



Please join us
for worship on Sunday
January 4, 2009

Sermon Series
Spiritual Boot Camp:
The Disciplines of Grace
by Pastor Chuck Holliday
2 Peter 1:3-11

If you missed a sermon,
click [here](#) to listen on-line
or download to your iPod.

Sunday Schedule

- 10:30 AM Worship Service.
- Nursery during Worship Service
- Children's Programs for Pre-K through 5th Grade during Worship Service

YOUTH SCHEDULE

MIDDLE SCHOOL (OBX)
YOUTH GROUP
No meeting this week.

HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
Wed. 6:30-9:00pm

Adam Young
Youth Director
Adam@riverpca.org

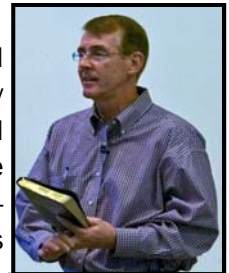
COLLEGE GROUP
Sun. 6:00-9:00 pm
Brandon Gantt
gantt.brandon@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Some of us are afraid of the spiritual disciplines the way a recovering anorexic fears an exercise routine. It can feel like going back under a spiritual bondage that almost killed our love for Jesus and the joy of the Christian life. For recovering Pharisees who have used personal Bible reading and prayer and regular church attendance as a way of trying to gain God's approval and to guarantee His rewards, a Sunday series called "Spiritual Boot Camp" could feel ominous.

I want to alleviate your fears. We do not intend to bring you back under the intolerable burden of performance based moralism. We must not let the means of grace become substitutes for grace. But the God of grace has given us disciplines to keep his love and grace real to us and to keep our hearts tender and alive to his mercy. Properly understood and applied, these disciplines of grace will deepen our sense of his unconditional love for us in Christ and deepen our love for him. In fact, without these disciplines

we will inevitably grow cold to his love and care-
l e s s
a b o u t
how we
treat him,
thus insuring the spiritual coldness that we fear. I am very much looking forward to starting this new study with you this Sunday morning. Let's start the New Year with a renewed commitment to the things that will feed our souls.



Chuck Holliday
Pastor River of Life

Pastor Chuck



PARENT MEETING (PARENTS ONLY)

MON. JAN. 5TH FROM 7 PM - 8 PM

Come and talk with Adam Young, the new Middle School ministry director.

Dear OBX parents,

While Joey's absence will leave a very big hole at River of Life for the Middle School ministry, and he will surely be missed, I am very honored to have the chance to get to know each of the students of OBX as well as their families. As such, I want to hold an "open house" of sorts in which I would very much like the opportunity to meet each of you and discuss the ministry, your children, and hear your hopes as well as concerns. So please plan on attending this brief introduction time with questions and answers. See you at the church on the first Monday of '09!

GROWING KIDS, GROWING PARENTS

A new year, a new opportunity to grow as a parent.

Where: River of Life Church

When: Friday, Jan. 23rd from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday, Jan. 24th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$20 per person or \$30 per couple

Includes: Friday night snack bar, Continental Breakfast on Saturday, materials, etc. [Click here](#) for more details.



Plan now for childcare, as we are unable to provide this at the church. Reservations can be made in the foyer after church on Sunday.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Exalt Christ

307 attended Christmas Eve Service on 12/24/2008

202 attended Worship Service on 12/28/2008

Love People

153 attended Home Groups

Serve for God's Glory

129 served on Ministry Teams



FINANCIAL UPDATE (AS OF 12/28/2008)

WEEKLY UPDATE

Weekly Budget Need.....\$ 11,723.29
 Offering Last Sunday.....\$ 12,827.41
 Year To Date Deficit.....(\$111,770.97)

CHAPTER TWO CAMPAIGN

Goal.....\$200,000.00
 Pledged.....\$139,080.00
 Pledges Received ..\$126,025.00



WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Women's Prayer Group meets at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting date is January 13. We pray for about two hours for each other and the needs of the church and community. The location varies each month. If interested, please e-mail Amy Sinns at amysinns@earthlink.net or call her at 407-895-7536.

*"...Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."
John 16:24*

INQUIRER'S CLASS

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We will meet at the church on

**Friday, Feb. 20, 2009
from 6-9pm
(dinner provided)**

and

**Sat., Feb. 21, 2009
from 9am-Noon
(breakfast provided).**

We would love to have you join us for this upcoming class! You must attend both parts; Please let us know if you need childcare along with their names and ages. Contact the office at 407.351.4333 for more information or to sign up, [Register Now](#).



Pictures from last year's Grease Bowl.



**GREASE BOWL
2009**

Fun for the entire family!
River of Life Church
 On Saturday, January 31st (day before Super Bowl)
 10:30 am

Bouncy Houses, Face painting, raffle, and games!

Chili Cookoff winner announced at 12:30

Play football on a greased tarp with the youth from River of Life! Sign up your team by calling the youth office at 407.351.4333 or emailing Jonathan at cssb2100@yahoo.com.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

Attention 4th and 5th graders.

Getting ready to graduate from Kids Connection? If you are in 4th or 5th grade and would like to explore Christianity more deeply, make a commitment of faith or

join the church, then we are having a special class just for you!



This class will meet before church at

9 a.m. for four Sundays (February 15 & 22 as well as March 1 & 8). Talk with your parents and see me if interested.

Adam Young
Children & Youth
Director at ROL

January 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Happy New Year!				1 No School Church office closed	2 No School Church office closed	3
4 10:30am Worship Service Communion 	5 7:00 -8:00pm OBX Parents (only) meeting	6	7 6:30—9:00pm HS Youth	8	9	10
11 10:30am Worship Service	12	13 7:00pm Women's Prayer Group 7:30pm Survey of Ruth	14 6:30—9:00pm HS & Middle School Youth	15	16	17
18 10:30am Worship Service	19	20 7:30pm Survey of Ruth	21 6:30—9:00pm HS & Middle School Youth	22	23 6:30-9:00pm Growing Kids, Growing Parents	24 8:30am-12:30pm
25 10:30am Worship Service	26	27	28 6:30—9:00pm HS & Middle School Youth	29	30	31 10:30am Grease Bowl 