

# welcome

Good Morning Riverside Family,

The choice to follow the Jesus way or the way of the world begins in our heart. Our heart determines so much of who we are and whether we will be who God created us to be. The Bible says no man can know the heart, but 1 Chronicles 28:9 tells us the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive. That's why I believe in a God who see's everything and knows the beat to which we play.


Just like every part of the body, the human heart has a specific function. This function is to pump blood and nutrients around the body and back into the heart. There are two main passages into the heart, one through the superior vein and the other through the inferior vein. The spiritual heart functions in the same way. The two entrances into it represent the way into the kingdom of God. The superior vein represents God and His son Jesus and their place of dwelling. But Jesus humbled himself under the Father and descended through the inferior vein to the earth. Jesus came to this lowly place of living in order for us to be resurrected from our earthly mindset so that we could ascend together to His superior place of living. Ephesians 2:6 says, and God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

When there is blockage in the veins and arteries the blood cannot flow properly and the heart has to work harder to pump. Similarly, when we allow sin into our lives it eventually blocks the entrances of our spiritual heart and causes stress on our relationship with God. Just like cholesterol brings blockage into our veins so sin blocks up the flow of a healthy spiritual life in Him.

Sometimes our veins need to be cleaned out and a bypass performed so we can live in that superior realm with Him which He has prepared for us. Blessings to you today and the week to come.

Abiding in Jesus,  
Amanda Herring

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 **Sunday Morning Bulletin** – we are now putting each week’s bulletin on the website. You will find it by going to [Connect2riverside.com](http://Connect2riverside.com) under Who we are – Weekly News. **Keep up to date and join us on facebook. Become a "fan".**

**Get Connected!** Have an iPhone. You can download our new Riverside iPhone App. Just search Riverside Community Church in the app store & download it for free. Or check us out on facebook & twitter ([riversidecom](http://riversidecom)). And don’t forget to visit our website at [connect2riverside.com](http://connect2riverside.com) for information and updates.

**Women's Bible Study** - Come join us as we discover the joy of **Breaking Free!!** Jesus Christ does not want you to be in bondage!! We will begin Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at Esther Georges' home from 6:30 - 8:30p.m. Contact Deb Foster at [ldb239@gmail.com](mailto:ldb239@gmail.com) or Joanie Dean at [jjdean@gvtc.com](mailto:jjdean@gvtc.com) for more information and to let us know how many workbooks we will need to order.

**Men’s Conference** – **“Godly Manhood From the Inside Out”** on Sept. 10 & 11 (Fri. 7:00 - 8:30pm & Sat. 9:00am-noon) followed by **“Living as a Real Man in Christ”** an 8 week study on Weds. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:00pm. Speaker Bill Loveless – **Christ is Life Ministries.** Contact Jim Jones 210-313-7668 – [jimjones@gvtc.com](mailto:jimjones@gvtc.com).

## KINGZ KIDZ CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (Birth- 5th grade)

*Raenette Klein (rklein@gvtc.com), Children’s Pastor*

- **Join Princess Ministries as they explore God’s Girls this fall.** We meet on Friday’s from 4:30-5:30 beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> at Crossroad. Sign your daughter up today at the Children’s table in the back. For more information contact: Angie Jensen [abjensen@gvtc.com](mailto:abjensen@gvtc.com) or Tamara Ramirez [ntramirez@gmail.com](mailto:ntramirez@gmail.com)
- **Wanting to serve?** We would love for you to come see what the Lord is doing in the nursery OR come and learn along with the children scripture and just how awesome our G-d is in Odyssey! See Raenette Klein for more details!

## REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY (6th grade - High School)

*John Hinkebein, (johnhinkebein@yahoo.com), Youth Pastor*

**For more info on our fall line up check out [riversiderefuge.com](http://riversiderefuge.com)**

- **Youth Kick Off Sunday TODAY!!!** - All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to join us at the Crossroads building for our school year kick off party - 1pm-3pm. Free lunch, dodge ball, volleyball, basketball & don’t forget to bring your favorite white t-shirt to tie dye! You’ll also get the chance to meet our Acacia leaders & sign up for a group.
- **Middle School Cook Out and Football Game Sept 10th-** All 6th - 8th graders are invited to join us at Esther and Evans George’s as we cookout before the HS football game. The cost is only \$5 for dinner and \$8 for your ticket into the game...if you don't have it already. You must sign up and pay no later than Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Parents want to stay in the loop?** Stop by the youth table & get plugged in! You will find our newsletter for the fall, fill out a contact card, find info on all of our events and you can sign up for our free text message alerts!
- **Help needed for Alamo Heights UMC 100 Year Celebration!** We are excited about the upcoming celebration "Jubilate", September 19 and need lots of help!!

1. Saturday, Sept. 18 @1 pm AHUMC Kitchen to assemble centerpieces
2. Sunday, Sept 19 @8:30 to skirt tables, decorate with ribbons, place centerpieces, prepare cupcake tree. Please contact Janie Keator 824-1261 - [keator2@yahoo.com](mailto:keator2@yahoo.com) or Janet Casey 822-3858 - [janetcasey1@aol.com](mailto:janetcasey1@aol.com) if you can help!!

**The Gospel, the Church, & the Global Orphan Crisis.** - We are looking for friends & family of Riverside to join us at the National "Together for Adoption" Annual Conference in Austin, TX, October 1-2. Join us for an awesome line up of teaching & worship as we learn more & dig deeper on Gods heart for Orphans in our world! Our group must register ASAP so contact [courtgarrison@gmail.com](mailto:courtgarrison@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Casual & Dressy items needed!** Alright Ladies!!! You know you aren’t going to wear that cute dress or comfy sweater again!! Time to donate for a good cause! We will be having our first ever “Chic Boutique for Less” on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - a fundraiser for the 2011 Women’s Retreat. Please start cleaning out your closets & bringing your fun items to The Loft Tues-Sat 7am-2pm, so we can start assembling our “boutique” for the September sale. **The sooner the better!** All seasons, all women’s wear, accessories & shoes. Proceeds from our boutique will benefit the retreat; all unsold items will be donated to The Hope Center. Winning combo for all! If able, please donate your hangers along with your clothing items. For info or if you’d like to help contact Michele Woodman- [mlwoodman@gvtc.com](mailto:mlwoodman@gvtc.com)

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## WELCOME!

*Please let us know you were here.*

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Children	Date of Birth
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**I am a:**

Partner  Regular attendee

First-time visitor

**I would like to find out more about:**

Riverside Community

Children’s Ministry

Youth Ministry

Acacia (Home) Groups

The Hope Center

How can I serve

**Please list prayer requests on the back>>>**

