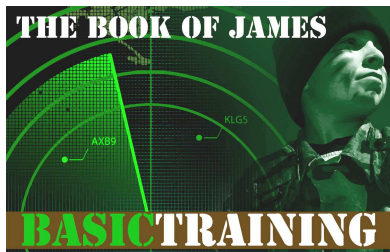


"Pursuing and sharing the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ!"



Our Next Sermon Series Begins TODAY!!
Today's Talk—Bitter or Better?
James 1:1-4

JAMES 1:2-4

When troubles come your way,
consider it an opportunity for great joy.

For you know that when your faith is tested,
your endurance has a chance to grow.

So let it grow,

for when your endurance is fully developed, you
will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

All-Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, November 14

@ 10 am

Please come pray for your ministry!

Men's Breakfast—8:30am

KEEP ON PRAYING!!



•PRAYER & FASTING

September 23

to
November 1

•PEACEFUL VIGIL

•COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thanks to all who participated
and helped at last weekend's
CONFERENCE!

We want to have a "debrief
session" and strategize on
Sunday, November 1
immediately after worship
time. Lunch & childcare
provided!



Day After Thanksgiving
Party

Our very popular holiday meal
will happen this year at the church on
FRIDAY, November 27 @ 6pm
Movies, games, and lots of food!

Bring any food you have to share!!
Invite someone!—"The More the Merrier"!
Games, Movies, Music, FUN!!!

tithes and offerings
please make checks payable to "two rivers church"

	received	budget	percent
Year to date	\$ 131,925	\$ 172,900	76%
September	\$ 8,600	\$ 14,408	60%

donations
You can now make on-line on our web-site—even
auto-pay through PayPal. www.tworiverschurch.net

Dates to Remember:

Change Clocks	Nov. 1
Debrief Session—Conference	Nov. 1
All-Church Prayer	Nov. 14
Church Meeting	Nov. 22
Day After Thanksgiving Party	Nov. 27
All-Church Prayer	Dec. 12
Eve of Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 23

TRM 13th Benefit Auction 2015

"Planting Seeds Today for Tomorrow's Future!"

Saturday, November 7th, 5 PM to 9 PM

Venue: Milwaukee Elks Lodge

"An Adult Gala Evening Out!"

Greek Buffet . Live & Silent Auction . Speakers . Music

Corporate Tables \$800 . Individual Tickets \$75

Invitations Available on Resource Table

Invitations/Tickets/Contact: Linda Wiles Thornton

Sunday Snack Schedule

Oct. 25	Barrows/Capehart
Nov. 1	Jones
Nov. 7	Scharbach
Nov. 14	Meuser
Nov. 21	Kramer

Thanks to all the Home Groups!!



- **Every Sunday morning at 10:15am**
we will "circle up" in the auditorium
for a brief, but essential time of
seeking God. Please join us!!
- **Every 2nd Saturday at 10am**
We meet here at the bldg. interceding for
the people and ministries of this church.

ALL ARE INVITED TO THESE PRAYER TIMES!!

October Birthdays

Darrin Laird	04
Julie Daniels	15
Bill Repp	18
Jonah Kellams	19
Teddi Courville	24
Robert Barrow	25
Jadon Smith	25
Kim VanHuss	28
ANYONE ELSE??	

Jr. High / Sr. High—
Wednesday Nights
Youth Group !!!!!!!
this Wednesday at 6:30pm

2RC—Where real people with real problems experience real love and forgiveness in Christ Jesus!

*Through the Holy Spirit and relationships of grace and trust,
we will help each other grow into Christ-following disciple-makers!*

HOME GROUPS

two rivers is not a church with home groups, we are a church of home groups

These communities are the most important thing we do at 2RC **ARE YOU CONNECTED??**

- Sundays** - Led by Mike & Jenny (503-701-6791) Meet at Wolvert's home - 1318 Sherri Ct. in West Linn - 1pm
- Mondays** - Led by Mark & Tamara (503-380-4559/503-380-4561) TBA
- Tuesdays** -Young Adult Group Meet at Church, Room 7—6:30pm
- Wednesdays** - Led by Ellis & Luanna (503-651-3116) Meet at Meuser's home—2140 N Maple in Canby—7pm
- Thursdays** - Led by Barrows/ Capeharts (971-303-2430) Meet at Barrow's home—6357 SE Hull Ave. in Milwaukie—7pm
- Led by Kramer (503-919-1083) Meet at Plumb's home—3478 SE Birch Ave. in Milwaukie—7pm
- Led by Melanie (Single Women) (971-201-5239) Meet at Scharbach's home— 14360 Woodland Way #5 in Milwaukie—7pm

SERMON NOTES

Bitter or Better?

James 1:1-4

Rob Classen

There are choices we make when the heat gets turned up. We can't avoid the heat, but we can control what our attitude will be as we go through it. Will we become bitter or better?

“When trouble comes your way...”

* Not if, but when

“...consider it an opportunity for great joy.”

* Thinking is more important than feelings

* Is pure joy a feeling?

Rick Warren's definition of joy = “Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation.”

“For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow...”

* Rob's definition of faith.....

* Endurance is staying under the pile even when you want out!

* I Samuel 15—e.g. of King Saul.

* “Half obedience is full disobedience.”

“...for when your endurance is fully developed you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”

FAITH is GOD'S *GPS System* -

We *follow, trust & obey* GOD

NO MATTER how we *feel*

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Home Group Discussion & BIBLE STUDY for this week:

- Read **James 1:1-8** a couple of times.
 - Do you think there is much of a difference between “pure, great joy” and having a “positive attitude”? Explain.
 - Choosing to not squirm out on the growth process God has for us is really hard to do! Especially when God seems so far away. How can these verses affirm that God is more involved than you realize?
- Jeremiah 32:40-41; John 10:27-30; John 14:15-17; Philippians 1:6**
- Look above for Rob's definition of Faith. Compare it with Rick Warren's definition of joy too. Why is it important to take the feelings and emotions out of what true faith in God is all about?
 - Read **James 1:8** again. How can one avoid being “double-minded”?
 - Is there any situation in your life right now that we can pray for more of God's wisdom rather than deliverance? Encourage each other to endure and persevere if that is what God wants.

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Prayer - 10:15 am

Community Time -10:15am

