



Please join us
for worship on Sunday
February 8, 2009
Sermon Series

Spiritual Boot Camp:
The Disciplines of Grace
"Calling"
by Pastor Chuck Holliday
1 Chronicles 17:1-14

If you missed a sermon,
click [here](#) to listen on-line

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

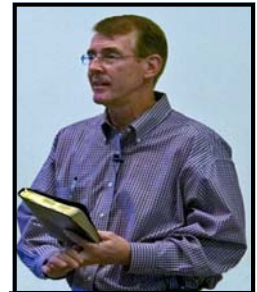
"In your light we see light" (Psalms 36:9).

There is a source of light so intense and engulfing that it makes all our other lights unnecessary. It is the light of God's love. On a bright sunny day we don't need to carry candles to walk in the light. When Jesus came the sun of God's love rose on our world. He answered forever the question, "Is there a God in Heaven who loves us and cares for his children?"

When we forget this simple truth of the gospel we find ourselves in a dark world in desperate need for other sources of light. We look for any light we can find in our performance, our appear-

ance, our grades, approval from our parents or peers, or the affection of a lover. Anything that will help us feel significant and safe. We need to feel loved. These lesser sources of light can become inordinate desires when we lose sight of the Gospel of God's love.

This world can be a dark place. Things can happen to us or to those we love that make us wonder if we're going to make it. Are we really alone after all. There are dark places in our hearts. Sometimes we get new glimpses into our own selfishness that make us wish we were alone. When we are asked to take a deeper look at ourselves it can feel like a



Chuck Holliday, Pastor
River of Life Church

descent into a black cave of unknown horror. If this feels like a dark time for you or if God is asking you to look at some dark places of your heart, know this: God is for you and Jesus is your righteousness. In the light of his love even the darkness becomes light.

The prophet Isaiah described the coming of Jesus like this, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2).

Pastor Chuck

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

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

We would love to have you join us for this upcoming class! You must attend both days. 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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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
407.493.4013

*Attention
4th & 5th
Graders*



HOME GROUPS

Home groups are one of the best ways to develop solid Christian relationships. In a home group, you have the opportunity to not only be loved and accepted, but to develop friendships with others who are discovering what it means to follow Jesus!

The Strickland Home Group took a break from their regular schedule to watch the Super Bowl. They are pictured here wearing 3-D glasses as they watched a commercial. What a fun group!

If you are interested in joining a Home Group call the church office 407-351-4333 or click [here to sign up on-line](#).





ON-LINE GIVING

At the request of some who want to make their contributions on-line, this feature has been added to our website. Please know that we are in no means requiring people to use this feature but want to let you know that you have the option to give this way if you wish.

Besides the convenience of giving on-line, we have also added the feature of signing up and paying on-line for church events, like

women's retreat, missions etc.

Some things you can now do on the web site are, choose to give a one time gift or set up automatic recurring gifts. You can use a credit/debit card or checking account. The system works best with Firefox or the latest version of Internet Explorers Web Browsers.

Signing in is not a requirement for on-line giving but it is an option. To request a

login/password or for any questions, contact Susie in the church office.

How to Give: Go to www.riverpca.org and click on the "Give" link on the top menu bar of our home page or click on the "Give" link on the side menu bar. You also can sign in and make the transaction on your personal page.

Here's the link for a [tutorial for on-line giving](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY UPDATE

Weekly Budget Need..... \$ 9,134.62
 Last Week's Offering..... \$ 20,058.95
 YTD—Budget vs. Actual.... \$ 11,744.71



PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are very excited and privileged to have Maria McKee taking photos for our on-line Photo Directory.

You can schedule your photograph to be

taken on February 9, 10, 12 and 13 from 4:00-8:30pm.

A limited number of appointments will be available on Sunday, February 8 after the

service and on February 15 before and after service.

Please **sign up** in the foyer after church for an appointment to have your photograph made.

Tomorrow Night!

Ladies Bunko Night II

Ladies, come together for a great time of fellowship and fun!

When - Friday, Feb 6th, fun starting at 6:30pm

Where - Tricia Storteboom's house, 10037 Brandon Circle, Orlando 32836

What to bring - a friend and snack/drink of choice

Questions - call Joy Baker 407.802.8025



Grease Bowl II

Grease Bowl II was a brilliant success! Thank you to all our brave participants who came out to play some slippery football. And thank you especially to all those who came out to watch, eat, and fellowship! Your financial contributions have helped the youth group tremendously...and we hope you were all thoroughly entertained by the action. After all the grease dried up, only one team remained standing to be named Grease Bowl champions. That is the team with the following players: Amy Plaza, Amanda Carvalho, Andres Valencia, Adam Young, Jessica Donovan, Eric Saavedra, and Ashlyn Bankstahl. Congratulations, you join a short yet exclusive list of those who have basked (or glistened?) in the glorious Chick-fil-a grease as

champs! While the fields were greasy, the food was delicious. Many brought out their very best chili recipes for the great Chili Cook-off. But only one winner could be chosen out of these amazing pots. Congratulations to the great cook Leticia Saavedra on winning first place with her spicy Mexican chili. Rick Dunn and Marcus Griffin also had excellent chilli but came up just short, winning second and third place, respectively. Thank you to everyone for coming out, eating the food, jumping in the bounce house, painting faces, and supporting the youth of River of Life. Mark your calendars to come out for Grease Bowl III next year!

*"Thanks to all you
brave participants..."*

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 February 10. (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



February 2009

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1 10:30am Worship Service	2	3	4 6:30 pm Youth Group HS & MS	5	6 7pm Women's Bunco Night	7
8 10:30am Worship Service	9	10 7pm Women's Prayer Group	11 6:30 pm Youth Group HS & MS	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 
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