



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.

SIMPLY AMAZING!

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of the summer, and what a summer it's been! I can't remember a summer on record where there's been more ministry-related events going on. We started with the men's camping trip and Vacation Bible School. We had youth camp, CityFest, the Block Party, and Project Hope. Through these events we have seen God do amazing things. We've seen people come to know Christ and others be encouraged to grow in their faith. We've seen God's people step up to serve our church and community. Most of all, we had a lot of fun! If you were involved with making these events a reality, I want to give you a huge shout out! There is no way the body of Christ can do so much good without your help.

As we look forward to the fall, I'm just excited. Our study in Ephesians has been challenging us to see that God in His grace has called each one of us to be a part of His body, and the body of Christ is the most powerful force for good in the world. This has given me incredible hope for how God wants to do amazing things through Riviera this fall. Whether it's the men's conference, Kickoff Sunday, or Trunk or Treat, I know God has great things in store. We'll also be offering a new opportunity to grow in your faith through a workshop called HeartChange (read more inside!).

We know that God doesn't just work through events. God grows our faith as we gather for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. We'll be promoting Growth Groups again, and I encourage everyone to be in some sort of group, where you're experiencing encouragement and accountability. We must continue to grow in our faith so that the prayer of Paul in Ephesians 3 will be a reality: *"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."* This power only becomes reality as we yield to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

It's an uncertain world that we live in today, but one thing is certain: Christ is still on the throne. And if He is on the throne, we can expect the end of 2018 to be simply amazing. I want to close with the benediction that we've read so many times this year: *"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."*

In His grace,

Pastor Toby Gallego

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LEADERSHIP

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Above:
Vacation
Bible School
(Photos by
Annie
Pasquinnelli)

Below:
Bathroom
remodel
project
(Photos by
Jim Dopkus)



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Left:
Project
Hope

Right:
Africa
Mission
Trip



SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: BARB WILSON

Barb Wilson has been the warm, welcoming face of Riviera Baptist Church for almost 20 years – as well as the energetic, driving force of many of the ministries of which she's been a part.

Barb originally accepted Christ when she was 10 years old, in the middle of the night when she'd come downstairs for a drink of water at her aunt's home. She says she wasn't really sure what she was doing, and her dedication to the Lord "didn't stick" until much later in life, when she "came to know the Lord like [she] should." However, she's always believed in God and Jesus, and her testimony speaks to that.

When she and husband Mib moved to Eugene from Oklahoma, they learned that their nephew Ricky Scott had become the pastor at this River Road church, so they thought they'd give it a shot. Since then, both Barb and Mib have been deeply involved as volunteers in service.

It's hard to find an area where she hasn't been involved in her tenure here. She has a heart for children and education, so Barb has been a children's teacher, a facilitator for Women on Mission, a leader for women's ministries, and she always helps with Vacation Bible School. In addition to those teaching duties, she's been a volunteer receptionist, a greeter, a singer on the



Worship team and the seniors' choir, and has managed the flower chart for the sanctuary each week. Most recently, of course, she's been the teacher for the Senior Ladies' Sonshine class.

She's had to cut back on some of her service areas recently,

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HeartChange Workshop

...a place where you can experience the heart of God
as your Heavenly Father.

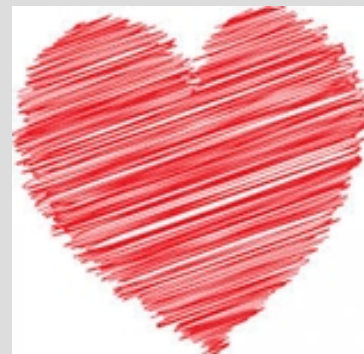
The HeartChange Workshop is coming to Riviera Baptist Church! This incredible and highly recommended weekend session is designed to help you align your heart with God's in a way you've never experienced.

When you understand intellectually that God is good and He loves everybody, but your heart just doesn't seem to be fully on board, sometimes you have to step in deeper and let the Spirit of Truth set you free to love God with your whole being.

The enemy has so many tools in his arsenal to keep you from experiencing true freedom in faith – fear, failures, past wounds and disappointments, unhealthy self-consciousness, perfectionism, blind spots, lies . . . and so much more. This event can help you embrace a fuller awareness of God as your Heavenly Father. It can

give you an appropriate, godly self-image and peaceful confidence. It can help you foster a genuine love for others, a sense of freedom to be yourself, and help you experience abundant life in Christ. You will truly feel your heart change for the better at this workshop as you draw closer to the Lord – and that's what life is all about.

The HeartChange event will take place from **October 25th through 28th** and though it's free to participants, there are a limited number of spots available. Register at www.heartchange.org and reserve your spot today! If you have questions, talk to Rod or Margy Mitchell, our event facilitators.



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due to health concerns and her eyesight. Unfortunately, she will soon be giving up teaching the Sonshine class. Some of her favorite memories are of this group, including the day that Kevin Ruede joined them. Barb ran into Vi Ruede at an Arby's, and she'd been looking to change churches. She wanted to know if Kevin could come into the class with her – and of course, Barb said yes. "He has been an absolute blessing for us. He's a very precious young man."

Other favorite memories include teaching the Aucoin twins, the Cole kids, and counseling Sylvia's grandson Nick McDowell to come to the

Lord. Even though she won't be teaching for much longer, she's still bound to be thoroughly involved in as many ministries as possible, and she'll continue making great memories here at Riviera.

When asked about the future of the church, Barb's passion for teaching is clear yet again. "I'd like to see our older people leave a legacy for the young ones through our actions – how we treat people, how we serve the Lord," she says. "They are the future of the church, and I would like to see the young people grow through observing true, solid, senior Christians."

With servants like you, Barb, the young ones will have an outstanding model to follow!

RIVIERA: LOOKING FORWARD

We've got a season full of autumn favorites and new events and activities coming up for you here at RBC! Keep an eye on the calendars, announcements, and website for more information as it becomes available.

- Kickoff Sunday (September 23rd)
- HeartChange (October 25th-28th)
- "A Chosen Vessel" (October 14th)
- Trunk or Treat (October 31st)
- Veterans Day (November 11th)
- Thanksgiving (November 22nd)
- . . . and so much more!



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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 NW Missions Impact week	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Fall Kick-Off	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Welcome to RBC Class	1	2	3	4	5	6
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