

Belong
Believe
Become

together



River's Edge Church
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Jesus changed everything

Jesus' sacrificial love made it easy for us to know God
—church shouldn't make it harder. Life is already hard enough. That's why we designed River's Edge to make it simple for people to take their next step in a lifelong journey with Him.

Our Mission

*To create and cultivate a community
centered on Jesus
to develop disciples for life.*



Our Values

We have five values at River's Edge that help us stay on mission. Think of them like a compass: they keep us aligned with who God has called us to be, no matter what direction life or ministry takes.



RIVER'S EDGE

1

Timeless Truth

The Bible is our foundation. We don't change it to fit culture. Instead, we let it shape our beliefs, actions, and identity—because God's Word still speaks today.

2

Relatable Authenticity

We're all in progress. That's not something to hide—it's something God uses. When we're real about our struggles and honest about God's work in us, it opens the door for grace and growth.

3

Generation to Generation

Faith is meant to be passed on. We learn from those ahead of us, and we invest in those coming after us. That's how legacies of faith are formed and families are strengthened.

4

Strong Families

Raising the next generation matters. We support parents, build lasting friendships among kids and students, and help families follow Jesus together.

5

Beyond Ourselves

Life isn't about us. We're called to serve, give, and go—meeting needs in our community and beyond. We want to be known more for what we give than what we keep.



Early Childhood

Nursery Preschool Sunday

Babies and toddlers hear the stories of the Bible and are taught that Jesus loves them. Even the youngest child will experience God through our nurture and story based teaching.

Ongoing Activities:

School (9am Sept-May)

Nursery during worship

Vacation Bible School

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From nursery to 5th grade, we join parents to introduce scripture and begin building a spiritual foundation. Children are taught that Jesus loves them and wants to know them. As they grow, we encourage them to make friends and continue to teach scripture in a way that is fun and age appropriate. Through engaging Bible lessons and interactive activities, we make sure that River's Edge Kids is **a safe and fun place where it's easy for them to begin to know God.**

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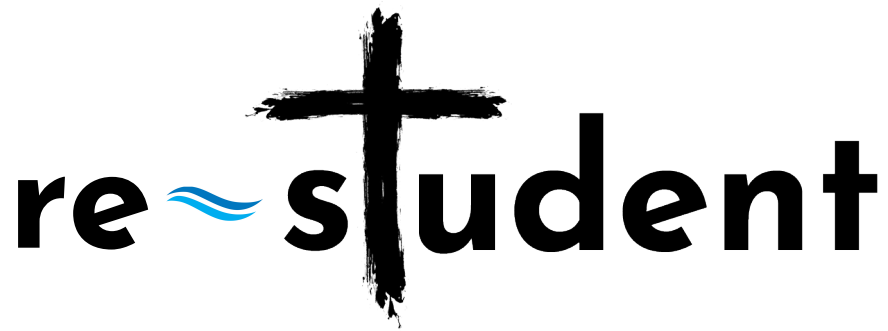
Elementary

Ongoing Activities

School Sunday School (9am Sept-May)

K-5th Vacation Bible School

Through simple Bible lessons and interactive activities, we engage children's interests to make sure that River's Edge is a safe and fun place where it's easy for them to begin to know Jesus.



As students journey from 6th grade to 12th grade, we encourage them **to begin taking ownership of their faith!** In weekly meetings, middle and high school students come together and have a great time making friends, learning more about scripture, and going deeper in small group discussion time.

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Middle School ————— Ongoing Activities
School Sunday School (9am Sept-May)
6th-8th Youth Group Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm
Confirmation Classes, Summer Games Camp

We guide middle school students to grow with friends as they begin to shape their identity within a safe faith community.



High School ————— Ongoing Activities

School Sunday School (9am Sept-May)
9th-12th Youth Group Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm
Summer Games Camp

High school students are encouraged to go deeper and lean into God's plan for their life as they build lifelong friendships.





Life Groups

Being part of a life group is the easiest way to begin building friendship here at River's Edge. When we gather together over shared meals and authentic conversation based on our shared faith, we emulate early church believers and activate spiritual growth within community.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity-all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.
Acts 2:46-47


Next Steps

We want you and your family to be able to connect easily at River's Edge. Whether you've visited only a couple times or you've been coming for a while but want to take the next step, we have an easy way for you to discover what our church is all about through our next step class, Starting Point.




Starting Point

Starting point is a 3-week series of classes designed to help you know Christ, grow with friends, and impact the world. This comprehensive series is the fastest way to get connected into a deeper fellowship and growth at River's Edge.



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BELONG

Focal Point:
Developing Relationships, Life Groups,
and Sunday School



Session Two

KNOWING CHRIST

BELIEVE

Focal Point:
SALVATION AND
FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH



Session Three

BE LIKE JESUS

BECOME

Focal Point:
DISCOVER YOUR BEST FIT, EXPLORE MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES, & MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

BELONG

Find your place in God's family. This is where relationships begin and where you'll see the value of being known and needed.

BELIEVE

Explore the core of the Christian faith—who Jesus is, what He's done, and why it matters. This session focuses on salvation, grace, and truth.

BECOME

Discover what it looks like to grow and live out your faith. This is about becoming more like Christ in everyday life and joining His mission.

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