

# The River View

## Riverside

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October 2021

### From the Pastor—

In my Bible reading this morning, I was struck by Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9–11:

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (NIV)*

Paul's theologically rich prayers give us a window into the longings of his heart for the church. What struck me today was the juxtaposition of four qualities that seem unexpected together: **love, knowledge, purity, and praise.**

I think that, for various reasons, we do not expect to find all these qualities present in the same person. For example, we tend to associate knowledge with stuffy, academic information of little practical value. **People commonly speak of the difference between “head knowledge” and “heart knowledge,”** meaning that it is possible to know information (e.g., doctrine, biblical material) without being transformed or moved by it. 1 Corinthians 8:1 is often cited in support of this: “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”

It's the same with the other three qualities. **We tend to see love as something that gets expressed in acts of compassion and care for others, but Paul prays that the church's love would be expressed in knowledge!** What does love have to do with knowledge? Or take the “pure and blameless” bit. We tend to imagine purity resulting from self-discipline and fortitude of will, but Paul connects it with knowledge. Finally, praise seems like something that characterizes people of great affection and devotion, not an action fostered by moral purity or knowledge.

And yet, Paul loads this prayer with conjunctions and connective phrases that tie all these traits **together logically.** His main prayer is that the church's love may abound. He explains this in the next phrase: “in knowledge and depth of insight.” This means that the goal of his request is for the church's love to grow deeper *by gaining knowledge.* Rather than being the enemy of love, knowledge appears here as the fuel for love. But even this is no end in itself. In verse 10 we get the goal of knowledge-fueled love: “so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless.” Love augmented by knowledge leads to an upright life! This, in turn, is the basis for praising God (v. 11).

Where does this leave us? We must seek to love God and others, but we should strive to increase in knowledge of God and right doctrine. This will empower us for living holy lives that will glorify God. **In the end, love, study, discipline, and worship are all tied together. May God answer Paul's prayer for our church too!**

Pastor Isaac

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# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00 am Men's Study	2
3 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Communion 12:00-12:30 Drive-up Communion	4	5 6:30 Deacons	6 6:30 am Men's Study  6:30 pm Youth Group	7 9:00 am Women's Study	8 10:00 am Men's Study	9
10 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship  4:30 Church Fellowship at Ruth Tidd's House	11	12 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	13 6:30 am Men's Study 12:00 R.A.Y.S. Pot Luck 6:30 pm Youth Group (Harvest)	14 9:00 am Women's Study	15 10:00 am Men's Study	16
17 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	18	19	20 6:30 am Men's Study  6:30 pm Youth Group	21 9:00 am Women's Study	22 10:00 am Men's Study	23
24 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship 11am Called Congregational Meeting	25	26	27 6:30 am Men's Study  6:30 pm Youth Group (Harvest)	28 9:00 am Women's Study	29 10:00 am Men's Study	30
31 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship						

### Who to Contact

Church Office 320-251-5801 Office Hours  
 Pastor Isaac Gould M, T, Th 9:00-4:00  
 W 12:00-4:00  
 320-428-5784 (cell)  
 Financial Sec.– Pam Dille Mon. 9:00–12:00  
 Secretary – Janelle Daniel Tues and Fri 9:00-1:00  
 Treasurer—Mark Johansen 253-0786  
 Custodians—ServiceMaster (contact office)  
 Prayer Line—Ruth Tidd 320-387-2980

### August Session report

Minutes are available from the office.

Avg August Attendance—72

### Budget Summary - as of August 31, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted
August Income	15,468.21	11,009.00
August Expenses	15,571.88	16,451.48
YTD Income	142,137.53	135,972.00
YTD Expenses	122,509.34	138,550.86
YTD Net Income (loss)	19,628.19	

### Riverside Planned Mission Support - 2021

- Pregnancy Resource Center
- YFC—BRAID
- Haiti - Hope Orphanage
- EPC WO (Burdsall, Hamd, McKay)
- Chicago 7/20
- Arrive Ministries / SENT
- Terebinth Refuge
- St. Cloud Christian School

### October Birthdays

- 3 Jazlyn Meier
- 5 Calvin Gould
- 5 Chet Johnson
- 6 Deb Johansen
- 6 Bob Koopmeiners
- 9 Frank Gabrelcik
- 11 Matthew Pennertz Jr
- 12 Dave Grundahl
- 15 Sue Easterlund
- 16 Judy Hitchcock
- 19 Mary Grundahl
- 30 Mark Johansen



*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call Janelle at 251-5801 and let her know so we (hopefully) won't make the same error in the*

### October Anniversaries

- Adam & Ashley Patterson 10/9/10
- Frank & Kathy Gabrelcik 10/23/71



### Your 2021 Elders/Deacons

#### Elders

- Patrick Farrell (19-21) B, W 320-232-3643
- Linda Paulson (19-21) M, N 320-420-2921
- Matthew Pennertz (19-21) F 320-405-8212
- Bruce Glanzer (20-22) F, M 320-290-6818
- Dave Jones (20-22) N 320-267-1054
- Mark Olson (20-22) P, WC 320-252-7242
- Rick Petersen (21-23) P, B 320-774-5006
- Ruth Tidd (21-23) WC, CE 320-387-2980
- Matt Zieske (21-23) CE, W 320-249-5253

#### Deacons:

- Mike Beltinck (19-21) UG, CP 320-363-4238
- Deanna Petersen (19-21) CP, MM 320-774-5005
- Gean Wiltgen (19-21) CS, MM 320-290-2798
- Jay Blomquist (20-22) FL, FS 320-229-2766
- Dave Markgraf (20-22) S, RS 320-493-2720
- Angelina Holte (21-23) T, V 503-841-9603
- Josh Mumme (21-23) DL, CH 320-266-7101
- Julie Pennertz (21-23) H, UG 320-333-8270

#### Key:

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- B** Building/Grounds
- CE** Christian Education
- M** Missions/Outreach
- P** Personnel
- WC** We Care
- F** Finance
- N** Nominating Committee
- W** Worship

- DL** Deacon Liaison (Head Deacon)
- CH** Coffee Hour
- CS** Corresponding Sec.
- FL** Funeral Luncheons
- MM** Meals Ministry
- S** Sanctuary
- UG** Ushers/Greeters
- I** Transportation
- CP** Communion Prep
- FS** Food Shelf
- H** Hospitality
- RS** Recording Sec.
- V** Visitations
- NC** Nominating Committee



## Our Larger Community

### Chicago 720

From EPC Church Planter, Jeffrey Lancaster:

#### Recent Newsletter Highlights...

*“Planting a church is like having children. There is nothing more difficult or more rewarding than raising kids,” says Mark Batterson, founding and lead pastor of National Community Church in Washington....*

*Saddleback Church founding and Senior Pastor Rick Warren echoes Batterson: “Planting a church is possibly the loneliest, hardest thing on the planet.”*

The metaphors capture the weight of my and Cathy’s first-hand experience. You put me (or any other church planter) on truth serum and we’ll tell you this is a dirty, difficult, and oftentimes very lonely job. And indeed, it feels much akin to the agonizingly rigorous and awesomely rewarding job of birthing and raising children.

**It’s in the drawn-out** unrelenting process of doing the dirty work in birthing and raising kids and churches that your heart is caught up in a big love. Even though the costs are great and the **work is exhausting, that’s the price you pay to be a part of seeing new life spring forth in God’s** world by his grace and all to his glory.

#### Prayer Requests...

- For God’s sustaining grace as we seek to persevere in the rigorous and rewarding work of Church planting. For the Holy Spirit to keep beautifying Christ in our hearts and continually giving us animated imaginations regarding Christ’s healing kingdom mission in the world.

#### Prayer Requests cont.

- For our missionary Christ to keep opening up doors of opportunity to grow our relationship network. For Jesus to help us share his love and the good news of the gospel (in word and action) with our new friends.
- For God to use the pandemic to awaken people to himself and to the mission God is on to redeem and restore the world through his Son. For God to cause the impact of the COVID pandemic to subside.
- For the body of Christ to work together to embody Christ’s life and love in our city. For the peace of Christ to spread in Chicago.
- For startling conversions to Christ
- For God to help us find times to experience his rest during the stress of planting a church and establishing an art gallery business.
- For the Lord to deepen our love for one another as we continue our respective works together.
- For our new game plan:
  - \* Recruit potential launch team members - Aug. 2021-January 2022
  - \* Train Launch Team - February-March 2022
  - \* Lead an Easter Worship Service April 17, 2022
  - \* Have monthly prototype worship services May-August 2022 with weekly informal fellowship gatherings in between
  - \* Launch weekly worship gatherings September 11, 2022
  - \* For God to provide the meeting spaces we will need along the way

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Drive-Up Communion  
at Riverside—  
October 3rd, 12:00—12:30 pm



From 12:00—12:30 pm on October 3rd, those who have joined the worship service live stream may receive communion at their vehicle with health precautions taken. Pull in from 1st Ave N, and head over toward the church where Pastor Isaac or an elder will meet you with the elements.

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## Office Hours

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Financial Secretary—Pam Dille

Monday (working from home)    9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Secretary—Janelle Daniel      [office@RiversideEPC.org](mailto:office@RiversideEPC.org)

Tuesday—Friday                    9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

(additional hours possible with prior arrangement)



### Riverside Vision Statement

Riverside Evangelical Church is called to build a community of saints empowered by the Holy Spirit. We exist to glorify God in all areas of life by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Riverside Mission Statement

Our mission at Riverside Evangelical Church is to further the gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Worshipping and celebrating the presence of God

Psalm 16:11

Discipling that brings us to maturity in Christ

Matthew 28:19

Equipping us to live our faith in every aspect of life

Eph. 4:12

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