

Riverside Covenant Church

Riverside Water Line

Thoughts From Pastor Dan

August Sermons

- August 3— Heads Up
- August 10 — Guest Speaker
- August 17— Get Real
- August 24— You Pick the Sermon
- August 31 — You Pick the Sermon

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Exciting things are happening amongst the Riverside family! We are seeking God's guidance to most fully live out our mission to "work together to help people discover Christ and develop a growing relationship with Him."

We have been working together by getting to know one another through fellowship events like the church picnic at Happy Hollow Park. The picnic was such a success that we are already planning for the 2009 picnic. Regularly scheduled fellowship events are also being planned beginning in September. Ideas have included game nights, movie nights, fellowship meals after the Sunday service, and more. Our small groups also have regular fellowship nights that have included nights at the theater, dinner, and games. The men are having a golf outing in a few weeks and have been holding work nights at the church every week. The women are heading to Indianapolis for a conference next weekend. God will use us more effectively as we continue to become tighter in our personal relationships.

We have also been working to help people discover Christ. We have been sending personal notes to anyone that buys a new home in West Lafayette welcoming them to the community, telling

them about the Riverside family and inviting them to join Riverside for Sunday worship. We also send notes and make a follow-up phone call to visitors that fill out a visitor card at our Sunday Worship. In September, we are even throwing a block party for our neighborhood. The plan is to use our parking lot and a portion of Woodland Avenue to welcome our community to a free party with hamburgers and hotdogs and lots of entertainment for the entire family. In all we do, the hope is that we expose people to the love of God through our care for them. We do not simply want people to discover Riverside, but we desire for them to discover the reason that we exist, Jesus Christ.

Finally, we are working together to help people develop a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We have small groups, men's and women's bible and Christian book studies, and coming in September, the Riverside Discover Hour. We know that we are never finished in our journeys to become more Christ-like and thus continually look for opportunities to connect with God more deeply. The Discovery Hour will provide an opportunity for the youngest

members to the oldest members of the Riverside family to discover God in new ways through group study and discussion with others.

What we do as a church is not without a purpose. We act not to keep up with cultural trends, not to align the church with our preferences or even to make things more convenient and easy. We act because we desire to work together to help people discover Christ and develop a growing relationship with Him.

The good news is that we don't do what we do because one of us came up with a good idea. We do what we do because the Savior of the world told us what to do, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," "love your neighbor as yourself," and "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Exciting things are happening amongst the Riverside family because Riverside is trying to listen and respond to an exciting God!

Women's Ministry

Women's Retreat

Women's Ministry is inviting you to a National Women of Faith Conference called "Infinite Grace" right here in Indiana at Conesco 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 1 ticket left on a first come basis. Cost for the ticket that includes a box lunch is \$53.

This is a time for renewal, and to share in fellowship with other women from our area. There will be something for every woman.

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 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.

Fall Bible Study

When: September 3 - October 22,
6:30 pm

Where: Riverside Covenant Church
What & Who: The Fingerprints of God, by
Jennifer Rothschild

Author, speaker and recording artist Jennifer Rothschild understands that God guides us on pathways we cannot navigate alone. God's essential touch separates us from all other created beings. His touch warms, affirms, and guides us; it communicates value and self-esteem.

Fingerprints of God: Recognizing God's Touch on Your Life teaches us to recognize six things we can experience because of God's touch: honor, intimacy, shelter, guidance, redemption, and refinement.

Please join us as we explore God's Word to find out how it uniquely applies to us as women. Cost of the book is \$13. Sign up at the Women's Ministry table beginning in August.

Men's Ministry

Golf Outing

Saturday, August 9, 1:30 p.m. at the Battleground Country Club. Cost is \$25 per person for 18 holes of golf and food after golf. To reserve your place, contact the office at 765-463-4600 or office@rcovenant.org.



Day at the Races

With Doug Wright on Friday, August 29. Mark your calendars and watch for more details.

Promiseland Chatter

Exciting Things Are Happening In the Children's Ministry This Fall

As you might know, beginning September 7, adults and children will have the opportunity for an additional hour of spiritual growth and fellowship during our Discovery Hour. Our hope is that we will discover God more fully by spending more time together in study and conversation.

An adult Discovery Hour, a Junior High Discovery Hour, a Senior High Discovery Hour, Promiseland for children, and Nursery for infants and toddlers will meet from 9:00AM to 10:00AM each Sunday. Then, beginning at 10:15AM the regular worship service will take place for adults, Junior and Senior High, and any children whose parents would like them in the service. For 3-year-olds through 5th-graders who are not in the service, Children's Church will be held downstairs. Nursery for infants and toddlers will be provided during the service as well.

During the Discovery Hour our teachers will use the Promiseland curriculum for the 3-to-5-year-olds, as in the past, but

divide the older Promiseland kids into two different rooms, K through 3rd grade in one and 4th and 5th grades in an adjoining room. This will ensure that all the kids get the most age-appropriate lessons and are most effectively impacted by their message. Our desire is to develop kids that are being transformed by GRACE, GROWTH, GROUP, GIFTS, AND GOOD STEWARDSHIP... or as we simply call them... **"The 5 Gs."**

The 3-to-5-year old room will be staffed with a teacher and a helper. The K through 3rd grade room and the 4th and 5th grade room will each be staffed with one teacher and a floating helper between the two rooms. The number of teachers and helpers would obviously increase as needed for growth.

Children's Church is still a work in progress. The current plan is to begin with all children, except the Nurseries, in the worship service and then to depart at the offering for Children's Church. 4th and 5th graders will be in a room of their own and 3-year-olds through 3rd grade will be in a room of their own. Though Children's

Church will be more relaxed than Promiseland, it will still be designed to help our children connect with God. These rooms will be staffed with one adult and a Junior or Senior High helper.

Please know this will be a learning and growing time for Riverside as a whole and we value your input as we move into this next phase of spiritual growth. We want this to be a positive journey for all as we seek to grow in Christ through these opportunities. If something is not working, adjustments will be made. Please share your ideas and concerns with us.

Your help and participation is needed in the Children's Ministry. Our needs may be greater now, but so are our opportunities to help our children discover a deep faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray for our children and how God is moving us as a church body to serve in Promiseland Ministries.

Serving Him together,
Dar Muehlhausen
Children's Ministry Director

Youth Ministry

Twelve junior and senior high youth went on the 3rd annual Cedar Point trip, July 18-20. We spent all day Saturday, the 19th, riding roller coasters. That time at the amusement park was sandwiched between many hours of fun and fellowship in the van and at the Boyers' house in Archbold, OH, where we swam and played games (most impressively, Guitar Hero).



Getting to Know Andrea Bube



What is your occupation?

Choir and general music teacher at East Tipp Middle School. I also teach private voice lessons.

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

My job at East Tipp! I was finishing my master's at Ball State when the position became available and it seemed like a good place to be!

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

Malcolm Springs invited me to attend one Sunday, so I did! I've been at-

tending for almost 2 years and have been a member for 1 year.

What do you do for fun?

Anything music related—performing, listening, teaching, going to concerts—as long as it's musical!

I also love to cook and sew!

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

I have siblings born in 4 consecutive decades--70's, 80's, 90's, and 2000's!!

Getting to Know The Purtzers

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

Stephan Dale Purtzer
Beth Anne Purtzer
Melanie Kaye Scheu 27, married to Brett, daughter Haley
Christopher Michael Spellum 24
Rachael Anne Spellum 20
Christopher Michael Purtzer 24
Eric Stephen Purtzer 19

What are your occupations?

Steve- Store Keeper – Purdue University
Beth – Currently unemployed

What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?

Steve – Graduated from Purdue University and never left the area!
Beth – Married Steve!

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

A friend of mine invited us to attend after we first were married. (She no longer attends Riverside due to personal reasons) We were pleased with the services and enjoyed the welcome feeling we have when we attend.

What do you do for fun?

Steve loves to read and is a music collector. He owns over 700 albums and is in the process of converting his favorite music to CD's. He is also a classic car fan and enjoys car shows etc.

Beth loves to read also and have many other hobbies. I sew (I do alterations for the Bridal Boutique in Lafayette) and for my family. I love to camp, hike and spend time outdoors. I love my garden and enjoy cooking for my family. I have a wonderful granddaughter who I miss terribly! My 2 oldest children still live in Evansville IN and I don't get to see them often enough for me! My youngest daughter is a student at Rose-Hulman and lives with Steve and me when she is not in school.

What is a fun fact or memory about you?

Steve and I are pretty average people. I would guess our unique story is about how we met and grew together. I am a firm believer that God places people in our lives for a reason and we may not dis-



cover what the reason is for some time. It's a long story, but tells a lot about us, so be patient!

Many, many years ago I was a young bride and mom and was working for a furniture manufacture in Evansville IN. I worked for a gentleman ,John, who I enjoyed working with and respected very much. Over the years I moved to several other jobs including staying at home for many years to raise my children. After several years it became necessary for me to return to work to help with expenses so I took a job at a local drycleaners doing alterations (remember, I love to sew!) I worked for the dry cleaners for over 7 years and one day John came into the cleaners to have a pair of pants hemmed. We talked about old times and he said I needed to be doing something better

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Getting to Know The Purtzers cont.

than working for a dry cleaners and gave me the name of someone he knew who was looking for someone in their business. I took a leap of faith and took the job and worked for Tina for about 2 years. It was an office furniture installation company which designed and installed office systems furniture around the area. I enjoyed the job but unfortunately her business went bankrupt and I lost my job. I had installed an office in a local meeting planning company and developed a good relationship with the owner, Sandra. I called her and asked about a job with their company and they had an opening and I was hired. My personal life was becoming a mess at this time. My husband at the time was having serious problems with alcohol. We had lost our home and were living in a very poor neighborhood and were struggling to meet our needs. My oldest daughter was starting college (Purdue) and my son and youngest daughter were in high school and middle school. Each had issues of their own with our family dynamics but were growing into good, strong young people. I eventually came

to the place where I left my husband and moved into a home of our own. My ex was verbally abusive and often came to our home to threaten me to come back to him. I had to have 2 restraining orders against him before I finally filed for divorce. It was not an easy decision since we had been married for 24 years and I was not sure what I was going to do on my own. I had some wonderful help from the Director of Women's ministry at our church. She was a great support to me and my family and I would not have made it without her. 3 months after my divorce was final I was invited to a birthday party for my boss, Sandra. It was her 50th birthday and it was going to be a retro party at the local 4-H center roller skating rink. I still was not in the mood for a party but felt obligated to go. The party was fun and you guessed it, I met Sandra's big brother **Steve!** Steve had been divorced for 6 years and we talked for much of the evening. He called his cousin, who was also at the party and I worked with at the time, to ask her more about me and whether he could call me to talk more. The rest is history! We began talking on the phone

every evening (new long distance plans for both of us!) and had our first date at the Covered Bridge Festival in Bridgeton IN. We held hands and talked and talked! We had our first kiss on the bridge! We dated for 1 ½ years and he proposed in Dec. of 05! (very romantic proposal, another good story!) We were married in Sept. 06 and I moved to Otterbein with Steve. I really believe God put John in my life all those years ago to lead me to Steve through many roads along the way. The song we played at our wedding was the Broken Road as it has strong meaning for both of us. Steve has a similar story of his life also with heartache along the way. We both have strong faith in God to direct our paths and respect His will along the way. We enjoy Riverside and think Dan is wonderful! We are not there every Sunday as we still travel to Evansville every weekend possible. We still have my church home in Evansville at Christian Fellowship Church and attend there when we are in Evansville. It is nice to have 2 loving churches who welcome us each time we come through the doors! Thank you Riverside and keep up the good work!

Missions Committee

Trinity Mission's Taste and See Event will take place August 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Riverside will be helping with this event by providing a big bounce, popcorn, and handing out age appropriate material for children. It is an opportunity to minister to the kids (and their parents) that live near Trinity Mission and also the families that are taking part in the recovery program.

We need volunteers to serve 2.5 hour shifts starting at 9:30 and ending at 4:30 with 4 to 6 people for each shift. If you would like to help, contact Everette Mills at 765-446-9469 or at elmills@elmills.com.



What to Expect At the Adult Discovery Hour

The Adult Discovery Hour will meet from 9:00 – 10:00 each Sunday morning in the sanctuary beginning September 7. The hour will include a brief introduction to a biblical text and then an in-depth group discussion. The introduction will focus on the context of the passage, which may include history, style, grammar, and culture. . The discussion time will then provide the opportunity for everyone to discuss the implications of the passage and discover others' insights into what God is doing through the scripture. The Adult Discovery Hour will use a mixture of small group and large group discussion formats to help everyone discover God more fully in community.

Upcoming topics facilitated by Dave Timmerman and others:

The Public Ministry of Jesus in Luke
September 7 – October 19

Luke begins with the birth narrative and the temptation of Christ in the wilderness and then turns to his public ministry. These Discovery Hours will investigate seven or eight incidents from this section of the book of Luke. Many of these incidents are quite dramatic with Jesus challenging the Pharisees on multiple issues, healing the sick, anointing the sinful woman, sending out his disciples, and exorcising demons.

There is much to be learned from these scriptures as we see Jesus in these pivotal days of his ministry. We will take note of what he is seeking to accomplish, the manner in which he treats other people, and insights his words and actions give us into what it means to live the life of faith.

Psalms of David

October 26 – December 14

David lived a fascinating life from beginning to end. Called as a boy to fight for the Lord

against the giant Goliath, anointed King of Israel, but then chased by Saul who refused to give up the throne, battling for the Lord against Israel's enemies, and ultimately and tragically succumbing to sin with adultery and murder. David ends his life having received God's forgiveness, but also having to accept the consequences of his sin including not being the one to build God's house.

We will investigate 8 of the Psalms of David, roughly following the chronology of his life. We will see in these psalms David's great honesty with the Lord as well as his struggle to accept and cope with extremely difficult events in his life. We will discover together how better to live the life of faith in trying times, through an examination of these Psalms

Don't Miss the Riverside Block Party

What: Riverside Block Party

When: Saturday, September 6 from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Where: Riverside parking lot and Woodland Avenue between Lindberg and Elm

Why: To meet, serve and share God's love through fun with our neighbors

This event is intentionally designed as a party for our neighborhood. In the coming weeks, we will be going door to door with flyers to invite our neighborhood to attend. There will be food provided by Riverside (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) and activities for all ages including a Bounce House, badminton, basketball, ping pong, yard games, and more.

Watch for details in the bulletin on opportunities to help and start inviting your neighbors!



August 2008

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August Birthdays

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| 1 Christine Kilgour | 11 David Rush |
| 2 Dave Timmerman | 13 James Mann |
| 3 Joyce Christopher | 19 Adelaide Teefey |
| 7 Krista Itin | 21 Maddie Rush |
| 8 Dawn Weisman | 22 Andrew Madrid |
| 8 Justin Metcalf | 28 Rhonda Ausk |



Schedule of Events

- August 1-3 — Women’s retreat to *Women of Faith Conference*
- August 3 — Communion Sunday
- August 5, 12, 19 & 26 — Work Nights
- August 8 & 22 — Reading Group @ Einstein’s, 7 a.m.
- August 9 — Men’s Golf Outing @ Battleground Country Club
- August 16 — Trinity Mission’s Taste and See Event, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- August 17 — Mission’s Committee Meeting @ Riverside, 11:15 a.m..
- August 29 — Men’s Day at the Races

Upcoming Events

- September 3–October 22 — Women’s Bible Study @ Riverside, 6:30 p.m.
- September 6 — Riverside Block Party @ Riverside, 4-6:00 p.m.
- September 7 — Discovery Hour begins, 9-10:00 a.m.

Thank You

To Our Family & Friends at Riverside,

Thank you for being Jesus to our family—His heart and hands. Your *amazing* generosity to God (on our behalf) drives *deep* His commitment and faithfulness to us. Thank you for your love, prayers and resources given sacrificially to us.

With Love,
Ruth, Lindsay and Drew
Romeo

Riverside Family,

Thank you so much for all the fabulous meals! We enjoyed all the company and we are so blessed to have a church family to help during such a special time in our lives. Your love and support has brought our family closer to Christ and we can’t thank you enough for all you’ve done! We will miss all of you.

Love,
Kristin, Brian and Cooper
Kilgour