



Riverside Waterline

Thoughts from Pastor Dan

A couple of weeks ago, we spent part of the adult Discovery Hour discussing how we perceive God and understand our relationship to Him. How we are to balance understanding Jesus as fully human and fully divine was also a question suggested for a sermon during our "You Pick the Sermon" series.

Often Christians imagine God in one of two ways: as a being so divine and holy that God sits on His heavenly throne far detached from the menial and elementary activities of humans' daily lives or as a being understood only through Jesus who is our best buddy and someone who is always there to lift us up from pain or hardship. The true God, however, is somewhere in between these two extremes.

As Christians, our entire theology centers on the identity of God and specifically on His earthly presence as Jesus Christ. An

incorrect view of Christ's character can distort our understanding of God, ourselves and the entire world. When we have false views of God we formulate false views of ourselves and the world around us.

Often our errors in understanding God arise from our desire to make sense of the mystery of Jesus' identity as both fully human and fully divine. To avoid uncertainty and to simplify our conception of God, people often seek errantly to understand Jesus as more one than the other.

We either relegate Jesus simply to being God, all-powerful and supremely detached from anything humans experience or we classify Jesus as primarily human and treat Him as if He were our next door neighbor who loves everyone and just wants them to be happy. Each of these extremes fail to fully embrace the truth of Christ's identity and lead Christians to miss out on God's true

role in our lives.

Christ was fully human, like us, but He is still more. Beyond Jesus' full humanity lies His full divinity. Christ is not only our model of perfect humanness, but he is also the God that ultimately provides us with freedom from sin and life in its fullest sense. Jesus must be understood not simply as our example of human behavior, but also as the maker of the universe and the principal of the divine purposes. (See John 1)

The true identity of Jesus can be securely found between the tendencies to see Jesus as our best bud or so holy that He is unconnected with our experience. God is supremely holy, but He is also a being who has endured what we seek to endure, and we cannot arrive at a correct understanding of His relation to us unless we allow these natures to concur in one person, that of Jesus Christ.

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October Sermons:

- October 5 — Amos
- October 12 — Obadiah/Jonah
- October 19 — Micah
- October 26 — Nahum/Habakkuk

Small Groups

Riverside's Small Groups provide the opportunity for fellowship and spiritual dialogue among a small group of people. Each group is unique because of the dynamic established by those that make up the group. Some groups study the Bible, others a Christian book and others simply share what God has been doing in their lives. All small groups are a time for encouragement, support, prayer, and investing in each other's life.

Members of small groups at Riverside agree to keep things shared in the group confidential. No one is forced to speak if they do not want to, and everyone is

given a safe environment to be themselves with an understanding that we are all on a common journey towards God together.

Now is a great time to join a group. To find out more about Riverside Small Groups contact Tom and Debby Smiley (765-464-8191 or [no-moieps@yahoo.com](mailto:moieps@yahoo.com)) or Dave Timmerman (765-463-3126 or dtimmerman@rcovenant.org).



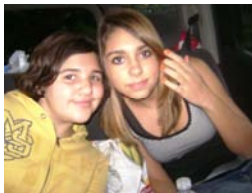
Youth Ministry

This month the youth program has stretched its wings, gotten a little dirty, had some bonding moments, and been anything but boring! As we continue to get to know each other I am amazed at God's love and grace as we figure out who we are in Christ.

Just a few highlights of our month...

Becky, Kaitlin, and Lexi took a road trip with Battle Ground United Methodist girls to the REVOLVE

TOUR in Columbus, OH. We got to see some amazing artists including Hawk Nelson (Lexi's new favorite), and Natalie Grant! We also heard from amazing speakers-especially Jenna Lucado-who all challenged our views on ourselves, God, and how as Christian girls we need to be living our lives for Jesus. A church near the arena let us stay at a house FOR



Revolve here we come!! Kaitlin H. and Lexi M.

FREE and the Starbucks we hit is probably still reeling from our 15 passenger van requests for caffeine after only a few hours of sleep!

Junior High Youth Group has been another awesome time for fellowship and CRAZINESS!! Every week we

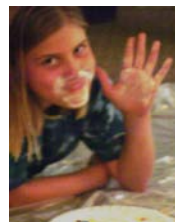
play ridiculous games, sing-usually out of tune-eat some really gross foods, and have a blast doing it all! We are teaching the youth the characteristics of Christ, and how we need to respond in our own lives to the perfect life he lived on earth.

Paintball was a hit again this year with the guys! Ryan and Kurt Watt mustered up the courage to take on the

Junior and Senior High boys at Attica's Paintball Barn. It was a pretty hot day-but they had a fantastic time beating up on each other-it was also great to have them bring some friends that don't have youth activities at their church-smiles for outreach!!



M&M Flour race at Junior High Youth Group-water anyone? Mark F. (above) and Taylor M. (below)



Senior High is getting real and getting connected at Greyhouse Coffee Co. on Sundays. We started by giving our Lifetemonies-how we are who we are. Our time together has already begun to solidify us as a group-and I look forward to challenging them to step out and step deeper into a daily relationship with Christ! With sports, jobs, and family we're focusing on how Jesus fits-how giving our first to Him stores up treasures!

So that's what we've been up to...and here's what we have

Youth Ministry cont.

planned...

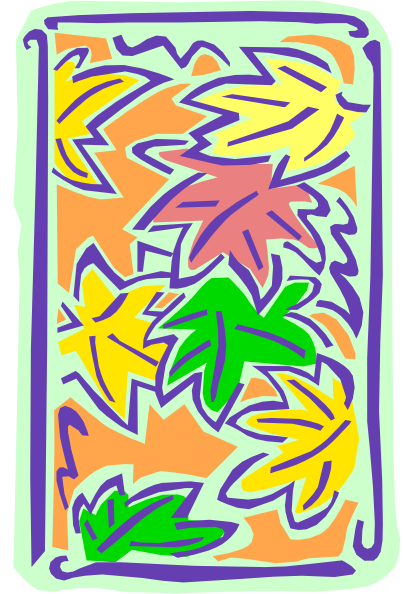
Senior High gets locked down in October-don't worry, Ryan and I will sleep in the center of the sanctuary so we don't get any "purple", along with a camp-out later in the month for the Junior High where I really hope to get a few choruses of Kum Ba Yah in before I get pelted with marshmallows. We will also have some fundraisers including our reusable plastic bag sale, and get ready to be FLOCKED BY FLAMINGOS!! More info to come!

All in all, what a blessing our youth are-they have wonderful hearts, they are searching to know God's Word, and they

want to reach out to our community in any way possible!!

P.S. If anyone is interested in helping on Sunday afternoons, let Becky know! It's a great way to get to know our awesome young people, and a great excuse to revive your inner child.

*We are the Youth, the mighty,
mighty Youth!*
(check out www.rcovenant.org
for Youth times and updates)



Promiseland Chatter

God is good and we are praising Him for His many blessings on Riverside's Children's Ministry.

It has been an exciting and busy month as we transition into two different teaching hours on Sunday morning. Both hours have been well attended and the transition has gone smoother than anticipated. Many thanks to all who are helping.



As we move into October the 3-5 year olds will be learning about Moses and how God spoke to him through a burning bush and by giving Moses and the Israelites the Ten Commandments. Kids will also hear how God told Moses to send twelve spies into the Promise Land after Moses led the Israelites there. Grades K-3rd will be introduced to the Psalms. They will learn the book of Psalms is a collection of poems, songs and prayers to God and it is different from any other book in the Bible. They will discover God created us and knows us, hears us when we pray and He cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Our 4th and 5th grade children have

learned the Bible comes from God and is the final authority for guiding our lives. They now will explore pressing issues that challenge Christianity. They will develop a defense for their faith as they learn to defend Christianity against evolution, witchcraft and the supernatural, and other religions. The goal is to show that all truth is God's truth, which comes from the Bible.

As you read this newsletter will you take the time to pray for our children and teachers in Promiseland? Thanks!

Serving Him Together,
Dar Muehlhausen

Getting to Know the Seebalds



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

Paul Josiah Seebald
Jamie Lee Seebald
No children

What are your occupations?

Paul- Mechanical Engineering graduate student at Purdue
Jamie- Laboratory Technician in Purdue Biology Department

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

After completing our undergraduate studies in Pennsylvania, Paul decided to pursue a PhD at Purdue.

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

We randomly chose Riverside from the telephone book on our second Sunday living in Lafayette and have been attending

ever since (over one year now).

What do you do for fun?

We enjoy playing board games and watching classic T.V. shows together. Paul likes to follow football, especially the Buffalo Bills, as well as playing guitar and reading. Jamie enjoys cooking and knitting.

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

Paul has many random hobbies, like juggling and solving the Rubik's cube. Jamie gets only one hiccup at a time, but she hiccups every day- sometimes as many as 40 times.

Getting to Know Kathy Nelson

What is your full name and names and ages of your children?

Kathy Nelson
Kendra Patton age 21 (Sr. at Anderson University)
Erin Patton age 16 (Jr. at McCutcheon)

What is your occupation?

Lab Technician

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

My dad was transferred here when I was 10 from Terre Haute, IN

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

Lanie Nelson invited me to the Wednesday night women's bible study. These women are the best!!! They are the most gracious and wonderful group of people I have ever met. I have been coming to Riverside for almost 2 years.

What do you do for fun?

Reading, baking and working in my yard

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

I love chocolate and diet coke!



Community News

Moms-In-Touch Prayer Group

A group of Jefferson High School mothers are beginning a weekly Moms-in-Touch Prayer Group. They will meet in the YMCA chapel every Friday from 12-1:00 p.m. during the school year. An invitation to mothers and grandmothers of Jeff students is being extended to join Moms-in-Touch to pray for the children, school, teachers and staff. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Bathe at 765-446-0944 or rbathe@comcast.net.

Matrix Lifeline Walk for Life

Join friends of Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center on Saturday, October 11, for an easy 2-mile walk around and through Columbian Park. Register to walk and obtain financial sponsors to help Matrix offer alternatives to abortion and free support services that include pregnancy tests, options information, parenting education and material assistance.

It's easy (Matrix collects the money)! It's fun (bring friends and family). Your steps will allow Matrix to take steps to reach out and serve more abortion vulnerable women

and men in our community. Contact the Matrix office to register or to sponsor a walker 765-742-1533 or matrixlifeline@comcast.net.

Saturday, October 11

Columbian Park (shelter 5 Blue on Park Ave)



“Working together to help people discover Christ and develop a growing relationship with Him”



Schedule of Events

- Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, 26
 - Discovery Hour @ 9 a.m.
 - Worship @ 10:15 a.m.
 - Jr High meets @ 3 p.m.
 - Sr High meets @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 19
 - Mission Committee meets @ 11:15 a.m.
 - Staff meets @ 11:30 a.m.
- Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27
 - Men’s Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 21 — Leadership Team meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 - Women’s Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. (Study ends on Oct 22)
 - Jr High meets @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Sr High meets @ 8 p.m.
- Fridays, October 3, 17 & 31— Reading Group meets at Einstein’s @ 7 a.m.

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

October Birthdays

1 Miles Madrid	7 Stacy Pollard	25 Ben Guipe
1 Ryan Umbeck	10 Brett Hofer	25 Michelle Metcalf
2 Holly Itin	10 Dave Kilgour	28 Isaac Johnson
2 Kelly Blanchard	12 Bruno Itin	28 Ruth Pape
5 Brenda Fassnacht	14 Erik Sabel	30 Grace Fisher
6 Brian Kilgour	14 Dan Teefey	
6 Dana Teefey	15 Taylor McCaw	



2008 Riverside Covenant Financial Snapshot

2008 Year-to-Date Giving Needed
\$208,620

2008 Total Giving to Date
\$187,775

Weekly giving needed to meet budget
\$5,490

Average weekly giving
\$4,941

Expenses January-August
\$179,106