



the **bend**
2.28.2010
10 AM

the **river** community church

worship: simonian early learning center
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office: the barn
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songs:

*Come Now Is The Time To Worship
God Of Wonders
How Great Is Our God
Sweet Mercies
Sing For Joy*

éclair moment: lent 2010: going deeper by giving peace
Matthew 5.9, 1 John 4.18, Matthew 5.43 & Joshua 5.13

river news:

COMMUNITY MEAL: Immediately following our service, we will gather for our community meal to discuss our finances and vision. Lunch and the fixings will be provided and everyone is welcome. End time: 12:30 PM+/-.

LENT 2010: "Going Deeper By Giving" is the theme for Lent this year. Reading guides and devotionals entitled Why Give? are available on the lobby table.

EASTER CREATIONS 2010: Please be praying about inviting someone to our Easter Celebration April 4. We are calling all artists, poets and creative people to create around this year theme of "GIVEN."
What Easter means...

God's gift
Instead of Me
Victory
Eternal significance
Now living!

Life Enhancement Courses:

The ALPHA Course is a study on the basics of Christianity. Do you have questions about Christianity? You are not alone. The Alpha Course looks to answer questions like is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Is the Bible true? If you or someone you know would find this course valuable please contact Mike & Linda Hendrikse [email - commission@rivercrc.org or phone - 508-234-6016].

The ALPHA Course starts: [Sundays] March 7
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Place: the barn [9 west street douglas]

the river's prayer meeting: Please join us for a time of prayer on second and fourth Monday of each month. March 8 is our next gathering from 7-9pm at the barn [9 West Street Douglas].

Giving to the river?

If you'd like to give in support of the work and service of the river, we ask that you put your gift in the breadboxes located at the entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

Breadbox report:
Weekly goal: \$2,520.00
February giving: \$3,582.00
YTD giving: \$11,331.00
YTD goal: \$17,640.00

Upcoming Events:

- TODAY [10 AM]: celebration service: giving peace [matthew 5.9]
- TODAY [following the service]: community meal
- March 3 [6:30 PM]: the financial peace university course at the barn
- March 6 [3-6]: skating party at John & Heidi Williams [60 Cooper Road Northbridge]
- March 7 [10 AM]: celebration service and communion: giving a stand [matthew 5.10-12]
- March 7 [6:30-8 PM]: The Alpha Course starts at the barn – sign up today!
- March 8 [7-9 PM]: the river's prayer meeting at the barn
- March 14 [10 AM]: celebration service: stories of giving – Mary & Martha [luke 10.38-41]

SKATING: John & Heidi Williams are inviting everyone for a skating party at their home on March 6 [Saturday] from 3-6 PM. Bring the family and invite some friends. Location: 60 Cooper Road Northbridge.

lent “giving” moments:

a giving opportunity: Sutton Food Pantry serves 11-20 families. Please bring one or two items **March 7** of one of the following food supplies:

canned meats [*chicken, turkey, ham - no tuna*]

pasta sides [*like the ones by Knorr or Lipton*]

stews [*beef or other flavors*]

macaroni & cheese

laundry detergent

mayonnaise

THE BARN! Thank you for the gifts of furniture. What is needed: rugs, rustic eating tables and a refrigerator.

“giving of your time” opportunities:

Set up crew: if you are interested in setting up the sound & video equipment for our celebration service once a month, please contact John Williams [setup@rivercrc.org].

Hospitality: if you are interested in setting up and/or cleaning up coffee for our celebration service once a month, please contact Linda Harris [coffee@rivercrc.org].

Children’s Ministry: if you are interested working with children, the children ministry can use your help, please contact Alicia Wierenga [cm@rivercrc.org].

vision talk:

the river community church is about helping people discover and strengthen their journey with Jesus.

“...discovering a journey with Jesus...” opportunity:

The ALPHA Course: a 12-week course on the basics of Christianity. Take the course yourself, take it with a friend or recommended it to a friend so that they can discover and start a journey with Jesus. The course will be hosted by the river on Sundays starting March 7 at The Barn [9 West Street Douglas]

“...strengthening your journey with Jesus...” opportunities:

Bible Reading Program: an eleven part mentored study on the Bible’s story from Genesis to Revelation. Contact mentors Pastor Bruce [bruce@rivercrc.org] or Pastor John DeVries [johndevries@rivercrc.org] to start.

Have you been discipled? A one-on-one discipleship program is available for anyone interested in strengthening their faith. Contact Pastor Bruce for details.

strengthening your journey:



Scriptural Teaching for A New Disciple

*“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then **instruct them in the practice** of all I have commanded you.”*
[matthew 28.19-20 the message]

a public declaration of your faith: Are you at a point in your life where you would like to declare that you trust Jesus? Or are you wondering what it means to stand up and say, “I am a follower of Jesus.”? A special class entitled “STAND” will be offered Saturday mornings starting March 13, 2010. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the office [theriver@rivercrc.org or 508-982-2114].

Tentative STAND schedule [Saturdays]:

March 13: the Biblical story

March 20: the confessional story

March 27: our story

April 10: the church’s story

April 17: the confessional story – part two

April 24: the Biblical story – part two