I participate in these distinctive gospel ministries as a part of Riverside Baptist Church family?” I say a couple of words. First, you can pray. Please pray for the Holy Spirit power. That Brother Jose and I will be clothed in power. Pray that our tongues are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray for protection from the fiery darts of the devil. Then, you can partner with us. How? Stand out there with Jose. Give resources needed. Be an encouragement to him. To me. Participate in our organized outreach. Be an active witness at your work during break times. Practice the great commission.

Because of God's Grace,



Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher