



Please join us
for worship on Sunday
March 1, 2009
Sermon Series

The Return of the King:
"Parables of the Kingdom"
"Talk is Cheap"
by Chuck Holliday
Matthew 21:38-32

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

Be thou my rock of refuge, to which I can always go" (Psalms 71:3).

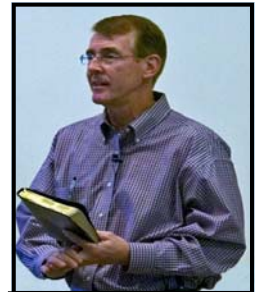
When we think of a safe place, dependability and reliability are everything. There is little comfort in a place that "might" be safe. When we are in trouble we aren't looking for a place that is safe some of the time or even most of the time. We want a refuge that is always safe.

Sometimes, on the other hand, we may find a place that is always safe, but our welcome into that refuge may be in doubt. What if the gate keeper of the refuge is moody or been known to hold a grudge and we can never be certain if he will let us in. There is always a degree of uncertainty with

our human protectors. But not so with God. He is the "... rock of refuge, to which I can always go."

The New Living Translation says, "Be to me a protecting rock of safety, where I am always welcome."

This truth was made precious to David when he was hiding from Saul. In 1 Samuel 23, David and his men rescued the city of Keilah from a Philistine attack. In response to their rescue the leaders of the city invited David and his men to live there. Finally, they had a home and a walled city to protect them from Saul and his army. When Saul learned that David and his men had settled there he mustered his



Chuck Holliday, Pastor
River of Life Church

army to go down to Keilah. David inquired of God, "Will the citizens of Keilah surrender me to Saul?" And the LORD said, "They will" (v12). What a devastating betrayal for David and his men who had risked their lives to rescue this city. What was David to do? He and his men ran again to the hills and the caves, knowing that the strong arms of the LORD are always open to those who will trust him.

His arms are open to you today! You are always welcome there.

Pastor Chuck

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC & EGG HUNT

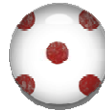
Make plans now to attend the church wide picnic and enjoy fellowship with our church family



Please bring a side dish to share.

To make this a success, we need your help:

Please let us know if you are planning to attend and/or willing to lead or help in any of the areas indicated on the form; completed forms can be placed in the offering bag on Sunday or filled out on line by clicking on the red dot.



When: Sunday, April 5th, after service (approximately 12:15p)

Where: Camp Ithiel, 2037 Hempel Ave., Gotha, FL
[Get directions from the church to the camp.](#)

**Meat, drinks, and paper products will be provided by the church.

Sneak Peak of some of the fun activities planned: Face painting, Volleyball /Football/Softball, Easter Egg Hunt, Games and Relay Races for children AND adults and much more!

Questions??? Email office@riverpca.org or call the church office at 407.351.4333.

Ooh.. and don't forget to **enter** the Cake Baking Contest! !!!



Register now to attend the church wide picnic and egg hunt!

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RELEVANT MAGAZINE'S NEW WEBSITE FEATURES ARTICLES BY PHIL HISSOM

Relevant Magazine has a new initiative/website. Phil Hissom was asked to be one of the contributors.

Read one of the comments from Phil's latest post: "As someone in the process of

launching a new outreach to youth in my area, thank you for this and your prior "When Helping Harms". I am printing both out and meeting with my team on Wednesday. I think this is amazing stuff you have shared. Thank you."

Here's the link to that post that was featured on the front page!
<http://www.neueministry.com/2009/02/avoiding-harm/>

NEW SERMON SERIES

Pastor Chuck is starting a new sermon series this coming Sunday, March 1. The series is The Return of the King: Parables of the Kingdom. The first sermon is titled "Talk is Cheap" and is based on Matthew 21:38-32.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

With the downsizing in staff, we need your help more than ever .

Will you sign up to help with one of the following:



The most immediate need relates to the upcoming church wide picnic and egg hunt that will be held on Sunday, April 5 after the Worship Service.

- Coordinate the event
- Food Set-up and serving
- Food Clean-up
- Games/sports
- Easter Egg Hunt

Sign up on-line by clicking on the smiley face. Or sign up by calling Susie in the church office at 407/351-4333

DANCING WITH THE SINNS

Learn the waltz and cha-cha in a fun, relaxed setting.

\$20 per couple, drinks and snacks included. March 7, 7-9 pm

Send questions or RSVP (space is limited) to amysinns@earthlink.net



FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY UPDATE

Weekly Budget Need..... \$ 9,134.62
 Last Week's Offering..... \$ 5,912.58
 YTD Surplus..... \$ 2,509.19



Bunko

February 6, 2009



You should have been there! Sixteen ladies from ROL met at Tricia's home for a fun night playing Bunko, eating goodies and laughing together. We had a great time of fellowship and fun. Special thanks to Joy for organizing the event and to Tricia for having us in her home.