



Sunday, October 25, 2009

Jabez: Keep Me From Evil

# Weekly Bulletin and Newsletter

## New to Rivers Fellowship?

Thanks for joining us today! We're glad you are here! We think you'll find us to be simple, fun-loving people with a heart for God and His most prized creation, people. If you're looking for a perfect church with perfect people, you're in the wrong place. But if you're looking for a Spirit-filled group of people committed to serving God and serving others the best they can, then maybe you're in the right place. If you've got questions, by all means ask one of us. Oh, and don't forget to fill out a response card and turn it in to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

We want to know you!

## So What's Happening, Anyway?

**Worship:** We will begin with about 45 minutes of singing. Feel free to stand, kneel, dance, and lift your hands as we express our worship to God using all of our heart, mind, soul, and body. Come to the front if you prefer. If you don't know the songs, hang on, we'll sing them a couple of times -- and don't worry, we didn't know them at first, either.

**The Word:** A time of practical teaching from the Bible. You are encouraged to take notes!

**Prayer Time:** Most Sundays, there will be people up front after the Word or after service to pray for any needs you may have. Some Sundays, there are calls to prayer at various times during the service, such as during the worship time. Please come up if interested!

**The Offering:** This is a time for our regular attendees to share with the church financially through tithes and offerings. It is a way to thank God for His blessings. If you are new to us, don't feel you have to contribute -- **the only gift we'd like from you is your Response Card. Just drop it in the offering plate of give it to an usher.**

*Today's Special Offering: Regional Overseer's Expense*

*Note: Please designate tithes or other offerings on your check or envelope.*

FYI: At Rivers Fellowship, we differentiate between tithes and offerings. According to Scripture, a tithe is 10% of one's increase (income) and is given for the ongoing support of ministry, so please indicate whether your gift is a tithe. Offerings should be considered above and beyond the tithe. Each Sunday, we feature a different special offering. You are always welcome to designate your offering toward any specific area.

## Men's Getaway is Next Weekend!

The men will head to Sequim Bay State Park October 30-November 1 for our annual weekend getaway and the ladies will follow November 20-22. It's not too late to sign up! Applications are available in the foyer and you are encouraged to sign up early to help defray initial costs. The entire weekend is only \$55 per person. There is no better value anywhere, anyhow! And we're excited to continue our policy of recent years: **First-timers go free!**

**Driving Directions:** Take HWY 16 toward Bremerton to Hwy 3 North. Go 24 miles to St. Route 104 West (toward Hood Canal Bridge).

Go 15 miles to Hwy 101 North.

Go another 15 miles and turn right on Schoolhouse Point Lane.

Take an immediate left and follow road to the Ramblewood ELC.

## This Saturday: Kids Day Out!

Our King's Kids children's ministry is sponsoring a Noah's Ark Safari on Saturday, October 31 from noon-3 pm for all kids ages 4-11.

There will be face-painting, activities, games, and snacks.

Animal costumes are welcome, but none are required.

**Invite all the kids you know to be a part of this safari.**

It will be a blast. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please speak with Ellen Summers soon for more information.

## Clocks Fall Back Saturday Night

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening or else you might be early for Church (oh, the horror!).

## Events of the Coming Week...

### Wednesday (28):

Prayer Changes Things: 6 pm

### Thursday (29):

Code Red Youth and Young Adults: 6 pm

### Friday (30):

Men's Getaway Begins: 4 pm

### Saturday (31):

Kids Day Out (Noah's Ark Safari): Noon

### Sunday (Nov 1):

Morning Glory (Prayer): 10 am

Meet & Greet: 10:30 am

Worship & the Word & King's Kids: 11 am

Rivers FC Soccer Match: 2 pm

Home Prayer Group (All Adults): 6 pm

## Looking Ahead...

Oct 30-Nov 1	Rivers Fellowship Men's Getaway	Sequim Bay State Park
Sat, Oct 31	Kids Day Out (Noah's Ark Safari)	
Sat, Oct 31	Daylight Savings Ends (Turn Clocks Back)	
Nov 11-14	School of Practical and Advanced Studies	Washougal
Nov 20-22	Rivers Fellowship Ladies' Getaway	Sequim Bay State Park
Thu, Nov 26	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Nov 30	Deadline for State Adult Retreat Applications	
Coming Soon	Advent Conspiracy	
Sun, Dec 20	Annual Christmas Banquet	



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## ? Take Time to Read This? á

*The essence of temptation is the invitation to live independently of God. ~Neil T. Anderson*

*If we do not abide in prayer, we will abide in temptation.*

*Let this be one aspect of our daily intercession: "God, preserve my soul, and keep my heart and all its ways so that I will not be entangled." When this is true in our lives, a passing temptation will not overcome us.*

*We will remain free while others lie in bondage. ~John Owen*

*Temptation can cause us to succumb, sink, sin, or stand.*

*~William Ward*

*Satan gives Adam an apple (fruit), and takes away Paradise. Therefore in all temptations let us consider not what he offers, but we shall lose.*

*~Richard Sibbes*

*Only he who flings himself upward when the pull comes to drag him down, can hope to break the force of temptation. Temptation may be an invitation to hell, but much more is it an opportunity to reach heaven.*

*At the moment of temptation, sin and righteousness are both very near the Christian; but, of the two, the latter is the nearer. ~Charles H. Brent*

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. I Cor 10:13

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### **Who should fill out response cards?**

**\*New attendees**

**\*Anyone with change of contact info**

**\*Those with prayer requests for prayer team**

**\*Anyone requesting more information on church ministries**

**\*Those with specific experiences during Worship & the Word**

**Give them to an usher, greeter or place them in the offering plate.**

Sermon Notes