



Please join us
for worship on Sunday
January 11, 2009

Sermon Series

Spiritual Boot Camp:
The Disciplines of Grace
"Solitude"

by Pastor Chuck Holliday
I Samuel 30-1-19

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

YOUTH GROUP

(Middle & High School)
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

As we begin this new year, with an emphasis on the disciplines of grace, we're going to consider the discipline of "solitude" this Sunday; spending time alone with God.

I was gripped this week by David's words in Psalm 4, "Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God." It struck me that David actually expected a response from God when he prayed. Do you ever feel like your prayers are like e-mails that just seem to get lost somewhere in cyber space? You're never sure if they actually got read. It is a wonderful thing to know that God actually hears and listens when we call to him. But David goes a step further in his expectations; he seems to believe that when he prays God will actually speak back.

God can answer in numerous ways; in circumstances, the words of a song, an encouragement from a friend, or a direct thought that the Holy Spirit communicates to our minds. But primarily, he speaks to us through his Word, the Bible. That is the only sure and infallible way he speaks. And it is available to all of us every day. Sometimes it's helpful to read the Bible like a text book, for content. Sometimes like a novel, quickly cover the material to grasp the story. Other times like a love poem, slowly pouring over each verse and meditating on a few precious and personal thoughts.

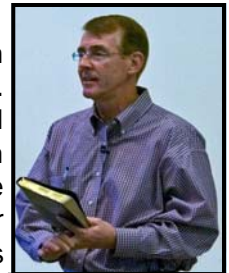
Have you ever actually read the entire Bible? I was surprised this week to learn that you can read all sixty-six books

aloud in 72 hours. To read through the Bible in a year takes about 15 minutes a day six days a week for 50 weeks. For some of you who have never read it, this might be something to commit to this year. I will give you some links to help you with a schedule. What I would suggest is reading quickly to cover the material and then go back to a verse or paragraph that got your attention and spend a few more minutes in thoughtful and prayerful meditation.

<http://c4.atomicplaypen.com/sites/BBC/resources/images/2091.pdf>

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/BibleInAYear/>.

Pastor Chuck



Chuck Holliday
Pastor River of Life

FULFILLING OUR MISSION STATEMENT



EXALT Christ • LOVE People • SERVE for God's glory

Exalt Christ

232 attended Worship Service on 1/4/2009

Love People

153 attended Home Groups

Serve for God's Glory

129 served on 18 Ministry Teams

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.



INQUIRER'S CLASS

This weekend seminar is designed to introduce you to the heart and ministry of River of Life. Whether you are brand new to River of Life, considering membership, or somewhere in between, this class is for you! Attending will give you a good taste of what River of Life is all about.

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 the children's names and ages.

Contact the office at 407.351.4333 for more information or [Register Now.](#)

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WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Ladies, please join us as we meet together to pray for each other, our church and our community.

When: 7:00 PM on January 13 (The second Tuesday of each month is the regular meeting time.)

Where: The location varies each month. For this month's meeting place, call Annie Singleton at

407-822-5245 or send Annie an e-mail anniechristine@bellsouth.net



*Attention
High School
Youth!*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CAMPING TRIP!

When: MLK weekend:
Sunday, January 18th-
Monday, January 19th.



Join us for 2 days and 1 night in the wilderness of Keystone Heights in Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park near Gainesville. We will canoe, hike, play games, build a fire, and cook dinner and S'mores.

Bring a backpack packed with 2 changes of clothes, a swimsuit, towel, toothbrush &

toothpaste, a sweatshirt, sleeping bag, and tent. You may bring a few snacks but food and drinks will be included. You need \$25 cash to cover the cost of the trip. Come to church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 18th and we will leave after the service. We will return on Monday, January 19th by 8 pm.

Contact Adam at 407.493.4013 with questions.

*New meeting
time for
Middle
School Youth*

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL JOIN FORCES

Both High School and Middle School youth will be meeting on Wednesday nights between 6:30 and 9pm at ROL beginning THIS Wednesday, January 14th.



*Attention
4th & 5th
Graders*

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

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



Pictures are 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)
10:30-2:30
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 assis2100@yahoo.com.

Sign up in the Church foyer for the Chili Cook-off. Call the church office at 407.351.4333 or e-mail Jonathan at assis2100@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up for a team.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY UPDATE

Weekly Budget Need.....\$ 9,134.62
 Offering Last Sunday.....\$ 6,479.65
 Year To Date Deficit..... (\$2,654.97)

CHAPTER TWO CAMPAIGN

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

