



Pastor's Message:

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR JOY PART 2 This Month at RBC

The foundation of our joy, then, is the doctrinal teachings of Jesus alongside his historical experience. I want to get you to anchor your feet onto this solid foundation, so that your joy indeed is a solid joy. Listen, there is no other way to attain Christ-exalting joy but to trace back what Christ taught us by His words and deeply plant our feet in His teachings.

Solid doctrine #1—**He is God, I'm not!** This doctrine needs to be unshaken, unmoved; you cannot misconstrue this, you've got to maintain this—He is God, I am not. The moment I think I'm God, goodbye joy! I become worried sick! The moment I try to control things I don't have control over—I become angry, manipulative. *Hey, let God be God! He's the sovereign, you're not!*

Solid doctrine #2—**God is a joyful God.** Within the Trinity, there is great joy already. Within the Trinity, there is perfect fellowship. Within the trinity, there is great love!

Solid doctrine #3—**God created us out of the fulness of His joy** in

order to display the beauty of His manifold perfections. If you've been a Christian who has read your Bible more than once, you'll start to say, *hmm, yeah, I know that. That sounds familiar. I've heard that before.* Paul's language is replete with this doctrine—God's purpose is to make known the riches of his glory (see Romans, Colossians, 2 Corinthians). In Ephesians 1:3-14, he waxes the most eloquent! Here's a snippet of it. God did this. God did that "to the praise of his glory"!

Solid doctrine #4—The Son of God, Jesus Christ, came into the world, lived a perfect life, died to bear the penalty for our sins, absorbed the wrath of God that hung over us, and rose from the dead triumphant over death and Satan and all evil, so that all who receive Jesus as the Savior, Lord, and Treasure of their lives would be forgiven for Christ's sake, counted righteous in Christ, and fitted to know and enjoy God forever. That's the good news, and it is joyful news!

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6	Communion 6 pm
10-12	Ladies Retreat
13	Leaders Meeting 5pm
18	Good Friday Service 1pm
19	Outreach 10am
20	Resurrection Sunday 10am (There will be no evening service)

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

"Taste and See"

LADIES BRUNCH

May 10th | Saturday | 10am
RBC Fellowship Hall

Adults \$20
Kids \$15 (12 & under)

Save The Date!

Ladies, mark your calendars and purchase your tickets for the RBC Ladies Brunch on Saturday, May 10th at 10am.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



APRIL 18TH | 1PM

Good Friday

Join your RBC family for this special time of remembrance.

IRONWOOD WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 10-12, 2025

\$244 / Person

Please see Brittany Torres for more information

Register Today At:
www.ironwoodcamps.org

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

APRIL 20

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00am

*There will be no evening service

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:5-6



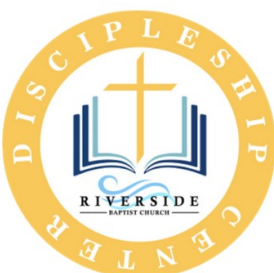
Gospel Outreach

Join your church family Saturday, April 19th at 10am as we share the "Good News" with our community!



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!



Men's Prayer

Come be a part of this very special time of prayer and fellowship every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30pm.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

2nd & 4th Sundays

Ages 3-11

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 6:30pm
Youth Discipleship 7pm
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 7pm

Thursdays:

Men's Bible Study 7pm

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HOMEBUILDERS

Christian Symbol



PALM BRANCH — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God's throne.

Know Who (And Whose) You Are

Actor Kirk Douglas once picked up a hitchhiker. After the man got settled in Douglas's car, he turned to look more closely at the driver. Surprised to recognize the famous man at the wheel, the hitchhiker exclaimed, "Do you know who you are?!"

We would do well to ask ourselves and each other the same thing. Often, we seem to forget — or perhaps we never knew.

Through much of life, we behave as if our identity depends on our occupation, wealth, family line, daily accomplishments or good deeds. But none of these — not even the last one — determines the core of who we are. All that matters is our Creator's opinion, and God loves us with abundant, unconditional love.

Do you know who you are? You are God's beloved child! And so is everyone else. May we live out that knowledge, treating one another as such.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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The Foundation Of Our Joy

Do you have that gospel? Hang on to it for the rest of your life because that's the foundation of your joy. Recently, I visited Jose's class on Sundays at 9am, and I heard them say, "preach the gospel to yourself!" This is remarkable because a lot of times we think we know the gospel, we've embraced the gospel a while back; but what we need to realize is we need to be reminded of the good news so that we would be reminded of the joy that is inherent of the gospel!

Solid doctrine #5—our enjoyment of God is directly proportionate to our fulfillment of His will. For in fulfilling His will, He is most honored. In other words, the best indication that the triune God is truly being honored is when we are most enjoying in Him, and that real joy is had when we most conform to His will.

I was only 17 when God transplanted me from Mindanao, Philippines. Imagine being whisked more than 8,000 miles away from where you've grown up. You know nobody. The food tasted bland. The place is very strange! And joy seems stole away. I remembered my cousin (Marnelle) telling me, "when you get to America, the first thing you should do is pray and ask God to show you His will." So I searched the Scripture. My prayers led me to Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, **Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.** It was then that joy flooded my soul. I knew what I needed to do—fear God, and keep his commandments. Real joy comes when we are most conformed to God's will.

With Sincere Love In Christ,

Christian Torres

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