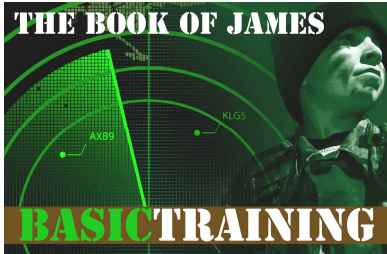


"Pursuing and sharing the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ!"



Today's Talk—
*Two Ways to Draw
Close to God*
James 4:11-17



All-Church Prayer Gathering
THIS Saturday, January 9
@ 10 am
Please come pray for your ministry!

**Your generous giving in 2015
went beyond what we budgeted!!**
Thanks to you we were able to hire
Luke Backus as Youth Director,
give more benevolence
than ever before,
and pay all the bills....
Obviously!!
May God Bless You!!



Dear Two Rivers Church:
"Thank you and your congregation
SOOOOOOOOOoooooo much!"

**RIVERSIDE
Elementary School**

I know the teachers really appreciate
your thoughtfulness and generosity
Blessings and good tidings, Merry
Christmas and take care!
Monique Singleton

Shout out to **Shelly Kellams**
for all the coordination!!!!

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

| | received | budget | percent |
|-----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Year to date | \$ 189,538 | \$ 172,900 | 109% |
| December | \$ 22,837 | \$ 14,408 | 158% |

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



- **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!!

January Birthdays

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Cody Laird | 02 |
| Randy Howe | 03 |
| Maggie Hofner | 04 |
| Jerry Plumb | 06 |
| Morgan Barrow | 11 |
| Grace Sovey | 14 |
| Patty Hall | 17 |
| Anniston Schantin | 17 |
| Dan Capehart | 21 |
| Rob Classen | 22 |
| Shane Hofner | 22 |
| Shawna-Rae Johnson | 23 |
| Cheri Overson | 25 |
| Keoni Corville | 30 |

ANYONE ELSE??

Sunday Snack Schedule

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Jan. 10 | Jones |
| Jan. 17 | Scharbach |
| Jan. 24 | Meuser |
| Feb. 7 | Kramer |
| Feb. 14 | Barrow |
| Feb. 21 | Jones |

Thanks to all the Home Groups!!

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 relationships of grace and trust, we will help each other grow into Spirit-led,
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 Wolverter's home - 1318 Sherri Ct. in West Linn - 1pm |
| 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) - Led by Kramer (503-919-1083) - Led by Melanie (Single Women) (971-201-5239) | Meet at Barrow's home—6357 SE Hull Ave. in Milwaukie—7pm Meet at Plumb's home—3478 SE Birch Ave. in Milwaukie—7pm Meet at Scharbach's home— 14360 Woodland Way #5 in Milwaukie—7pm |

SERMON NOTES

Two Ways to Draw Near to God

James 4:11-17

Rob Classen

Review of chapter 4

1. **How We Treat Others**—Vs. 11-12

Two Problems:

A. We break the “royal law” of loving others—(cf. James 2:8; Mark 10)

B. We tend to play the role of “judge” which is meant only for God—I John 4:7-8

“Our horizontal relationship with people clearly affects our vertical relationship with God”

2. **How We See Life**—Vs. 13-17— “If the Lord wills....”

Why are you here? What's your purpose for life?

Home Group Discussion & BIBLE STUDY for this week:

- What's one fear you have about the future?
- Read **James 4:11-12**. Do you agree with Rob that the law James speaks of is the “royal law” in **James 2:8** and **Mark 10**? What else might “the law” be?
- What are some specific ways to empathize with people who frustrate you?
- Read **James 4:13-17**. What are the 4 areas of life discussed in v. 13? What is wrong with this type of planning?
- James says that life is a “poof” and then gone (**vs.14**). What do you see in **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** that helps explain how Paul was able to consistently choose an eternal perspective in the face of life difficulties?
- What is one life lesson that God is asking you to work on based on James 4?

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Prayer - 10:15 am

Community Time -10:15am