

Year-to-Date Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving Needed	\$ 87,840
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 82,192

What Lender Voluntarily Cuts Interest Rates?

National Covenant Properties (NCP), the source for Riverside's building loan, has voluntarily chosen to lower the church's interest rate by .5%. While not required to do so by the loan documents signed by the church, NCP has graciously decided to lower the interest rate on the loans of 69 Evangelical Covenant churches that entered into loan arrangements when interest rates were at their highest point in the past four years. The interest rate cut will save Riverside over \$1,500 in in-

terest charges over the next year. The President of National Covenant Properties, Steve Dawson, said, "the drop in interest payments will mean a manageable reduction in revenue to NCP, but the board made the move because we sensed it was the right thing to do."

In 2007, NCP made loans to more than 50 church projects with loan advances totaling \$35 million. Funds for these loans are obtained from NCP's sale of investment certificates. If you would like to invest

in NCP and contribute to the growth of Evangelical Covenant churches, NCP currently offers Individual Retirement Accounts, Health Savings Accounts and Certificate Accounts. Current interest rates and instructions on how to invest can be found at <http://www.covchurch.org/ncp/investment>.

Community Events

Lafayette's National Day of Prayer Observance

Three city-wide events will take place Thursday, May 1. The day will begin with a prayer breakfast, followed by an outdoor observance at Riehle Plaza in downtown Lafayette at 12:10 and concluding the day with a City-Wide Concert of Prayer at Kossuth Street Baptist Church in Lafayette at 7 p.m.

Matrix Lifeline Sweet Celebration of Life

Saturday, May 3 Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center will have their fundraising event at the Faith Community Center. Enjoy a dessert and appetizer buffet and help Matrix raise funds to continue to support women and young families in our community. The evening will begin with a silent auction at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. Tickets are free but required. Call

765-742-1533 or email matrixlifeline@comcast.net to reserve your space by Wednesday, April 30.

Focus on the Family Garage Sale

The 2008 Focus on the Family Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 7. As you do your spring cleaning, keep this garage sale in mind and save all your treasures to donate the week before the sale. Any questions call Nancy Umbeck 765-497-9270.

Riverside Water Line

Sermons on James

- May 4—James 3:1-12 Say What?
- May 11—James 3:13-18 Who is Wise?
- May 18—James 4:1-12 Submit!
- May 25—James 4:13-5:6 Arrogant Mist

Thoughts From Pastor Dan

Just a few weeks ago Dana and I ran into someone we knew outside a store in West Lafayette. The conversation was very brief because it was windy and cold. This week the temperatures have risen and so have our opportunities to engage in conversations. In the past two days, we have already had fantastic opportunities to speak with our neighbors.

We can spend all the time in the world discussing how Riverside can share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our community, but if we really want to make it happen we have to take the time to speak with our neighbors, our coworkers, and our friends. Programs, sermons, music, coffee and donuts are nice, but people are most likely to come to Riverside if we care enough to tell them that the God of the universe is at work there.

We do not have to go door-to-door with our Bibles in one hand and a cross in the other. We simply have to love others. While we are often good at surface conversations about the weather and sports, we are reluctant to invest our time and heart in truly loving those we encounter.

Let's endeavor together to be intentional about entering into spiritual conversations with neighbors, coworkers and friends. With nice weather comes an increased opportunity for conversation in the front yard, work parking lot, at the park and on the golf course, to

name a few. Here are some simple suggestions on how to start discussions about your faith. Ask about the upcoming weekend, then when asked about your weekend, include your church attendance and something exciting that is happening at Riverside (Men's or Women's study, etc.). Spend time asking questions to learn about the motivations, desires and passions of others. Do not use Christian-ese (only Christians know what salvation, atonement, saved, born-again, etc. mean). Do not think you have to change someone's heart in one conversation, but be willing to plant seeds. Offer prayer, then follow-up by asking how things are going the next time you see them. Freely share what God is doing in your life and do not be afraid to give God the credit in your conversations.

To truly love someone is to be willing to share with them the greatest news you have ever heard, the Good News that God loves us and that Jesus Christ came to restore our relationship with God.

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Check out Pastor Dan's weekly sermon recap on the Riverside website at www.rcovenant.org

Women's Ministry

Godly Wisdom for Women Bible Study

This 5-week study will take a look at our relationships with God, our husband, our children and the world. It will be held at Riverside on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on April 23 through May 21. Cost of the workbook is \$5. Childcare is provided. For more information contact Rhonda Ausk at Rhonda.Ausk@verizon.net or at 765-497-2421.

Summer Book Club

- ◆ Wednesday, May 28th. We will be discussing "In His Steps" by Charles Sheldon and will be meeting at 6:30 pm in the home of Nancy Umbeck.
- ◆ Wednesday, June 25th. We will be discussing "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver and will be meeting at 6:30 pm in the home of Dar Muehlhausen. Cost of the book is \$13.

◆ Wednesday, July 23rd. We will be discussing "Divine" and meeting at 6:30 pm in the home of Stephanie Brennan. Cost of the book is \$13. Sign up today. For more information, contact Lisa Harker at lisa.lisa.anne@comcast.net or 765-497-7262 or go to www.rcovenant.org/node/90 for a listing of the books.

Women's Retreat

Women's Ministry is inviting you to a National Women of Faith Conference called "Infinite Grace" right here in Indiana at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The Women's Ministry is planning a 3 day retreat leaving on Friday, August 1st and returning on Sunday, August 3rd. We has 25 tickets for sale on a first come basis. We also have reservations at the Marriott Downtown (Courtyard). The ticket price for the two day conference is \$45.00; the hotel price varies depending on the number of women per room. Each room is a double room with two

double beds. This is a time for renewal, and to share in fellowship with other women from our area. There will be something for every woman. We hope to attend as a group and any woman is welcome to join us. If you need more information about the conference go to www.womenoffaith.com or Riverside's website www.rcovenant.org or call Rebecca Springs at 765-742-5995 or email at malcolm.rebecca@verizon.net.

Mission's Ministry

Dear friends:

I am writing to thank you for supporting the ministry of Greater Lafayette Young Life and Wyld Life.

I am a Young Life leader at West Lafayette High School and your support allows me to meet teenagers here, build friendships with them, and share the good news about God's love for them in terms that they can understand.

Thank you for being a part of this ministry with me!

Sincerely,
Brent Brewington
Greater Lafayette Young Life & Wyld Life

Friends of RCC

Thank you for helping us connect teens to Jesus and discipling them.

Grateful for your support,
Mark W. Kirgiss

Evangelical Covenant Church Vacation Bible School 2008

SonWorld Adventure Park VBS 2008
Evangelical Covenant Church
3600 South 9th Street, Lafayette
Ages 4 through those just finishing 5th grade
June 2-6, 9 AM - Noon



"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve." Joshua 24:15

Make plans to join us at SonWorld Adventure Park where children will learn that choosing Jesus is the best ride of their life.

As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will discover important choices everyone must make: **Choose to BELIEVE** that Jesus is God's promised Savior, **Choose to ACT** and care for others, **Choose FORGIVENESS** from Jesus, **Choose to OBEY** Jesus even when it's hard and **Choose JESUS** as our guide and source of wisdom! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks—all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children. On top of

that, we will be helping children learn about life-changing choices! SonWorld Adventure Park can be an inspirational and educational adventure for your entire family.

Our week will end with a picnic and short program for the entire family on Friday, June 6 at 6 PM.

Registration Has Begun!

Pick up a bright green registration form at the Riverside Covenant Church Welcome Center to fill out for your children and to share with a friend. Please register your child(ren) early to help us be prepared for all those that will attend.

Pray For...

- ☞ Judy Wade who has been ill and in the hospital
- ☞ Malcolm Spring's mother who fell
- ☞ A.J. Marks & his family
- ☞ the search for a Youth Director
- ☞ our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and for the Afghan and Iraqi people
- ☞ the upcoming Women's Retreat
- ☞ the Men's Bible study--for the

- hearts, spirits & souls of the men attending and the men leading the lessons
- ☞ the Women's Bible Study--for the hearts, spirits & souls of the women attending and the women leading the lessons
- ☞ the Women's Summer Book Studies--for the women leading the discussions, the women attending, and for the women's hearts, spirits and

- minds to be stretched and faiths deepened as a result of these summer readings.
- ☞ simplifying our schedules, allowing for time to be spent with the Lord on a daily basis
- ☞ all the volunteers that make worship and the Children's Ministries happen each Sunday

May Schedule of Events

- May 1 — National Day of Prayer
- May 2 & 16, 7a.m. — Christian Reading Group @ Einstein Bagels
- May 4, 11:30 a.m. — Maturity Class 201
- May 4, 11, 18, 25, 7 p.m. — Jr High Youth Group meeting
- May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 7 p.m. — Men's Bible Study
- May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 p.m. — Women's Bible Study
- May 11 — Mother's Day
- May 17 — Riverside Day at Wrigley Field
- May 18, 11:15 a.m. — Missions Committee meeting

Upcoming Events

- June 7 — Focus on the Family Garage Sale
- June 25 and July 23 — Women's Summer Book Club
- July 20 — Operation Multiplication
- August 1-3 — Women's Retreat

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

- 8 Catherine Fassnacht
- 8 Kaylee Metcalf
- 10 Miranda Nelson
- 11 Drew Romeo
- 14 Erin Rush
- 14 Troy Skidmore
- 16 Lisa Harker
- 17 Karen Itin
- 18 Nancy Umbeck
- 19 Christine Berkesch
- 21 Cathy Tanner

- 24 Jay Morgan
- 28 Lynn Fisher
- 28 Steve Johnson
- 29 Lanie Nelson



Getting to Know the Wiggins

What are your full names and names and ages of your children?

Tim Wiggins
Carrie Wiggins
Samantha (Sammie) Wiggins will be 4 in June
Alexis (Allie) Wiggins just turned two in March

What are your occupations?

Tim – Mechanical/Electrical Engineering
Carrie – Financial Controlling

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

Caterpillar

What brought you to Riverside and how long have you been here?

We began looking for a church when we moved to West Lafayette in November of 2006. We found Riverside in January of 2007 and have been attending since. It is very different for us. We were members at Kensington Community Church in Troy, Michigan. It is a very large church that ministers to thousands of people with 4 campuses providing a total of 12 services (11 weekend and 1 midweek). The format at Kensington was very similar to Willow Creek Church in Illinois.

What do you do for fun?

We enjoy spending time with family and friends. We love to be outside when the weather is nice, especially with the girls. We also have a great time at Purdue football games.

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

We are spending a week in Florida at the end of April. Carrie's sister Jill is getting married on the beach. Sammie and Allie will both be flower girls and we are hoping that they do not make a run for the ocean mid-ceremony!



Tim, Carrie, Samantha and Alexis Wiggins

Getting to Know the Fassnachts

What are your full names and names and ages of your children?

Michael Patrick Fassnacht
Brenda Joy Fassnacht
Nathan Elijah, 4 years
Catherine Ivy, soon to be 1 year

What are your occupation(s)?

Mike works in Cutter Grind at Fairfield Manufacturing. Brenda is a full time mom and arranges flowers on occasion.

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

Mike was born and raised in West Lafayette. Brenda came to Purdue for her undergraduate studies.

What brought you to Riverside? How long have you been here?

Brenda started attending Riverside with her brother, Tim Eldridge, a long time ago (maybe 2002). Mike joined her in attending when they began dating in 2003.

What do you do for fun?

We like to watch movies, go bowling, read and play games.

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

Last summer, Mike found a baby alligator close to our house. He and Nathan both got to be on the news with "Chomp." The alligator now has a home in an exotic animal reserve in West Lafayette.



Mike, Brenda, Nathan and Catherine Fassnacht