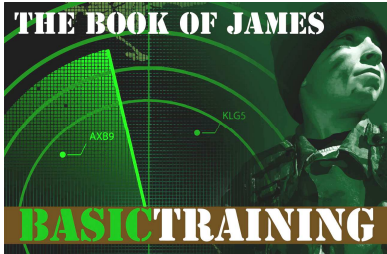


"Pursuing and sharing the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ!"



Today's Talk—  
*A Warning to  
the Rich*  
James 5:1-6



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!!!!

Looking Ahead:

Elder Retreat	Jan. 29-31
Youth Retreat	Feb. 26-28
Woman's Retreat	April ??
Men's Campout	Sept. 16-18

**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!!



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

	received	budget	percent
Year to date	\$ 189,538	\$ 172,900	109%
<b>December</b>	\$ 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](http://www.tworiverschurch.net)

**January Birthdays**

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

Sunday Snack Schedule

Jan. 17	Scharbach
Jan. 24	Meuser
Feb. 7	Kramer
Feb. 14	Barrow
Feb. 21	Jones
Feb. 28	Scharbach

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!!

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??**

<b>Sundays</b>	- Led by Mike & Jenny (503-701-6791)	Meet at Wolverter's home - 1318 Sherri Ct. in West Linn - 1pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	-Young Adult Group	Meet at Church, Room 7—6:30pm
<b>Wednesdays</b>	- Led by Ellis & Luanna (503-651-3116)	Meet at Meuser's home—2140 N Maple in Canby—7pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	- 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

*A Warning to the Rich*

*James 5:1-6*

*Rob Classen*

### **How God Views Wealth—Deuteronomy 28:11-19, Matthew 19:23-26, I Timothy 6:5**

- \* God doesn't care about our **net worth**. Proverbs 30:7-9
- \* He does care about how we **get it**. Titus 1:7, Proverbs 19:22, 1 Timothy 6:9-10, Proverbs 10:22
- \* He does care about how we **use it**. Matthew 6:19-21, Proverbs 11:24-25

### **The Passage** James 5:1-6

Written to **rich oppressors** who were:

- (1) **hoarding** their wealth,
- (2) **ripping off** their workers,
- (3) **living in luxury** without **generosity**, and
- (4) **crushing** the weak.

### **How To Handle Wealth Without Being Destroyed By Wealth** 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- (1) Don't be **arrogant**
- (2) Don't put your **trust in it**
- (3) Be **generous with it**

### **How To Pursue Wealth Without Being Destroyed By Wealth** 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Proverbs 23:4 & Hebrews 13:5,

Proverbs 21:17, 22:7, 13:7 & 12:9, Proverbs 21:20, Proverbs 3:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:17

- (1) Don't be **consumed by it**
- (2) Live **within** your means
- (3) Live **below** your means
- (4) Give **off the top**
- (5) Enjoy **what's left**

### 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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Worship Service—**Sundays, 10:45am**

Prayer - 10:15 am

Community Time -10:15am