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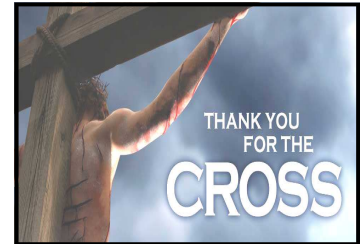
# 2RC two rivers church

Sunday Worship Service 10:45am  
10:15am "Community Time"

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

**LIVE LIKE**  
  
**THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

TODAY:  
"The Upside-Down Kingdom"  
Mark 4:21-34



We will celebrate  
the Lord's Supper  
today!



### Day After Thanksgiving Party

Our very popular holiday meal  
will happen this year at the church on  
**FRIDAY, November 24@ 6pm**  
Movies, games, and lots of food!

Bring any food you have to share!!  
Invite someone!—"The More the Merrier!"

Games, Movies, Music, FUN!!!

Every 1st Sunday of October, November & December we  
will stay after church service and enjoy a great potluck meal  
together! **Nov. 5, Dec. 3.** (12:30pm to 2pm)  
What are you going to bring to share??

## 1st Sunday Potlucks

### tithes and offerings

please make checks payable to "two rivers church"

	received	budget	percent
Year to date	\$ 120,014	\$ 190,415	63%
September donations	\$ 13,650	\$ 15,867	86%

You can now make on-line gifts on our web-site—even  
auto-pay through PayPal. [www.tworiverschurch.net](http://www.tworiverschurch.net)

Jr. High / Sr. High  
**WEDNESDAY Nights**  
**Youth Group** 6:30pm

### Looking Ahead:

1st Sunday Potlucks

Nov. 5, Dec. 3

Day After Thanksgiving Meal Nov. 24

### PRAYER

- **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

Darin Vestal	04
William VanValkenberg	13
Glenda Wolvert	16
Brandi Womack	21
Teddi Courville	24
Robert Barrow	25
Jadon Smith	25

**ANYONE ELSE??**

### Sunday Snack Schedule

Oct. 22	Carstensen
Oct. 29	Barrow
Nov. 5	Kramer
Nov. 12	Meuser
Nov. 19	Jones
Nov. 26	Carstensen

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!*

We are on-line !!! [www.tworiverschurch.net](http://www.tworiverschurch.net)

# 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
- Wednesdays** - Led by Carstensen & Englemans Meet at Carstensen's home—12523 SE Verlie St. in Happy Valley—7pm
- Thursdays** - Led by Classens /Barrows (503-819-0971) Meet at VanValkenberg's—3552 se Westview Ave #6 in Milwaukie—7pm  
- Led by Kramer (503-919-1083) Meet at Samuelson's home—12020 SE 37th Ave. in Milwaukie—7pm  
- Led by Ellis & Luanna (503-651-3116) Meet at Meuser's home—2140 N Maple in Canby—7pm

**Sermon Notes:** Mark 4:21-34 The Upside Down Kingdom

Rob Classen

“The Kingdom of God is like....”

Story #1—The Kingdom of God is like a shining LAMP—vs. 21-23

Story #2—The Kingdom of God is like a seed that grows automatically—vs. 26-29

Story #3—The Kingdom of God uses the small, not the big—vs.30-32

The Kingdom of God is a total reversal from the world's pattern.

2 Conflicting Attitudes:

1. “I have nothing. I am nothing without God. I don't deserve God's love or mercy. God really shouldn't even use me to represent his Kingdom.”
2. “I've been pretty good. I'm doing the best I can. I've worked hard and so God owes me!”

## Home Group Discussion & BIBLE STUDY for this week:

- Read **Mark 4:21-23, 26-29 & 30-32**. What do these 3 parables teach us about the Kingdom of God? How do they compare with the world's pattern of success?
- Read **Matthew 5:1-12**. As you read the Beatitudes try to define each quality and think of God's Kingdom being upside down to the world's pattern. How would the world define these qualities? Which do you need God to help you with the most?

Here are some possible definitions of the Beatitudes:

**Poor in spirit** = I recognize my spiritual bankruptcy and my need for God. Because my relationship with God depends on his grace, I know I'm incapable of earning God's favor on my own.

**Mourn** = I feel the pain that sin, including my own, causes. I can let others know when I am hurting without embarrassment. I can weep like Jesus did.

**Meek** = I don't have to be the strong one who is always in control. I can be tender and gentle. I've given control of my life to God and I don't always have to win.

**Spiritual hunger** = I want to know God and his will for my life more than anything—including my own pleasure, status or success.

**Merciful** = I can share the feelings of people who are hurting, lonely or distressed, and walk alongside them in their pain. God gives my compassion to help them.

**Pure in Heart** = I am completely honest with God and others. My life is marked with openness and integrity.

**Peacemaker** = I work hard to keep the peace. Rather than being angry and conflictive, I deal with people and issues constructively. I help others work out their differences using biblical principles.

**Persecution** = I know who I live for. I am willing to suffer and stand alone for what is right. I can take criticism without reacting defensively or feeling self pity.

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