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Hey There, Riviera Family!

Summer is in full swing! It's been a great summer so far with the mild weather we've had. I hope you've had some opportunities to get outside with family and friends.

Right now, as I write this, we are in the middle of our Riviera Sports Camp. We have around 25 kids who are learning new skills in football, soccer, and cheerleading. But, most importantly they're learning the good news that God loves them and wants to have a relationship with them.

Back in June, we had 35 kids and 20 volunteers at our Vacation Bible Adventure. It was a great week of seeing God do awesome things in children's lives.

And coming up in a few short weeks, we will have our Riviera Block Party. This will be a great afternoon as we invite our community to join us in celebrating God's goodness through music, fun, and food.

With all that's going on this summer, I'm hoping that you're finding time to be in the presence of the Lord. The

Psalmist says in Psalm 84:10 "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."

There is a lot to do when the weather gets nice and we have much needed time away from school and work, but every activity we can involve ourselves in pales in comparison to walking with Christ. God has created fun activities for our enjoyment, but they weren't meant to replace being in God's presence. So when you're out on the lake or the beach or you're hiking through mountains, take time to think about God and praise Him for His goodness.

The coming of fall means preparing kids to go back to school and, for many of us, a new hectic schedule. I hope that as you prepare for the fall season, Christ is firmly established at the center of your life. Have a great rest of your summer. See you soon!

In Christ,

Pastor Toby Gallego

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Riviera Baptist Church is to bring God glory through loving Him, loving one another, and sharing God's love with our world both locally and globally.

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Where The Spirit Has Moved: Spring-Summer Recap

Vacation Bible Adventure

By Michelle Goetzinger

What an Adventure! From June 27th to July 1st, our team of 23 volunteers welcomed an average of 33 kids into our building for a Cave Quest to find Jesus, the Light of the world, and learn how they can FOLLOW HIM!

During the week, kids participated in Deep Bible Quest, Spelunker Sports and Games, Imagination Station, KidVid Cinema (Missions), and the Cavern Cafe. They met some fun Bible Buddies along the way who helped them remember the qualities of Jesus, which He gives to us so that we can FOLLOW HIM!

The children, teachers and families also partnered with the Northwest Baptist Convention and the International Mission Board to raise money to help “worker” families serving throughout Asia. This is so that they can have their children loved on and cared for while they

meet in an open country for a conference. We raised about \$120.00 through our “Penny Wars” challenge, which included over 4,700 pennies!

We also connected our 5th Wednesday program with our Cave Quest Family Night, and we all gathered together on Wednesday evening for a delightful dinner prepared by Karen Moore, followed by a short program and exploration time with the families. Radar the Bat (as portrayed by Lauren Rice) was even present to take pictures with any of the kids who wanted to.

Thank you so much to all who participated either via teaching, praying, and/or donating materials. We could not have pulled it off without your tireless support! Mark your calendars for June 26th through 30th, 2017 for next year’s Vacation Bible Adventure!



Taking a Dive

On July 10th, the Crossroads Youth Group had a blast learning how to scuba dive at Amazon Pool! The Eugene Scuba Club held a 60th anniversary party there. They rented the entire pool, cooked barbecue, and gave free beginner scuba lessons to anyone who wanted to try! Cody Aucoin and many of the Youth Group girls took a dive in the pool and had a great time—even when it started raining afterward!



Left: The crew and their teacher pose next to the “No Diving” sign. We guess they didn’t mean SCUBA diving! Right: Cody Aucoin gets fitted for his gear by some of the teachers before going under.

Photo Flashback: Pictures of Summertime at RBC

Work Day

Members of our congregation came together in late May to get the church grounds ready for summer!



Camping Trip

The RBC men camped at Ice Cap Campgrounds in June. Fishing, canoeing, hiking, and fellowship—what could be better?

Seniors Lunch

Our seniors met for lunch at Izzy's Restaurant for their monthly outing. Great fellowship plus good food equals fun!



Current Events:

What's Happening at RBC

An East Asian Adventure!

By Michelle Goetzinger

I am so excited for my East Asian Adventure. I will be traveling from July 25th through August 11th. While in Asia I will be helping to teach children in a VBS-style program that is a full day, 10 day program (with a family day in between).

Thanks to the many generous donations of my Riviera family and the greater family of Christ, I was able to raise the nearly \$2,000.00 needed to be able to go! While in Asia, one of my unique opportunities I will have will be to lead a class in which children make sock puppets, as well as learn basic puppet skills and perhaps set up a performance.

As a part of our Missions time at VBA this year, we raised funds that will help send a devotion book home with each of the families we connect with, as well as provide many of the materials needed to make the puppets - socks, felt, googly eyes and yarn. I will be the traveling companion to my mother, who is a Children's Ministry Director in Redmond, Oregon. I am beyond blessed and excited for this journey!

If you would please continue to keep me, the trip, and the nearly 250 other members from the Northwest who are traveling in your prayers, we would greatly appreciate it! If you would like more details or information, feel free to reach out to me and I will be glad to share.

Also, mark your calendars for August 31st, as we will be dedicating our 5th Wednesday family night to an Asian-themed dinner with a slideshow and testimony from the trip!

Spotlight on Service: Cody Aucoin



Our new Director of Discipleship and Youth Ministry isn't a new face to some of Riviera's long-time members. In fact, his journey with Jesus began when he was just 10 years old, and he grew up going to church here.

Cody Aucoin has come full circle when it comes to Riviera Baptist Church. His grandparents have been attending for many years. Cody and his family spent their days on the RBC campus, from the time when he was a little tyke all the way through his graduation from high school.

Always a thinker and a theologian, Cody attended Northwest Christian University, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Bible and **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

RBC Staff Blog

As a part of our effort to increase our Internet presence, the RBC staff has started a weekly blog that will be featured on our website and social media pages!

Every Wednesday at 9:00am, new posts will be uploaded to the blog page on our site. The staff members will take turns writing articles about a variety of topics close to their ministries, including church events, activities, and their personal walks with God.

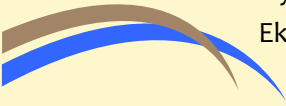
Tune in each week to read a new post and share it with your friends! Not only are the articles uplifting and enlightening, but the more readers we get, the better presence we'll have on the web—which gives us a better chance of attracting new visitors to the church. Read on, RBC!



Coming Soon: Looking Forward to Fall 2016

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Theology. During this time, he started attending another church called Ekklesia, where he first started to find his place serving in youth and children's ministries. Because Ekklesia is a mobile church, they needed a lot of people to help with set-up and tear-down each week, which Cody was happy to help with. From there, the pastor asked him to take on more responsibilities. He taught or led in nearly every children's and youth ministry area for the four years he attended Ekklesia.



During his time there, he continued to expand his spiritual knowledge base. He participated in a small group of guys who studied the Bible intensively, learning exegetical principles and hermeneutics, apologetics, and systematic theology—in addition to his university schooling. “I have always enjoyed learning on my own, too,” Cody explains. He still reads extensively in Christian literature.

After college, Cody moved to Tacoma, Washington to take a position at a mission school there. He participated in leading conferences in Idaho and Arizona. He also led two short mission trips to the countries of El Salvador and Fiji. At the school, he helped manage student housing and oversaw the practical and spiritual needs of those students.

Cody is dedicated to serious spiritual study and working for God's kingdom, but he enjoys lighter fare, too. He loves watching movies, physical activity, and competitive games—“Especially when I win!” he adds.

It's clear that Cody takes his new position at Riviera with the same seriousness he does everything else in his life. Already, he has been teaching the Crossroads Youth Group, put together several youth excursions, and organized participation in the annual Triangle Lake Youth Camp. God has great plans for him here at RBC!

Summer Block Party



Summer is the perfect time to get out in the sunshine and have a little fun—and that's exactly what we're doing this year at Riviera Baptist Church!

On Saturday, August 20th, we are hosting a block party for the Santa Clara community on our back lawn. There will be lots of free, family-friendly activities for people to do, including caricature drawings, lawn games, eating concessions and dinner, and even playing on two bounce houses!

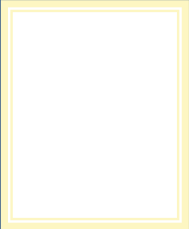
We'll also have a main stage on the baseball diamond, where we'll have concerts every hour. There will be praise teams from many of the local churches who will perform half-hour worship music sets.

This is an outreach event, of course, so we will also have a team available at a Prayer Station. These volunteers from the church will pray for attendees, answer theological questions, and hopefully help bring people to Christ. Similarly, we'll be inviting the attendees to come back and attend regular worship services.

We'll need lots of volunteers to make it happen, so sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Annie Pasquinelli. Or show up and enjoy the party! It's going to be a ton of summertime fun.



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RBC Calendar—August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Guest: Ryan Moore	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Baptism Sunday	15	16	17	18	19 OneHope Prayer Vigil	20 Block Party (3-8pm)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Project Hope (Awbrey)
28 Project Hope (NEHS)	29	30	31 Fifth Wednesday	1	2	3