

Welcome to River Terrace Church

TODAY at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

"Jesus, Our Teacher on: *Bible Relevance*"

based on Matthew 5:17-20

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Vacation Bible School

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

"J. R. R. Tolkien" A discussion with

Megan Fontenot, graduate student and Tolkien scholar.

Next Sunday: May 19 at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

"Jesus, Our Teacher on: *Uprooting Anger*"

based on Matthew 5:21-26

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Orkar Christian Academy

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Congregational Meeting at 10:15 AM in the Gym

Discussion Questions for Groups or at Dinner

1. What's a reason you're grateful for your mom?
2. When you hear "the Law," is your reaction positive or negative? Why?
3. Discuss Mal McSwain's statement: "If you believe what you like in the Bible, you really don't believe the Bible, you believe yourself."
4. What might righteousness that "*surpasses that of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law*" look like?
5. How does Jesus' teaching on the Law drive us back to the opening Beatitudes?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ignite Special Event: Dinner for Mom: Instead of the regular youth group meeting tonight, we have invited students to bring their moms (or other important female role model) to dinner **tonight from 5:30 to 7:00 PM**. We will eat a meal together, honor our special guests and have some fun. If you did not RSVP, please talk to Brendan.

VBS Sign Up is now LIVE! Volunteers and children can visit our website at riverterrace.org to sign up for **"ROAR! Life is Wild! God Is Good!"**

River Terrace University Granger Tour on Fri., May 17, at 10:00 AM. Learn more about waste collection and disposal, recycling and energy production from landfill gas. Please sign up in the church office and let us know if you'll be meeting us at the Granger site (16980 Wood Road, Lansing) or wanting to carpool, and if you are interested in lunch at Boston Pizza in Eastwood after the tour.

Art Gallery on May 19: Those interested in submitting works to a River Terrace temporary art gallery, please talk with Pastor Ken.

THIS WEEK

Campus Edge Fellowship: Mon., May 13, 6:00 PM, 1518 River Terrace Drive. Grad students, join us for dinner and a study of Ruth 2-3. Contact brenda@campusedgemsu.com for your questions.

Christian Service Brigade: Tues., May 14 7:00 PM. Boys, gr. 1-12.

Pastor's Bible Study: Wed., May 15, 10:00 AM, Quad.
This is the final meeting for the season.

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wed., May 15, 6:45 AM, Meeting Room.

Prayer Gathering: Wed., May 15, 12:30 PM, Prayer Room.

Quality Living: Wed., May 15, 6:00 PM, Rooms 6 and 7.

Choir Rehearsal: Wed., May 15, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary.

English as a Second Language: Wed., May 15, 6:30 PM, West Quad.

Council Meeting: Thurs., May 16, 6:00 PM, Quad.

Friends & Flicks: Thurs., May 16, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Thurs., May 16, 7:00 PM, Youth Room.

River Terrace University: Fri., May 17. 10:00 AM, Granger Site.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Sat., May 18, 9:00 AM, Quad.

**Next Sunday, May 19, at 10:15 AM, in the Gym
Annual Congregational Meeting**

All members and regular attenders are welcome. If you are unable to attend,
please fill out an Absent Voter ballot in the church office.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Recognizing retiring elders Beth DeBoe and Troy Sprague and retiring deacons David Harkema, David Mulder and Karin Polischuk. Continuing elders are Arlyn Bossenbrook, Karen Bollman, Mark Menning and Mike VanDeHaar. Continuing deacons are MaryJo Banasik, Mark Gabrielse, Joel Hofman and Jenny Sullivan.

2. RTC Members will elect two new elders and two new deacons.
Elder Nominees are: **Derek Bajema, Sandee DeVries, Rich Jess and Florence Lamberts.**
Deacon Nominees are: **Brad Geers, Jodi Harkema, Melisa Keeley, and Jason Scheeneman.**

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your donations of fresh fruit for the Homeless Angels. .

Giving Box: Diapers and Wipes: All sizes: newborn through toddler.

Community Assistance Program: Crackers and cracker snack packs.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND PRAYERS

Ian and Toni Ward thank you for the many cards, prayers and support in the death of Toni's father and her recent illness. Your kind words of sympathy and encouragement have been a blessing to us.

We are saddened with the death of **Bill VerMeulen** on May 6. Our sympathy is extended to **Judie VerMeulen, Amy & Clint Peterson family, Jill & Sid Baker family and Shelly VerMeulen** in the loss of their husband, father and grandfather. A funeral service was held at River Terrace last Friday.

Sympathy is also extended to the **Craig and Ryoko Wilkinson family** in the death of Craig's father, Captain Bob Wilkinson.

Elaine Morse now receiving treatment at the Ingham Medical Center in Okemos.

Your continued prayers are appreciated for **Aidan Bieber, Kim Emery, Lucille Kuiper, Jane Outslay, Jim Pignataro, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, YenYing Tsai and Jean Wallin.**