

Riverside Covenant Church

Riverside Water Line

June Sermons

- June 1 – Patient Prayer, James 5:7-20
- June 8 – Who is Riverside?
- June 15 – The Voice
- June 22 – Laughter in the Bible, *Dave Timmerman*
- June 29 – Laughter in the Christian Life, *Dave Timmerman*

Thoughts from Pastor Dan

In the Men's Bible Study we have been studying the book of Ephesians. This past week we arrived at Ephesians 3. I was struck by the power in Paul's words at the end of the chapter. Paul ends his prayer for the Ephesians by saying, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

What an amazing privilege it is for us to be able to be in relationship with such a God.

Max Lucado tells the story of an incident that occurred several years ago during the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses parade. During the parade one of the beautiful floats suddenly sputtered and quit. It

was out of gas. Since the immobile float was blocking the road, the whole parade was held up until someone could get a can of gas to refill the tank. The amusing thing was this float was sponsored by the Standard Oil Company. Despite Standard Oil's vast oil resources, its float was the one that ran out of gas.

Christians have a vast spiritual resource in the power of God within us. Too often though we do not take advantage of this resource and instead find ourselves stalled on our journey through life.

This past Sunday I shared some words from Thomas Kelly which emphasize that our power to propel through life is not of ourselves but the work of an all-powerful God. Kelly said, "the energizing, dynamic center is not in us but in the

Divine Presence in which we share. Religion is not *our* concern; it is God's concern. The sooner we stop thinking *we* are the energetic operators of religion and discover that God is at work, as the Aggressor, the Invader, the Initiator, so much sooner do we discover that our task is to call people to be still and know, listen, hearken in quiet invitation to the subtle promptings of the Divine . . . Too many well-intentioned people are so preoccupied with the clatter of effort to do something *for* God that they don't hear God asking that God might do something *through* them."

God desires "to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." May we open our hearts and wills to the overwhelming power of God this month so that we may transform and be transformed.

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Women's Ministry

Summer Book Club

◇ 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 have 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.com.

True Women Conference "Revive Our Hearts"

Coming to the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL October 9-11th. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some nationally known speakers; John Piper, Joni Erickson Tada, Nancy Leigh De Moss, and Janet Parshall. Worship leaders are Keith and Kristyn Getty. This promises to be a dynamic weekend. Riverside is **not** planning to take a group, because we have already planned to attend the conference in Indianapolis August 1-3. However, we did want

to provide you with the information if you want to attend. The Pre-conference is Thursday, October 9, the conference is Friday 10-Saturday the 11th. Early registration is \$109 before August 1st and regular registration is \$139. You, of course, will have to make your own hotel reservations. If you desire more information contact Nancy Umbeck, 765-497-9270 or numbeck@yahoo.com.

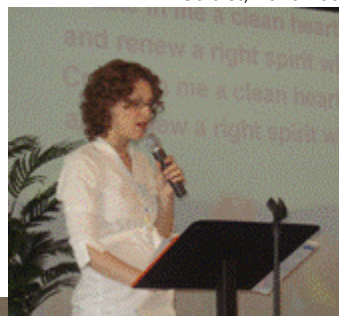
Spring Luncheon

We hope you didn't miss the Riverside's Women's Spring Luncheon "Pursue a Pure Heart" on April 26th, right here in our own church. The purpose of this event was to reach out to other women in our church, families, neighborhoods, and communities. This was an edifying, fun-filled event sponsored by Riverside's Women's Ministry. We had approximately 100 women attend. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon with great fellowship, delicious food, and a strong message through the beautiful music of our soloist Dana Teefey and the inspirational message of our gifted speaker Radonna Fiorini. Radonna also brought us her funny side through the character of "Thelma" with an entertaining skit making us laugh at her and ourselves.

The love of Christ was shown in all the details of this event--in the beautiful table settings furnished by our table hostesses and the special handmade purse's that were given away as gifts to one person at each table. These are just a few examples of the details, but most important was the opportunity to help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to let them know they are loved here at Riverside Covenant Church. To the left are some photos from the event. If you want to get involved in Women's Ministry or see more photos, check out the Riverside website www.rcovenant.org.



Delicious food, good fellowship, and a beautiful setting at the Women's Spring Luncheon



Soloist, Dana Teefey



Women's Ministry Director, Rhonda Ausk having some fun with speaker, Radonna Fiorini

Men's Ministry

Golf Outing and Day at Wrigley Field

On Saturday, April 26 the Men's Ministry at Riverside had a golf clinic at Coyote Crossing Golf Club in West



Lafayette. The clinic was hosted by PGA golf professional and Riverside Member-Tom Guipe. The morning included a fantastic breakfast at the golf club, a brief golf lesson, and hundreds of golf balls flying wildly from the driving range.

On Saturday, May 17 a chartered busload of 50 men, women and children traveled from Riverside to Wrigley Field in Chicago for a Chicago Cubs baseball game. Although the Cubs came up 50 feet short of a home run to win the game in the bottom of the 9th inning, fun was had by all.

Bible Study

The Men's Ministry continues to study Ephesians on Monday nights at 7pm at the church. The study has already sparked some very interesting conversations and has created a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. Please join the men as they grow closer to each other and to God.



April 26 — Men's Golf Clinic at Coyote Crossing



Promiseland Chatter

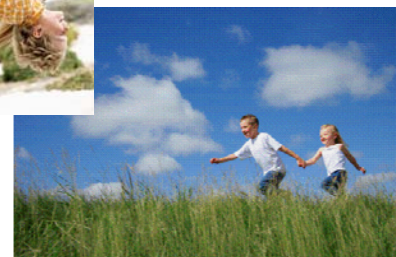
Summer is approaching quickly and once again it is time to give our faithful Promiseland kindergarten through 5th grade teachers and helpers a break.

Beginning June 1 a more relaxed teaching atmosphere will take place throughout the summer to make it easier for new volunteers to step in and serve. This is a great opportunity to see what goes on in the children's ministry without being intimidated by a more structured teaching environment. Each Sunday the children will join their parents in "big church" for twenty minutes of worship, leaving during the offering for Promiseland. A short teaching video will

be viewed with discussion, then a craft or game concludes their morning.

My prayer is for the entire Riverside Covenant family to prayerfully consider how they might be used for God's glory to help in Promiseland this summer. There are still Sundays that are in need of a leader. Stop by the Promiseland Table in the back of the sanctuary to sign up today.

Dar Muehlhausen
Children's Ministry Assistant
Director



"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade."
Gertrude Jekyll

Getting to Know the Shooks

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

Robert, Gretchen, Hannah (6), Abigail (4)

What are your occupations?

Rob works for Purdue as a Zone Leader, Gretchen works at Clarian Arnett Health as an Education Consultant.

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

Our families moved here when we were in elementary school. We both graduated from Harrison High School.

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

We've been attending Riverside since February of this year and have found it to be incredibly warm and supportive. It has been great to find a place where our family can grow in our faith and feel welcome.

What do you do for fun?

We like to hike and be outside as a family. Rob plays golf, Gretchen scrapbooks, Hannah likes to ride her bike and swim, and Abby collects bugs and treasures!

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

Rob can moonwalk.



Rob, Gretchen, Hannah and Abby Shook

Getting to Know the Hickmans

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

Stan and Karen Hickman
Katy (26)--lives in Milwaukee and works for Kohl's
Sara (24)--Purdue grad student
Matt (22) --Purdue senior
Kristi (20)—Purdue sophomore

What are your occupations?

Stan—Lead Auditor for Health, Safety and Environmental at Eli Lilly & Co.
Karen—Academic Advisor in Department of Child Development and Family Studies at Purdue

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

Stan came to Purdue in 1970 for Chemical Engineering and accepted a job after graduation at Eli Lilly Tippecanoe Labs in Lafayette. Karen graduated from Purdue and University of Tennessee, and returned to Lafayette for a job in audiology at St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1978.

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

We had worshipped elsewhere in the area but were looking for a smaller evangelical church. We found River-

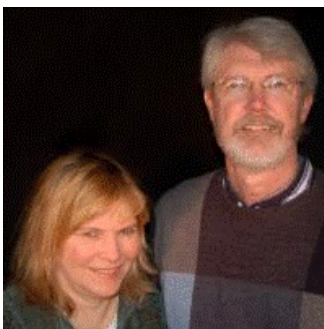
side to be very welcoming.

What do you do for fun?

As a family, we have especially enjoyed family vacations at the beach. We also like Purdue sports and hanging out with family and friends and our golden retriever, Jax.

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

For anyone who has read *Marley and Me*, we had a golden retriever for 10 years that had to be a close cousin of Marley—we have great goofy dog stories!



Karen & Stanley Hickman

June 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Kirk Smiley | 25 Mark Timmerman |
| 6 Alaina Farley | 26 Chloe Madrid |
| 6 Lynne Smiley | 26 Ruth Romeo |
| 6 Tate Kirgiss | 30 Emily Blanchard |
| 7 Neal Fearnot | |
| 8 Mark Fisher | |
| 8 Samantha Wiggins | |
| 9 Rachel Johnson | |
| 12 Randy Bogan | |
| 13 Nathan Brennan | |



June Schedule of Events

- June 1 — Communion
- June 7 — Focus on the Family Garage Sale
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7 p.m. — Men's Bible Study @ Riverside
- June 13 & 27, 7 a.m. — Reading Group @ Einstein Bagels
- June 15 — Father's Day
- June 15, 11:15 a.m. — Missions Committee meeting @ Riverside
- June 25, 6:30 p.m. — Women's Summer Book Club @ Dar Muehlhausen's
- June 29, 11:30 a.m. — Riverside Picnic @ Happy Hollow Park

Upcoming Events

- July 20 — Operation Multiplication
- July 23, 6:30 p.m. — Women's Summer Book Club @ Stephanie Brennan's
- August 1-3 — Women's Retreat
- August 6, 10a.m.-4p.m. — Trinity Mission, Taste and See

Don't Forget...

Visit Riverside's website at <http://www.rcovenant.org>. You can find many great features there, including contact information for the Leadership Team and staff, the Riverside by-laws and constitution, Pastor Dan's weekly blog posts, the Riverside newsletter, audio recordings of sermons, the church calendar and much, much more.

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Thank you to Dar Muehlhausen and Nancy Umbeck for planting the bulbs last fall to give us this wonderful springtime beauty to enjoy.

Community Events

Focus on the Family Garage Sale

The 23 annual Focus on the Family Garage Sale is just around the corner! Funds from this sale will all go to Focus on the Family to purchase Ultrasound machines for Crisis Pregnancy Centers. The sale is **SATURDAY, JUNE 7 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** It will again be held at **906 Northwestern**, in West Lafayette. This sale represents about 60 families and is a Big One! We will be accepting your treasures after Memorial Day, when the tents go up, after 9:00 a.m. daily. Questions, call Nancy Umbeck 497-9270. **PLEASE EVERYONE COME SHOP, WE ARE SURE TO HAVE SOMETHING YOU NEED!**

City-Wide Night of Worship

Join other believers of the Greater Lafayette area in lifting up Jesus Christ in a city-wide night of worship, **Sunday, June 22, 7-9:00 p.m.** at the Long Center. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the needs of our community.

Year-to-Date Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving Needed \$ 120,780
Year-to-Date Giving \$ 105,055

Will You Serve With Your Gifts?

God has gifted each of us in wonderfully unique ways because He loves us and because He loves the world (John 3:16). The skills and resources He has entrusted to us not only bless us abundantly, but as we exercise stewardship of them, managing and investing them in the lives of others as God directs, they also can become Kingdom blessings! If we are Called to Serve With All Our Gifts, how will that fact make a difference in your life and your church this year?

- Where were you in your giving 3 or 4 years ago?
- Does your giving represent a 1% increase of household income above last year's giving?
- How does your giving reflect your belief that we are CALLED TO SERVE WITH ALL OUR GIFTS?
- Does your giving indicate you are being a good manager of God's resources entrusted to you?

What do you have that you did not receive?

1 Corinthians 4:7

| Annual Income | Weekly Income | Weekly Giving if Percentage is | | | | | |
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| | | 1% | 4% | 6% | 8% | Tithe | 15% |
| \$ 8,000 | \$ 153 | \$ 1 | \$ 6 | \$ 9 | \$ 12 | \$ 15 | \$ 22 |
| 16,000 | 307 | 3 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 46 |
| 20,000 | 384 | 3 | 15 | 23 | 30 | 38 | 57 |
| 24,000 | 461 | 4 | 18 | 27 | 36 | 46 | 69 |
| 28,000 | 538 | 5 | 21 | 32 | 43 | 53 | 80 |
| 32,000 | 615 | 6 | 24 | 36 | 49 | 61 | 92 |
| 36,000 | 692 | 6 | 27 | 41 | 55 | 69 | 103 |
| 40,000 | 769 | 7 | 30 | 46 | 61 | 76 | 115 |
| 45,000 | 865 | 8 | 34 | 51 | 69 | 86 | 129 |
| 50,000 | 961 | 9 | 38 | 57 | 76 | 96 | 144 |
| 55,000 | 1,057 | 11 | 42 | 63 | 85 | 106 | 159 |
| 60,000 | 1,153 | 12 | 46 | 69 | 92 | 115 | 173 |
| 65,000 | 1,250 | 13 | 50 | 75 | 100 | 125 | 188 |
| 70,000 | 1,346 | 13 | 54 | 81 | 108 | 135 | 202 |
| 75,000 | 1,442 | 14 | 58 | 87 | 115 | 144 | 216 |
| 80,000 | 1,538 | 15 | 62 | 92 | 123 | 154 | 231 |
| 85,000 | 1,634 | 16 | 65 | 98 | 131 | 163 | 245 |
| 90,000 | 1,730 | 17 | 69 | 104 | 138 | 173 | 260 |
| 95,000 | 1,826 | 18 | 73 | 110 | 146 | 183 | 274 |
| 100,000 | 1,923 | 19 | 77 | 115 | 154 | 192 | 288 |
| 105,000 | 2,019 | 20 | 81 | 121 | 162 | 202 | 303 |
| 110,000 | 2,115 | 21 | 85 | 127 | 169 | 212 | 317 |
| 115,000 | 2,200 | 22 | 88 | 133 | 177 | 221 | 332 |
| 120,000 | 2,307 | 23 | 92 | 138 | 185 | 231 | 346 |
| 125,000 | 2,403 | 24 | 96 | 144 | 192 | 240 | 360 |
| 140,000 | 2,692 | 26 | 107 | 161 | 215 | 269 | 403 |
| 150,000 | 2,884 | 28 | 115 | 173 | 230 | 288 | 432 |