

Welcome to River Terrace Church

Today at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Series: Living Good News

"Living Good News: through Practices"

Based on Philippians 4:1-9

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Christian Services

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Congregational Meeting

Adult Forum: Gym

Thanksgiving Day Service - Thursday, Nov. 22 - 10:00 AM

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Offering: International Disaster Relief

Nursery care available (ages 0-4)

Next Sunday: November 25 at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Series: Living Good News

"Living Good News: gives Contentment"

Based on Philippians 4:10-23

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Faith-in-Action

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

"Renewed Pressure on the Chinese Church"

Discussion Questions for Groups or at Dinner

1. What are some exercises people do? What are some benefits?
2. Is Paul trying to whip people into shape like a mean drill sergeant? Use v 1 to answer.
3. What is the significance of Paul's *publicly* encouraging two prominent women to get along?
4. In vv 2-9 Paul lists 6 practices that can help us stand firm in the Lord. Which of these practices are you strongest in? Which weakest?
5. Do you think we tend to overlook the fact that these practices are to be done not just by oneself, but together? Why or why not?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome new members **Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink and Lisa Yang and Adrian Zhao** this morning.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is this morning at 10:10 AM in the Gym to preview the 2019 Budget.

Ignite Sunday Night for Middle school (4:15 to 6:00 PM) and high school (5:30 to 7:30 PM) students. Each night includes dinner, activities, teaching, discussion and a least one group game. This month we are looking at The Lord's Prayer!

Youth Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camp is scheduled for Feb. 1-3 (high school) and Feb. 8-10 (middle school). A \$75 deposit is **due no later than Sunday, Nov. 25**, to reserve a spot. Spaces are limited and will be locked in on a first come, first served basis. Students are encouraged to invite their friends.

High School Mission Trip Registration Has Begun: It's time to think about the Summer 2019 High School Mission Trip in Chicago, Illinois from July 28 to August 2 through YouthWorks. To secure a spot on the trip, a \$50 deposit and permission slip **must submitted by Sunday, December 2**. Any registrations received after that cannot be guaranteed. Please contact Brendan with any questions about the trip or for scholarship information.

Campus Edge Movie Fundraiser: Need a great excuse to spend a Saturday morning watching a movie and support a good cause? On Dec. 1, you are invited to a private movie showing (with popcorn and soda) of *Instant Family*. For more information and to purchase tickets (\$12:50), visit www.campusedgemsu.com.

Save the date: JOY - A Women's Christmas Kindness Event is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 2, from 3:00-5:30 PM. Come to church for refreshments and receive **JOY** through the inspiring words of speaker and author Marlene Lawson. Together we will then have an opportunity to share JOY through random acts of kindness! Register online at www.riverterrace.org.

You are invited to Calvin Oratorio Society's 99th annual performance of **Handel's Messiah** on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, at Calvin's Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Tickets are available at Calvin's box office (616-526-6282) or online at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Giving Box: Winter Coats for Men, Women, and Children. New or gently used (please wash and be sure zippers work.) Also snow pants.

C.A.P.: Thanksgiving Meal Foods – Boxed mashed potatoes, pie fillings, pie crust, brownie, muffin and bread mixes, cake mixes, frosting, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned fruits, vegetables, etc.

THIS WEEK

Campus Edge Fellowship: Mon., Nov. 19, 7:00 PM, 1518 River Terrace Drive. Grad students, join us to look at Jesus casting out the demon into the pigs. Contact brenda@campusedgemsu.com for more information.

Christian Service Brigade: Tues., Nov. 20, 7:00 PM, Boys, gr. 1-12.

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wed., Nov. 21, 6:45 AM, Mtg. Room.

Prayer Gathering: Wed., Nov. 21, 12:30 PM, Prayer Room.

Campus Edge Fellowship: Thurs., Nov. 22, 7:00 PM. Attending the communal interfaith thanksgiving service at the University UMC.

Thanksgiving Day Service: Thurs., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM

Have you made your thanksgiving list? We'll give thanks with songs, a skit, a short message, and by naming what we're thankful for. No Greenhouse, kid friendly service.

Special Offering: International Disaster Relief
Nursery available for children ages 0-4.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Sat., Nov. 24, 9:00 AM, Quad.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS AND NEWS

Barb Mosher had a heart attack Wednesday morning. She had a stent inserted, is recovering well and will return home soon. No visitors, please.

Our continued prayers are appreciated for **Kim Emery, Lucille Kuiper, Jane Outlay, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, and Jean Wallin.**

Next Sunday, **Bill Hamilton** will be playing his bagpipes for the postlude and maybe more at the 11:15 worship service.

Breaking Bread thanks you. With your help, whether donations of money or gifts or time, we were able to fill 120 boxes of gifts for local refugee children. A special thank you to the GEMS group for the Christmas boxes they painted and filled with balls and bracelets. The boxes were brought to the Refugee Development Center.

Dear River Terrace Family,

Thank you so much for your very generous support of Timothy Leadership Training (TLT), and specifically for your support of the pastors who are working with me to share TLT with new groups of church leaders around Uganda. I am so grateful! I will continue to share testimonies on our blog about what God is doing through these pastors and this program. As I write this, two pastors, George William Esaul and Daniel Enugu are in Korindo, Uganda, leading a group of 15 church leaders in the first manual of TLT, *Caring for God's People*. It is such a pleasure for me to see firsthand real change taking place in communities and in the lives of church leaders throughout Uganda. Without your support this would not be possible. Please keep reading our website, <http://anthsara.blogspot.com> for further updates and photos!

In Christ, **Rev. Anthony Sytsma**