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Are You Stuck?

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King Solomon was given the task of building the Temple of the Lord. He began this task 480 years after Israel was rescued from slavery in the land of Egypt. Think about that! After the Israelites left Egypt, they were instructed to build and carry the Ark of the Covenant for God to live in as they traveled, and God remained in this tent structure as they took possession of the land that was promised to them. Now there was peace in the land, and King Solomon began to build a permanent Temple for God to dwell in. It took them seven years to complete the Temple. God's presence came to dwell there. God was pleased with what the people had built for Him and wanted to live among His people.

However, His presence depended upon the people's obedience to Him, not on the erection of the Temple. The people were excited to have the Lord's presence in their midst. But as excited as they were, within three centuries (300 years) Israel turned away from the Lord and His presence departed from His house. Later, Israel's enemies destroyed Solomon's Temple. The Temple symbolized Israel's relationship with God, but Israel abandoned the relationship and clung only to the symbol.

We read about God blessing the children of Israel – helping them escape from Egypt, providing for them in the wilderness with water, manna, and quail, going before them and defeating their enemies so they could possess the land God promised them, and being with them every day as their Shepherd. What happened? Why would they turn away from such a God as this?

There abandonment of God was not done in a day, but it was gradual. They got used to God's

enemies living around them and took them in as friends, even marrying some of them. They ignored God's commands to them and began to pick up the ways of God's enemies; thus, changing their priorities. Israel no longer put God first. They were drawn away by what they saw. They forgot how God had blessed them and began to want what God's enemies had.

This is a human tendency, and we have that same human tendency. God blesses us; we forget what He has done and begin to look at what the world has to offer. Our eyes deceive us! The Holy Ghost draws us to God. We follow and ask God to forgive us. We feel such peace and love like never before and promise God we will live totally for Him. Days, weeks, and years pass, and we make daily choices.

Choices that either bring us closer to God or draw us away from Him. God blesses us, helps us through problems, delivers us from the enemy's plans, heals our body, and opens doors we never imagined. But we sometimes forget what God has done, and we look at what the world has to offer. We too make mistakes, just like the Israelites did. Father, help us! Keep us on your path! Let our relationship with you grow stronger and stronger! Don't let our walk with you become a meaningless symbol—saying we are Christ-like and yet not being an example of you—but may our walk be a life-changing event for ourself and others.

Save the Date!!

October 24-26

2025 Ministerial Summit

October 25

25th Anniversary Celebration



We are collecting photos for our **25th Anniversary Celebration**. If you have photos for us and would like them to be returned to you, write your name on the back of each one, place them in an envelope and deposit them in the **PICTURE BOX**.

If you have digital pictures, you may send them to us at RLWPictures@gmail.com. We will be creating a collage of pictures that were taken over the past 25 years of events at Rivers. Send them **ASAP** so we have time to compile them together.

Rivers of Living Water Service Times

Sunday

Beginning at 9:30 – Intercessory Prayer
10 a.m. – Morning Worship



Feed **your** Soul
every week.

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation



Prayer Requests

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." I Peter 3:12

Keep our spiritual leaders in prayer:

- Pastor Stephen & Pastor Natalie Dagg
- Our Apostle Robert & Lady Joyce Jones



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HEY, YOU ...

If you would like to submit something to the Channel so **everyone is informed** about what your department is doing, or you would like to share some good news, and if someone has passed away, please fill out a yellow form and give it to Cathy Sewell by **Sun., July 20**. We try to publish the Channel before the beginning of each month.

Reminder ... All upcoming events are posted in the church directory. Download it to your computer or phone and check the announcements!



July 16 – Michelle Leddy
16 – Drenediea Haywood
31 – Bernard Smith



July 4 – Alexander (Keith) & Cherise Dukes

5 – Robert & Carmelita Yeisley
6 – Mark & Pastor Rody Hamen



July 13, Sunday right after church service there will be an **Outreach Ministry** meeting.

July 19, Saturday at Sandusky County Share & Care, 129 Bidwell Ave., Fremont, the **Outreach Ministry** will be sharing the Gospel by passing out Bible tracts and serving hot dogs.

July 26, Saturday 9-1 Sisters in Christ will be having a **CPR Class** at the Public Safety Office in the old Vanguard building, 1306 Cedar St. Fremont.

All ladies & men are invited to join us, but you **must** sign up for the classes by **TODAY** so we know the number who are planning to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If you wish to be certified there is a \$20 fee. Any questions or concerns contact Marie Herbst.



A **BIG** "Thank you" goes to everyone who helped to make our **9th Annual BBQ** a **HUGE** success. This is the most money we have ever made as a result of all the donations we received!

Thank you for your generation donation of time, money, cooking abilities, and needed supplies or ingredients.



Sound Department News

As you know, we have been very blessed with a newer console, new software, a mounted camera, new microphones, and several other items. Please pray for our sound department personnel as they learn how to operate and troubleshoot the new equipment.

If you would like to be involved in our sound department, please contact Sister Emili, our Sound Director. There will be scheduled times of teaching for those interested.

A HUGE "Thank You" goes to Peter Giles, Rev. Juanita Llewellyn's son, who so graciously spent many, many hours upgrading and changing our current system. Please be patient and pray for our Sound Department.



I asked God "why are you taking me through troubled waters?" He replied, "Because your enemies can't swim."



Love'aya, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could trying not to be late for church. As Love'aya ran she prayed "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late." While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As Love'aya ran once again, she began to pray, "Dear Lord please don't let me be late... but please don't shove me either!"

IN LOVING *Memory*

Helen Perez 6-29-2025
Carmelita Yeisley's cousin

Ava Rose McCourt 6-28-2025
Spencer Wright's niece

If I have missed anyone, I apologize. These are the ones that I knew about. If you have someone that has passed and would like them mentioned, please contact me with information. This is to help us to understand what you're going through and so we know how to pray for you and your family.



Unity Prayer for Our Pastors Being in ONE

Protection:

Heavenly Father, thank You that no weapons found against my pastors will prosper. As Pastor Stephen & Pastor Natalie dwells in the shadow of the Most High, deliver them from terror, darts of doubt, and diseases. Set your angels around my pastors, and let no power of the enemy harm them. Turn aside rumors, gossip criticism, abuse, and ungratefulness. May inordinate expectations, stress, and fatigue be cast into the sea, and may every need and vision of Pastor Stephen & Pastor Natalie's be fulfilled. (Ps. 91:1-11; Lk. 10:19; Mk. 11:22-24)

Time with God:

Lord, let nothing hinder my pastor's time with you. Protect my pastors from the distractions of busyness, unnecessary demands, fatigue, overcommitment, compromise, and doubt. Bless Pastor Stephen & Pastor Natalie with rich study time, and give them opportunities, desire, and places to seek You in prayer both alone and with others (Acts 6:2-4; Mt. 26:41; 2 Tim. 2:15; Mk. 1:35; Acts 1:14)

**Don't loan your tongue
to the devil!**

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 1 Peter 3:8

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4: 29-30

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luk 6:45

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. Isaiah 54:17

Affirmation/Declaration/Prayer

I am a born-again believer in Jesus Christ and I am covered by his blood. I've got the victory. Jesus is my Lord. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. God gives me power, love, and a sound mind.

No corrupt communication shall come out of my mouth today. I speak words of faith and edification. I submit my heart and my tongue to the power of the Holy Ghost: have your way in me.

My words produce good things in my life, and in the lives of others. I am a useful member in the body of Christ. I honor God and I bring Him glory in my body. Proverbs 18-21 Psalm 51:10 James chapter 3

I am **Loved**, I am **Needed**, I am **Special**
I play a significant role; my contribution is needed.