

CHURCH FOCUS

May 2026

This Month at RBC



3	Faith Promise Missions Pick-Up & Communion 10 am
10	Mother's Day Leaders Meeting 5 pm
17	Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am
25	Memorial Day (church office closed)
31	Back-to-Back Services & Potluck Fellowship 10 am (There will be no evening service)

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: STRATEGY FOR CHURCH GROWTH

We've been studying Acts together as a church family and we're reminded of Christ's great commission for us. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Do you know how this should play out in our life and ministry?

Having studied and researched the original language of this, I know what this means. I understand what this means. So, let me share with you my understanding. And it's very simple really. It means this: as you are going... you need to teach! As you are going about your business at work, you need to teach all nations. To teach [mathey-te-ow] means to "make disciples". So, as you are at work, find time and place to be able to make disciples out of your co-workers for Christ.

As you are going about your business at school, young people, it is imperative that you are making disciples of Christ; seeking to make others to become students of Jesus Christ; seeking to make others to become followers of the Lord Christ. That's what Matthew 28:18-20 means!

As you are going about your business at home, moms and dads, you must find those golden opportunities to make disciples out of your children, and your neighbors as well.

Sam Rai, pastor in Nepal. Former general of the revolutionary army. He got converted to Christianity. Now he is greatly used of God to plant over 300 churches in Nepal. Sam Rai understood this principle in the Great Commission—as you are going to your world... of work,

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HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day
MAY 10, 2026

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026



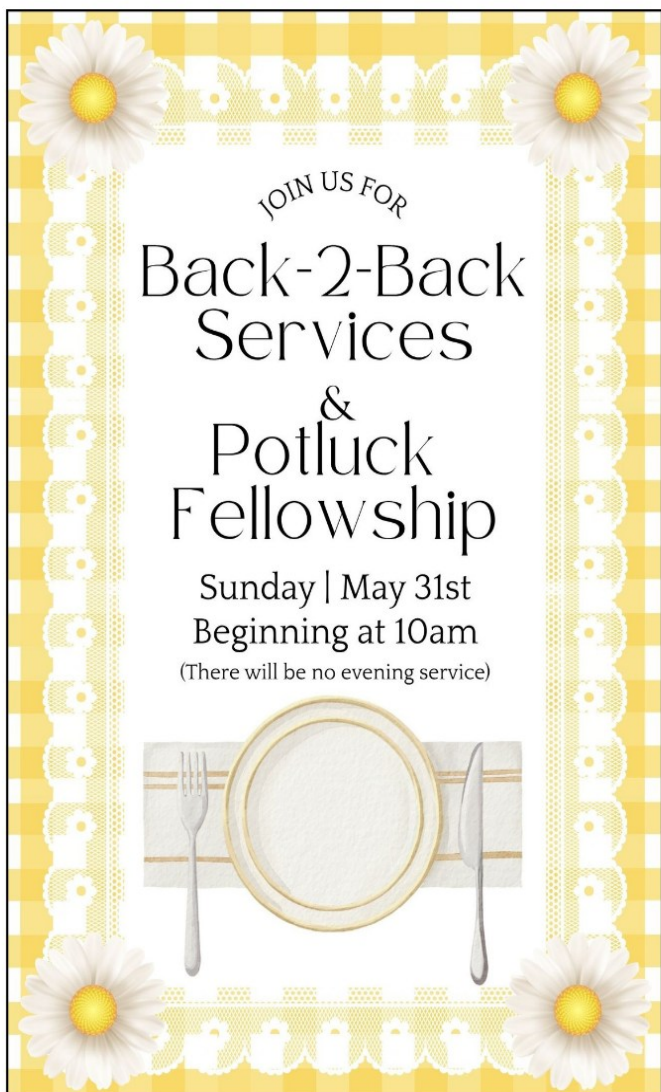
— FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS PICK-UP —

LET THE
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PSALM 67:4

— RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Faith Promise Missions Pick-Up

Sunday, May 3, 2026



JOIN US FOR
Back-2-Back
Services
&
Potluck
Fellowship

Sunday | May 31st
Beginning at 10am
(There will be no evening service)



RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ladies
LUNCHEON

With Special Guest Speaker Debbie Wood

SUNDAY • MAY 17 • 11:30 AM

\$5 PER PERSON
DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

Please see Brittany or Sherri for
tickets and more information



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.



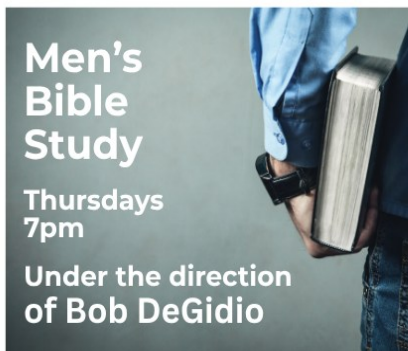
Discipleship Center

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



At Church



Online



By Mail

RIVERSIDE —BAPTIST CHURCH—

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Pastor: Christian Torres



Children's Ministries Ages 3-11

Adventure Club
Wednesdays 7pm

Children's Discipleship
2nd & 4th Sundays

HOMEBUILDERS

An Unusual Answer To A Mother's Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her "worry button" get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.

Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called "a dialogue with God." She closed her prayer with a simple surrender: "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend."

And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther's first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent," she wrote, "while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it."

The Taste Of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Strategy For Church Growth

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home, or school, you make disciples there. In a lecture I attended in Monrovia, he said, if you're Army, then the Army is your world. The Army is your mission field! If you're a nurse, or a doctor, or a healthcare worker, then the hospital is your world! If you're a public school teacher, then the school is your world—reach that world for Christ! That's the great commission. If you're an attorney, then the law offices are your world. Reach your world for Christ!

If you're a warehouse worker, then that warehouse is your mission field! Reach it for Christ! If you're retired, then go to Walmart, meet people there and witness to them. Go to parks, go to where people are, and fulfill the great commission! Come with me, I'll take you to places—I've got a job for you retired persons! Go with Brother Jose—he'll put you to work.

Let me suggest a biblical strategy to you church: 1) pray Lord give me somebody to minister to. 2) Make friends at work, at school, in your neighborhood. 3) Engage them in an ongoing discussion about Christ and His gospel. 4) Invite them to your own home. Be hospitable to them. Feed them physical food, and then 5) feed them spiritual food—the gospel! Persuade them with the gospel. And see if the Holy Spirit doesn't come upon them and save them as well as He saved you.

Sam Rai said, this has to be the meaning of the great commission because not everybody can go out into global missions. Your mission field is wherever you happen to be on Monday at work, at school, at home—that's your world. Therefore go... make disciples! Plant the seeds. Somebody else may just water it. But we're assured God will give the increase!

Because of God's Grace,

Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher