



SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday: First Service, 9 a.m. | Second Service, 11 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. – Family Bible Study

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September Greetings! This month marks the 8th anniversary of our rebirth as a church family. September 1, 2003 we came together on a Wednesday night for our first worship service together. We had sixty-three people in attendance that night, and my family and I were privileged to prepare and serve dinner for everyone. We also filled the tiny stage, joined together in praise and worship, and looked to God's word for inspiration and direction for the future. "Christ is our Passion, and People are our Purpose" set the tone for the ministry. The prophetic word that "God Is Up To Something" encouraged us all to follow Christ in this great adventure in purpose. We were established as, "A House of Grace and Mercy," that God would flood with healing for the hurting. We also learned that we would be like a house of



From the Pastor's Heart Pastor Jerry Smith

stone, each possessing individual qualities, yet being put together by the Master's hand. We were to become a diverse group of people who would become one in spirit and in purpose.

This journey together had brought us through times of great victory, blessing, and life changing experiences. Together we have weathered storms, overcome obstacles, built buildings, faced challenges, helped others, rejoiced, wept, prayed, labored, loved, and through it all, God has been working for our good. Today over 1000 people call The River their church home. But it's not about how we

have grown numerically, it's about how many lives have been eternally changed in the process.

Today I can say with full confidence that God is still up to something; this is a house of grace and mercy; we are a house of diversity in unity; and beyond that, "We've only just begun." There are better days ahead of us and our community than what is behind us. Our heartfelt thanks and warm affection goes out to all of you who have helped to make the dream come true, and all glory belongs to God! I say, as did the Apostle Paul, "This one thing I do, forgetting that which is behind and looking forward to that which lies ahead, I press on toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Looking to the Future, Pastor Smith

CHURCH MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

OUTREACH

Hello River,

The Lord has been doing many great things lately, which is no surprise! Praise the Lord! He is always working great things on our behalf!

In September, the River will be celebrating 8 years of service for the Lord under the leadership of Pastor Smith, so don't miss the big picnic; it's going to be a blast. Then on October the 12th at 6:30 pm we will be celebrating 10 years of service with the SonShine Bus Ministry. It will be a blast-from-the-past pointing us to the future! Trust me when I say, you really don't want to miss it! Julie and I find it very hard to believe that it has passed so quickly. That's one reason that the SonShine Bus has a tag that reads "B READY!"

So we hope you're all ready for three things that are coming, 1) the picnic, 2) the celebration of the SonShine Bus, and most importantly, 3) Are you ready to meet the LORD! Well are You? ~Blessings, James and Julie

FLOODZONE

Big News in the Flood Zone! We will be fully Orange in a few weeks. Think Orange is the new curriculum we are using in the Flood Zone. Parents, there is even a Web site where you can see the program and what is being taught at www.orangeparents.org. Check it out.

From the time a child is born until they graduate from High School, you'll have 940 weekends. If they are in Kindergarten you have 628 left; if they are in 3rd grade you have 468; if they are in 5th grade you have 364; if they are in 9th grade you have 210; and if they are in 12th grade, you already know how few you have left. It happens fast.

We want to partner with you to help your child discover and embrace a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. There are three core truths we want every child to know by the time they leave Flood Zone.

- That they can trust God no matter what
- That they can make wise choices
- That they should treat others the way they want to be treated.

Most kids form their entire idea of who God is and choose whether or not they'll have a relationship with Him before leaving 5th grade. That's why weekends are so important to us and why we desire to work with you, as parents, in inviting kids to grow in their relationship with God and others.

If you would like to volunteer during Children's Church, see one of the teachers or Pastor Cole. And don't forget to sign your kids in and out on Sundays and on Wednesdays.

Thanks, parents for the opportunity to teach your children about God. ~Pastor Jeff

RAPID

There has been a lot going on at Rapid this month and the pace will be picking up as we move into September. There will be a pool party at Pastor Barry's house on Sunday, Sept 4th, from 1 to 4:00 pm to celebrate the end of summer. Please remember to dress modestly with either one pieces or wear a tank or t-shirt over your bathing suit.

It's Vandy Time! Our teens will be working the concessions for Vandy again this football season to help raise funds for Winterfest 2012. If you would like to donate an evening of your time and work with our young people to help raise funds, please contact Pastor Kevin for more information. ~Pastor Kevin

PRAYER

A well-read Bible is a sign of a well-fed soul.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in one of the Prayer Request Boxes located throughout the church campus. ~Miss Dottie

COUPLES

The Marriage Made for More class is going great! Pastor Barry is teaching very frank and meaningful lessons, and 25 couples are learning how to make their marriages be more.

"Hey Grandpa, What's for supper?" That phrase should bring back memories for some of you. Well, instead of supper, the Couple's Ministry will be asking 'What's

for breakfast' on Saturday, September 24th, when we go to the Loveless Café. We'll meet at the church at 9:00 am. Sign up sheet is at the Connection Point. We hope you'll join us. "YUM YUM!" ~Wayne & Angie

WOMEN

Hi Ladies! Thank you so much for your participation in the Dream Again Conference. Weren't we all so blessed by the speakers and the worship team? We will definitely have to do it again next year! We don't have an official ladies event lined up for September, so instead, we encourage you to attend the church picnic on September 11th. I also encourage you to reach out to some of the ladies at the church and have your own girls night out or lunch bunch. In October, we are planning a night out... maybe an all girls hayride? In December, we are planning a Christmas Tea Party. We will get those dates out as soon as we can. As always, we are looking forward to spending time with you! ~Your Girlfriend in God, Tracy (and the WM Team)

The River 8th Anniversary
Come join in the excitement as we celebrate our 8th Anniversary during our Morning Worship Services here at The River on September 11th. What an exciting day this is going to be! See you there!

current (ages 18-30) will be meeting at pastor kevin and erica's home. come enjoy this time of FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and word!
Sept 13th from 6 to 8 pm.

9/11 commemoration
Be here Sunday, September 11th, for a time honoring those who died on September 11th, 2001, 10 years ago, and others who sacrificed as a result of that historical day.

CAFE HOT BISCUITS, COUNTRY HAM
Loveless MOTEL AIR CONDITIONED NO VACANCY
Couples Breakfast at Loveless Café
Saturday, September 24th, 9 a.m.
Meet at the church at 9am, then head to the world famous Loveless Café for breakfast. Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and some awesome food!

Annual Church Picnic
September 11th, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet
There will be barbeque, music, old-fashioned relay races and games, great fellowship AND a 'Best Banana Pudding' contest! Don't miss it! It's going to be a great day of good food, fun and friendship!



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SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 If you have a prayer request, fill out a Connection Card and place in one of the Prayer Boxes or Visit Our Prayer Request area online.	SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE 1st Worship Service—9am 2nd Worship Service—11am Children's Church & Children's Classes (ages 3—12) - 9am—11 am WEDNESDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE 6:30 pm—Family Bible Study			1 Celebrate Recovery 7 - 9 p.m.	2 Loving Life Group 6:30 p.m.	3
	4 Regular Service Schedule Baby Dedication Communion Youth Pool Party, 1 - 4 p.m. "Marriage & More" Marriage Class 5 p.m.	5 LABOR DAY	6 M.P. Men Pray 6:30 a.m. Prayer Time, 10 a.m. Bible Prophecy Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Cleansing Stream, 6:30 p.m.	7 Prayer Time 5:30 - 6:20 p.m. Family Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	8 Family Life Group 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery 7 - 9 p.m.	9
11 River 8th Anniv. Celebration 911 Commemoration Church Picnic, 1 - 3:30 p.m. "Marriage & More" Marriage Class 5 p.m.	12 M.P. Men Pray 6:30 a.m. Cleansing Stream, 6:30 p.m.	13 Prayer Time, 10 a.m. CURRENT, 6-8 p.m. River Riders Club and Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Prophecy Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	14 Prayer Time 5:30 - 6:20 p.m. Family Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	15 Celebrate Recovery 7 - 9 p.m.	16 Loving Life Group 6:30 p.m.	
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**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE AND
GET A COMPLETE MINISTRY SCHEDULE AND EVENT CALENDAR ONLINE AT:**

WWW.THERIVERNASHVILLE.COM

Weekly Life Groups

- Mon., 6:30 am: M.P.—MEN PRAY
- Tues., 6:30 pm: "What's Next?" Prophecy Class
- Thurs., 6:30 pm: Prayer Warriors Bible Study
- Thurs., 7:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery

Other Life Groups

- The River Riders Ride Club & Study, 6:30 p.m. – 2nd & 4th Tuesday
- Loving Life, 6:30 p.m. – Every other Friday (at the home of Franklin & Roseann Shirley)
- Couple's Life Group, 6:30 p.m. – 1st & 3rd Tuesday
- Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. – Last Friday of the Month
- Family Life, 6:30 p.m. – 2nd & 4th Thursday (at the home of Jackie & Frank Cipriano)

Remember to Visit



Sun., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wed., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.