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RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH FOCUS

October 2026



This Month at RBC

4	Communion 6pm
10	All-Church Work Day & Fall Cleaning 8am-12pm
11	Leaders Meeting
24	Prayer Breakfast 9am Outreach 10am
25	Missions Sunday B2B Services Prayer Partners International Potluck

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

From Antioch, Syria, the Apostle Paul started his first missionary journey with Barnabas and John Mark. They got to town after another persisting in proclaiming Jesus of Nazareth as the true Messiah. Alongside that great quality of persistence, is **commitment**, (see Acts 14:21-28).

Let's just take a quick perusal of the major action verbs—they had preached the gospel, v. 21. They had **taught** many, v. 21. They **traveled again,** v. 21. They **confirmed** and **exhorted** the believers, v. 22—strong words. **Ordained elders... prayed... fasted,** v. 23—lots involved there! Then v. 24, they traveled again. Next, in v. 25, they **preached the word** in Perga. Verse 26 they traveled again by **sailing** back to Antioch of Syria from whence they were sent on their missionary journey. Next, in v. 27 they gave their report. And finally, in v. 28 they abode long time with the disciples.

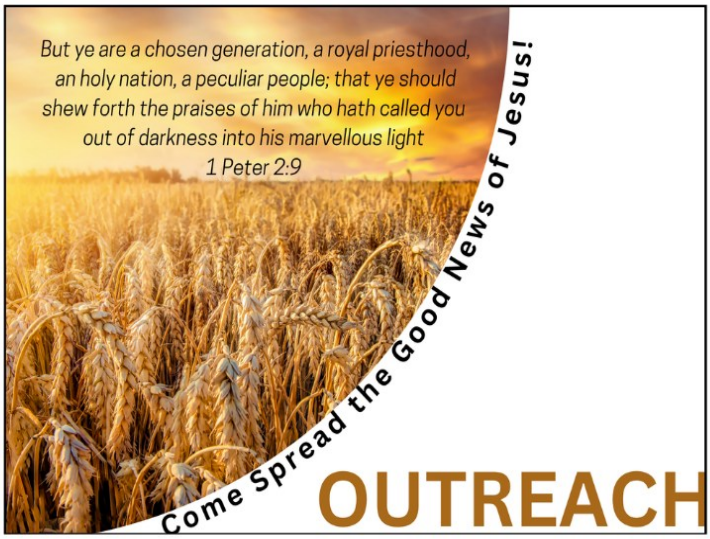
You don't get to do all of that without **commitment**. Paul and Barnabas were *committed to the cause of Christ.* I like that! We're gonna use that as a theme for October's missions emphasis—***Committed to the Cause of Christ.*** Are you committed to the cause of Christ?

Lest you think these qualities are only for ministers, let me remind you ***every member is a minister*** whether you realize it or not; whether you admit it or not! These are the qualities, church, you and I ought to desire and embrace and exercise. [Turn to 2 Corinthians 5:18]

The Bible teaches that each one of us is a minister of the gospel. Listen to another text of Scripture, **and he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,** Ephesians 4:11-13. You see—the ministry is not just for title-holders, it is for every saint to do and to steward. I tell the church staff all the time whenever they have to stay home to take care of their family I say, **"Minister well!"** I tell the leaders the same thing—**"Minister well to your own spouse, to your own family."**

Minister *well in your words. Minister well by praying for them earnestly. Minister well by demonstrating to them your love and care.* ***Every member a minister!*** *Let that sink in.*

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Outreach

Saturday October 24



Fall Back

Sunday November 1







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.



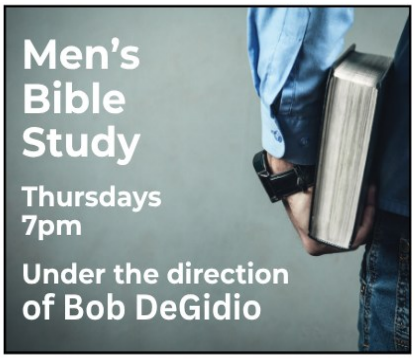
Discipleship Class

Come grow in your faith! Under the direction of Jose Duran, the Discipleship Class meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the DC.



Women's Bible Study

Ladies, join your sisters-in-Christ for this blessed time of biblical understanding and spiritual growth.



Men's Bible Study

RBC Men, don't miss this opportunity for sound Bible teaching and meaningful fellowship.



Children's Discipleship Ages 3-11

2nd & 4th Sundays

Regular Schedule

Sundays:

Discipleship Class 9am
Women's Bible Study 9am
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
Adventure Club ages 3-11
Youth Discipleship

Thursdays:

Men's Bible Study 7pm



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HOMEBUILDERS

A Letter From Christ

Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

"*Forasmuch as ye* are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart" (2 Corinthians 3:3, KJV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."

Charging Forward In Stewardship

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose.

There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith.

Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Committed To The Cause Of Christ

When it comes to evangelizing, that is, proclaiming the good news, you are a minister, too. It is the job of every member of the church of Christ to do this in all the means possible within your ability and capabilities and the people whom God has brought your path!

Paul said, "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" ***(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)***. The Great Commission is reiterated here. The Great Commission is committed unto us—to every single member of the body of Christ. Therefore, let us desire for these qualities—Spirit-giftedness, boldness, humility, persistence, and commitment. Let us be committed to the cause of Christ!

Because of God's Grace,



Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher