

## Announcements

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### WELCOME LUNCHEON

New to Seven Rivers? This event is for you! Held the first Sunday of each month, it's a fun, first-step opportunity to learn about Seven Rivers Church and get to know others, including pastors, staff, and other new people. It is a chance to discover what makes this big church—and ALL these people—feel like family. Join us in the Florida Room following worship this Sunday, October 1.

### BACKSTAGE PASS

Thursday, October 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Backstage Pass is the first step for anyone interested in learning about the music and audio/visual team at Seven Rivers. More details may be found online at: [SevenRivers.org/backstage-pass](http://SevenRivers.org/backstage-pass).

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 pm on the Athletic Field. Free dinner (hot dogs, drinks, dessert) provided. Citrus County Classic Cruisers will have cars on display. Sign-up at the Information Desk or online.

### BEYOND GRIEF EVENTS

- October 3 at 11:30 am, lunch at Lollygaggers in Crystal River
- October 17 at 6:00 pm, game night
- Contact June Cunningham ([junecunningham2015@gmail.com](mailto:junecunningham2015@gmail.com); 352-299-5488) for details.

### DADS & KIDS CAMPOUT

For dads with kids of all ages. Warrior Park, October 20 beginning at 5:30 pm — Saturday, October 21 at noon. Dinner, s'mores, and breakfast provided. Bring your own tent and camping gear. Pre-registration is required. Sign-up on our website under "Young Family Events."

### NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS

Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 pm in the Florida Room. If you have previously completed the Pastor's Class and would like to be interviewed for membership, sign up at the Information Desk or email Tricia Marble ([triciam@sevenrivers.org](mailto:triciam@sevenrivers.org)) at the church office.

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Saturday, October 28, 10:00 am - noon on the Seven Rivers Church athletic field. For kids in grade 5 and under, along with their families.

### TRUNKS FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Registration is open for anyone in our church or school who would like to go all out and host a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday, October 28, 10:00am - noon. We need 40 trunks! Registration and details on our website: [SevenRivers.org/trunk-or-treat](http://SevenRivers.org/trunk-or-treat).

### THE AIMEE KELSO MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Seven Rivers Christian School is hosting its annual golf fundraiser, Monday, November 6 at the Black Diamond Ranch Quarry course. This is our only scholarship fundraising event of the year, so please come out and support our students! Registration forms at the Information Desk.

### YOUNG FAMILIES FOOD SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Crystal River Visitor Center. Young families with children are invited to come help pack food boxes for local children, fellowship with other families, and enjoy some pizza. We will also be collecting small plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly now through November 10. Details and sign up on our website [SevenRivers.org/Upcoming-Events](http://SevenRivers.org/Upcoming-Events).



## SRC Core Values

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### RENEWING GRACE

In a world of brokenness, SRC seeks to be a place where hearts and homes are healed by the love of God.

### RELENTLESS MISSION

In a world of self-absorption, SRC seeks to bless our world with deeds of compassion, mercy and grace.

### REDEMPITIVE COMMUNITY

In a world of disconnection, SRC seeks to be a place of unusual devotion to one another.

## Worship Services

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SATURDAY EVENINGS ..... 6:00PM

SUNDAY MORNINGS ..... 10:00AM

## Upcoming Events

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**MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)** | October 10

**BACKSTAGE PASS** | October 12

**RELATIVES AS PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP** | October 12

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY TAILGATE PARTY** | October 15

**DAD & KIDS CAMP OUT** | October 20 & 21

**NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS** | October 22

**TRUNK OR TREAT** | October 28

**AIMEE KELSO MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC** | November 6

**YOUNG FAMILIES FOOD SERVICE PROJECT** | November 11

Information about these events and more at: [SevenRivers.org/Upcoming-Events](http://SevenRivers.org/Upcoming-Events)



To be in the know on everything happening at Seven Rivers: check out our Website ([SevenRivers.org](http://SevenRivers.org)), like us on Facebook (@sevenrivers), download our sermons from iTunes (Seven Rivers Church), follow us on Instagram (sevenriverschurch), view our videos on YouTube (Seven Rivers Church), download our App (Seven Rivers Church) from your favorite App Store.

## Seven Rivers Church

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# Sermon Notes

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GALATIANS  
**THE NON-GODS**  
September 30 & October 1, 2023  
Adam Jones  
Galatians 4:8-11

- I. **NON-GODS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Galatians 4:8) 8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods... ..how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?
- II. **NON-GODS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Galatians 4:8-10) Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? You observe days and months and seasons and years!
- III. **NON-GODS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Galatians 4:9) But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again...

This message and previous ones are available on our website and on our app; sermon notes available on our app.

# Reflection

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“This means then, that idolatry is always the reason we ever do anything wrong. Why do we ever lie, or fail to love or keep promises or live unselfishly? Of course, the general answer is “because we are weak and sinful,” but the specific answer is always that there is something besides Jesus Christ that you feel you must have to be happy, something that is more important to your heart than God, something that is spinning out a delusional field and enslaving the heart through inordinate desires. So the secret to change is always to identify the idols of the heart. The Bible does not consider idolatry to be one sin among many (and thus now a very rare sin only among primitive people). Rather, the only alternative to true, full faith in the living God is idolatry. All our failures to trust God wholly or to live rightly are due at root to idolatry—something we make more important than God. There is always a reason for a sin. Under our sins are idolatrous desires.”

— Timothy Keller

# Order of Worship

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## SONG

“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## SONG

“Christ Be Magnified”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

## WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHILDREN DISMISSED

## THE READING & PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Adam Jones

## CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Nineveh”

“Before The Throne Of God Above”

## BENEDICTION

# Communion

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## ABOUT COMMUNION

Communion is for all Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We ask that children refrain from partaking until they have publicly professed their faith in Christ with our elders/church leaders.

## DIRECTIONS FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

Come forward as the usher dismisses your row, receive the bread and the wine. For those who prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread, when your row is dismissed, join a line at the far left or right (request the gluten free bread tray). If you are unable to come forward, let the usher know as he or she dismisses your row, and you will be served at your seat.

## PRAYERS OF MEDITATION FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life You promise. Amen.

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Children & Students

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## CHILDREN: BIRTH THRU GRADE 5

A comfortable room is available in the Children’s Wing for nursing mothers. Nursery is provided for the length of each service for children ages 0-4. Children in grades K-2 will be dismissed to Children’s Church midway through the worship service and may be picked up in the Children’s Church room. Midway through the Sunday service, children in grades 3-5 will be dismissed to the EDGE and may be picked up in Room 407. All children must register before the service begins in order to participate.

## SEVEN RIVERS STUDENT MINISTRY (SRSM)

SRSM believes that all students are lovable through a relationship with Jesus. SRSM accomplishes this mission by creating spaces for students to come as they are, through Student Life, Mission Trips, Retreats, Summer Camps and Discipleship Groups. Students are given the freedom to struggle, hurt and ask questions about Christianity. Students will be reminded of the constant love of Jesus as mentors, volunteers, leaders and staff listen to them, and love them. During the school year, SRSM Student Life Wednesdays run from 5:30-7:30 pm for Middle School and 7:00-8:30 pm for High School.