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RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH FOCUS

June 2026



This Month at RBC

7	Communion 6 pm
14	Leaders Meeting 5 pm
20	Outreach 9 am
21	Father's Day Service First Day of Summer

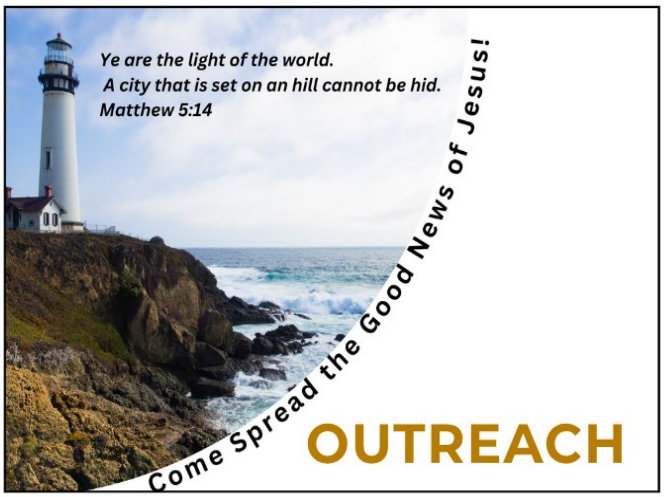
PASTOR'S MESSAGE: MILITARY APPRECIATION SUNDAY

I cordially invite you to our Military Appreciation Sunday on July 5th, 2026 at 10am. This year our nation celebrates its 250th year of blessed existence on God's green earth! And our military is one of those formidable institutions which serves as a pillar of our nation. Therefore we want to set aside a special time to recognize our military past and present on this momentous occasion. I hope you will come and join us! Dress code for veterans or current military service members is service uniform or red, white, and blue theme.

The Scripture says "blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12). It is crucial for the leaders of our institutions to acknowledge the godly heritage and history of the founding of our nation. De Tocqueville of France, over a hundred years ago, visited America. Upon his return home he wrote: "I sought for the greatness of America in her harbors and rivers and fertile fields, and her mines and commerce. It was not there. Not until I went into the churches and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the greatness of her power. America is great because she is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great" (Paul Lee Tan, Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times, 1541).

Over the years, I've been asked the question why I joined the military as a Chaplain. The following is my response. Oswald Chambers said that "when it comes to the call to preach, there must be the agonizing grip of God's hand on you, your life is in the grip of God for that one thing." My call to preach is manifest in same

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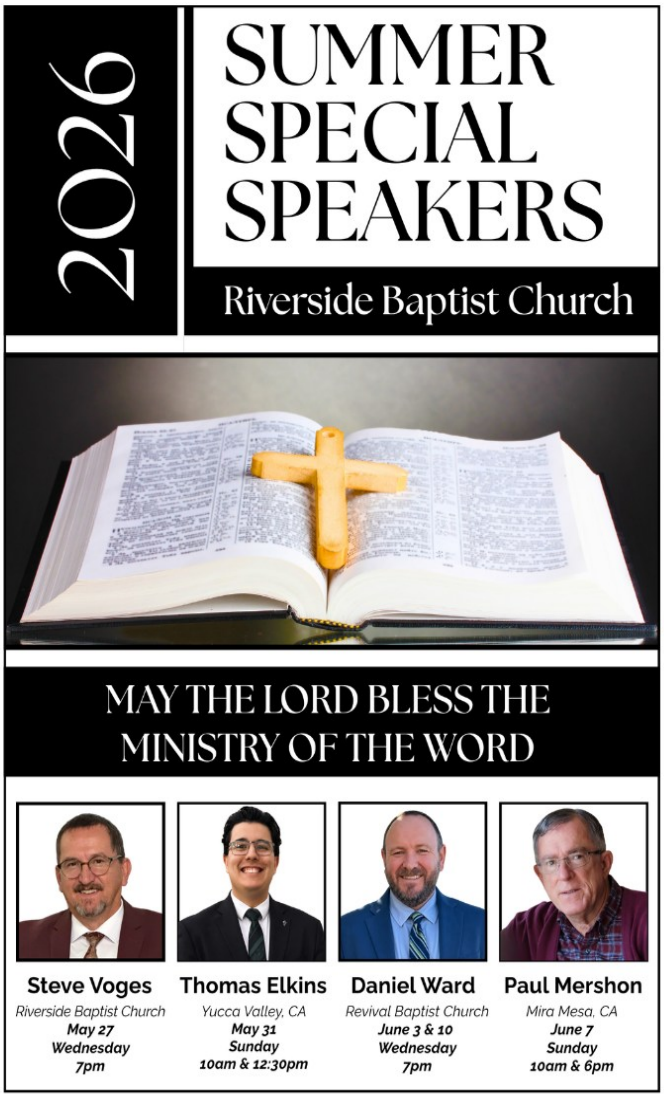
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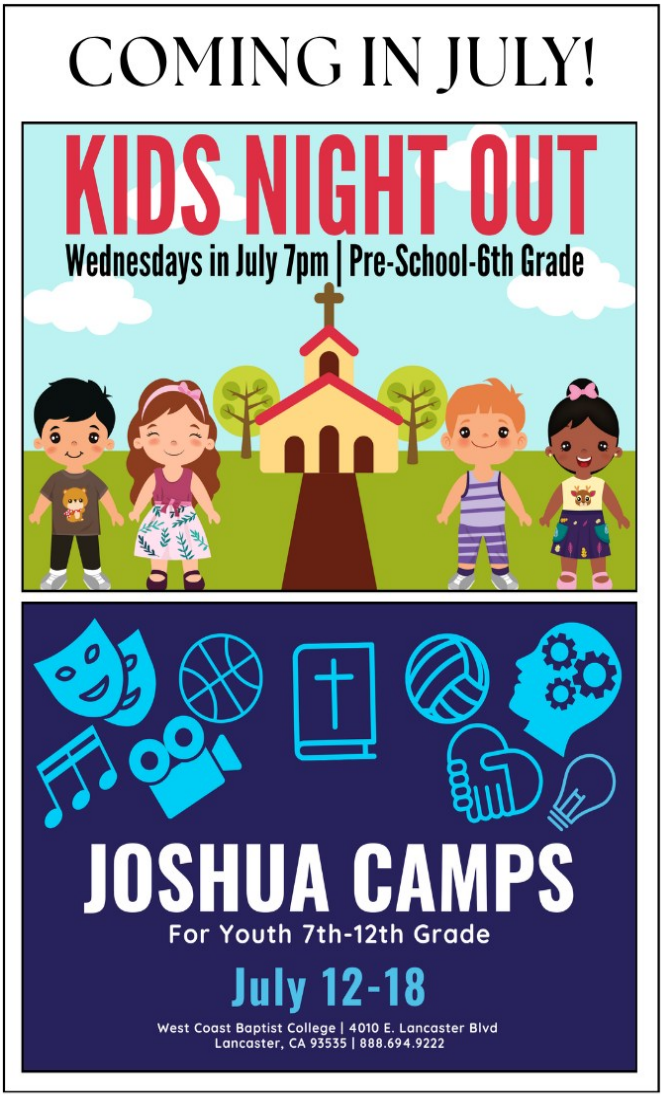
Saturday | June 20 | 9 am



Father's Day

Sunday, June 21, 2026







Men's Prayer

Attention RBC Men!
Join your brothers in Christ every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 pm in Pastor's office for a special time of prayer & worship.

Discipleship Center

Come check out the DC! Books, Bible Studies, and more...there's something for everyone!

HAVE A GREAT

Summer



On Summer Break

Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Adventure Club

Discipleship Class

Youth Discipleship



Children's Discipleship
Ages 3-11

2nd & 4th Sundays

Regular Schedule

Sundays:

Morning Worship Service 10am

Children's Discipleship
(2nd & 4th Sunday)

Choir Practice TBA

Evening Worship Service 6pm

Tuesdays & Fridays:

Men's Prayer 4:30pm

Wednesdays:

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 7pm



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Reflecting The Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

Called Friends By Christ

According to John's Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:15–16, KJV).

The depth of Christ's friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:13–14, KJV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, "the only cement that will hold the world together."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Military Appreciation Sunday

ways, mainly; an appetite for the study of God's Word, and a gripping desire to proclaim the Bible with accuracy and passion. The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim 4:2, KJV). There is a sense in which I have taken this my motto as a preacher of God's Word today.

Having spent six years as a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy, and having been born into a family whose father served twenty years in the Philippine Army, I have a good understanding of what military life is about. Among many other things, there is a tremendous need for spiritual guidance amongst service men and women, and what greater opportunity and compatibility for me than to be able to be a part of the solution to what our military families need! The spiritual guidance includes shepherding for sure, counseling, mentoring, and teaching—for all of these I have a passion and calling.

Historically, in 1775, George Washington made plain that a "staff of Bible believing chaplains should support the American Army" (James R. Beller, America in Crimson Red: The Baptist History of America, 262). Since then, many did not hesitate to perform their duties as chaplain, and even some of them paid the ultimate price of giving their life. Because of the Biblical mandate (above), God's calling upon my life, and the passion for spiritual mentoring, I am honored to join the ranks of these noble chaplains. May God find me faithful.

Therefore, in the coming independence day weekend, I cordially invite our military (veterans or current) to join our worship event in recognition to their service to our nation!

Because of God's Grace,



Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher