

WHILE YOU ARE HERE

BIBLES

If you don't own a Bible, and would like one, we have them available in both English and Spanish, free of charge, at the Welcome Desk this weekend. We would love for you to take one home today.

CELL PHONES

In consideration of those seated near you, please silence your cell phone during the service.

NAME TAGS

Seven Rivers can be a big place, with lots of faces we know (and love), but names we can't always remember. For this reason, we encourage everyone to wear a name tag. You may order and pick up your name tag at the Welcome Desk in the main lobby.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

If this is your first visit to Seven Rivers, we are delighted you are worshiping with us today and we have a gift for you. Stop by the First Time Guest counter area near the "Start Here" sign on your way out and pick it up. We're glad you're here.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

CHILDREN: BIRTH THRU GRADE 2

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. All children must register before the service begins in order to participate.

SEVEN RIVERS STUDENTS (SRS)

At SRS, we believe that every student is lovable through a relationship with Jesus. We create welcoming spaces for students to come as they are, including Student Life (Youth Group), Mission Trips, Retreats, Summer Camps, Small Groups, Events, and more! We value honesty and constantly invite students into the healing love of Jesus. Our dedicated volunteers, staff, and parents are committed to fostering these relationships. During the school year, SRS Student Life meets Wednesdays: 5:30-7:30 pm for Middle School and 7:00-8:30 pm for High School. SevenRivers.org/students

SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Founded in 1988, Seven Rivers Christian School is a PreK-12, college-preparatory school serving over 700 students. SRCS provides a robust academic program in an environment where the Reformed Christian faith forms the foundation for all learning. SevenRiversCS.org

SRC CORE VALUES

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

SATURDAY EVENINGS 6:00PM

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:00 & 11:00AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME LUNCHEON | May 4

FIRST PRAY | May 7

RELATIVES AS PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP | May 8

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER WELCOME WEEK | May 12 - 16

MOMCO | May 13

BACKSTAGE PASS | May 15

GLOBAL PRAYER & FARE | May 24

SUMMER CONFERENCE | July 12-15



Scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up for events SevenRivers.org/Upcoming-Events

LET'S GO FINANCIAL UPDATE

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE CONTRIBUTIONS

	RECEIVED	BUDGETED
March 2025	\$516,474	\$476,700
October 2024 - March 2025	\$2,670,268	\$2,860,205

SEVEN RIVERS CHURCH

Seven Rivers Church exists to bring the healing love of Jesus to broken people and broken places.



SERMON NOTES

MERE CHRISTIANITY

“So, now faith, hope, and love abide...”
I Corinthians 13:13
Adam Jones
April 20, 2025

I. MERE CHRISTIANITY: _____

(Romans 3:10-11) None is righteous, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God... ..no one does good, not even one. (Ephesians 2:8-9) For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
(Romans 7:24) Wretched man that I am... (John 23:24) ...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

II. MERE CHRISTIANITY: _____

(Romans 8:22-23) For we know the whole creation groans... ..and not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoptions as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men. (Psalm 16:11) You have made known to me the path of life, in your presence is the fullness of joy; at your right-hand pleasures ever more.

III. MERE CHRISTIANITY: _____

(Matthew 19:19) Love your neighbor... (Matthew 5:5) Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... (Romans 12:21) ...Overcome evil with good. (Matthew 5:41) And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with two miles. (Romans 5:6-8) For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... ..but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

REFLECTION

There have been times when I think we do not desire heaven; but more often I find myself wondering whether, in our heart of hearts, we have ever desired anything else. It is the secret signature of each soul, the incommunicable and unappeasable want, the thing we desired before we met our wives or made our friends or chose our work, and which we shall still desire on our deathbeds, when the mind no longer knows wife, or friend, or work. All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness. The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it.

— C. S. Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”
“Love Of God”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

SONG

“Jesus You Alone”

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHILDREN DISMISSED

MISSIONARY UPDATE: ZACH & JOY SALE

THE READING & PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Adam Jones

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Meeting Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Childcare provided for ages 0-grade 5. Register at the Welcome Desk, on our website or app.

Pastor’s Class taught by Ray Cortese in the Florida Room.

One & Done, a study of Obadiah, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude, taught by Brandon Lauranzon in the Sanctuary.

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 our 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 4. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk or on online today.

FIRST PRAY

Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. In our continued pursuit of growing as a praying church, we will come together on the first Wednesday of every month to corporately express our dependence on God through prayer, worship, and fellowship. Childcare provided for infants - 4-year-olds.

MOMCO

MomCo, short for Mom Community, exists to equip and encourage moms of young children. Join us for MomCo, Tuesday, May 13 at 9:30 am in the Florida Room. Meeting cost \$7, includes breakfast and childcare.

BACKSTAGE PASS

Curious about what goes on behind the scenes in weekend worship? Interested in getting to know our team members, values and processes? Join us for an evening of talking all things SRW, playing music and making connections! Thursday, May 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Sign up on our website or app today.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Time is running out to sign-up for middle and high school summer camps! Details on our website: SevenRivers.org/Students

YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGE STUDENT SUMMER WELCOME WEEK

May 12 - 16, Seven Rivers is excited to welcome our college students back to Citrus County with a full week of evening activities designed to reconnect, recharge, and have a blast! Join us for a lineup of fun, including: ice cream nights, pickleball, beach volleyball, and more! And don’t miss the Summer Kick-off Party on May 15 at the Student Ministry Building at 7:00 pm!

12-DAY INSPIRATIONAL TOUR OF TURKEY: APRIL 2026

Seven Rivers Church is leading a 12-Day Inspirational Tour of Turkey next April—grab a brochure at the Welcome Desk for more information.