

Riverbend Bible Church

The Current

April 29, 2021

Making a Name

I started sending this weekly update during the darker days of the Covid crisis. It's now a habit, hopefully a good one. It seemed right to **give the newsletter more of an identity**. So, I'm floating (pardon the pun) the name "The Current" and invite your responses. With the word "River" in our name and my goal that these letters keep you current about what's going on in our fellowship, the name worked for me. Let me know what you think.

New Address

Many people have poured energy and hours into transitioning us to the new facility. One obvious marker of that work is a **new mailbox** affixed to the pillar outside the south doorway. This allows us to receive **mail now at 410 Commercial St.** Please make the adjustment if you communicate with the church using the postal service.

Dedication Draws Near

In just over three weeks, on **Sunday, May 23** we will hold a **dedication** for the new building. We plan to hold a **service at 6 p.m. with a reception following**. The purpose of these events is to give God glory and thanks for his provision, to dedicate ourselves as a church to serve Christ together with the gifts he gives to us, and to acknowledge the many people who have helped us acquire this facility. We will have **work to do in preparation** to receive and host guests that day. Look for opportunities to join that effort.

Missions Up Close and Personal

I invite you to stay for **lunch after service this week** and join a group who will call **Cristi Black** to get an update on the church plant in Merkinch and to pray with her for God's blessing, strength, and guidance. We will get our food and meet in a room where we can place the call. On May 16, also at lunch, we will have an in-person visit with **Rebecca Brandt**, a missionary from Church of the Open Door in Leavenworth serving on a church planting team in Canada. She will worship with us and then describe her work at one of the lunch tables.

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Camp Plans

If you know students entering seventh grade this fall through those just graduating high school, or you are a student in that group, register soon (deadlines are nearing) for **camp at Webster Conference Center** in Salina, June 21-25. This week of great fellowship and strengthening Bible study will be a **highlight of the summer**. Registering through a church is required and we are working with Pastor Jeremy Fruechting at Crosspointe Community in St. Joseph. Contact me if you need his information. If you want to talk to someone who has attended the camp in the past, let me know and I'll gladly connect you. I visited last year and found the content and atmosphere of the camp to be **healthy in every way and honoring to the Lord**. We are arranging transportation for those going from our area. Details for the camp are at https://s3.amazonaws.com/mychurchwebsite/c2606/2021_sbfyc_brochure.pdf.

Graduation Celebrations

The **Schrader family** invites the Riverbend family to attend the graduation and reception for their daughter, **Alexis, this Saturday**, May 1 at 3:00 p.m., at CrossPointe Community Church, 2501 South Belt Highway in St. Joseph. A reception will follow at the church.

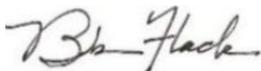
Claire Pierce's family welcomes you to join them in celebrating her high school graduation and accomplishments at an open house on **Saturday, June 5** beginning at 3 p.m. at 8365 Neosho Rd.

Worship Support

We provide resources that we hope will **encourage and strengthen your worship** whether you have to join us online or you gather with us in person. Each Saturday, we **post the bulletin and the slides** for the following day's corporate worship to our website (riverbendbiblechurch.org). This allows you to preview or review lyrics and other elements. The **Facebook Live feed will include links** to these so that you can refer to them as you stream the service.

Some things do not change. As always, I thank our Lord for the **honor and joy of serving you**,

In Christ's Grace,



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