



**CONNECT**  
with Jesus



**GROW**  
together



**GO**  
make disciples

ONE CHURCH · MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Downtown**

405 NE 6th St.  
Saturday @ 5p  
Sunday @ 8:50,  
10:10, 11:30a

**Murphy**

8551 New Hope Rd  
Sunday @ 10a

**Redwood**

2193 Midway Ave  
Sunday @ 9 & 10:30a

GET CONNECTED

**Connect Card** | New to River Valley? Have an update? Want more info? Have prayer request? Please fill out *Connect* card in chair back or at Connect Center.

**To Download My Church App** | Follow instructions here: Text "RVCbeliever" to 77977 and follow the instructions of the text response.

EVENTS

- **Rogue River Campus Interest Meeting** | Join Pastors Austin Abbott and Duane Stark as they provide information and answer questions about the upcoming Rogue River church plant. Join us at the Downtown Campus on this Sunday at 11:30am in Rm. 107.
- **Faith House Wreath** | If interested in helping women in need this season, find the Faith House Wreath at your campus, grab an ornament, and bring the gift back to your campus or front office by Dec. 13.
- **Joe's Place** | Grab a Joe's Place handout in the Connect Center if interested in supporting this outreach by purchasing a Christmas Tree or participating in Fill-A-Pack.
- **Lifeline** | We are collecting for our Lifeline Ministry today. If you'd like to give to help those in need, please use the Love Offering Envelope.
- **Pizza with the Pastor** | Join Pastor Tyler for lunch today at 11:30am in the large room across from childcare.

ADVENT READING PLAN

*Prophecies*

Day 1  
Genesis 3:15

Day 3  
Psalm 22:14-18

Day 5  
Isaiah 7:14

*Fulfillment*

Day 2  
I John 3:8

Day 4  
John 19:23-37

Day 6  
Luke 1:35

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**Hope:**  
Preparing for the Past  
*Selected Scriptures*

**I. What is Advent?**

**II. Why Participate in Advent?**

**Big Idea:** Advent prepares us *for* Christ and makes us more *like* Christ.

**III. How Do We Get the Most out of Advent?**

-Reflect on Three Advents:

1) First Advent:                     **In Bethlehem as a Baby**                      
(Jn 1:1-2, 14, Lk 2:11-12)

2) Current Advent:                     **In our Lives through the Holy Spirit**                      
(Jn 14:18, 26; Eph 3:16-17, 5:18-19)

3) Second Advent:                     **To the World as King**                      
(Acts 1:11, Rev 3:11, 1:14-17, 21:3-7, 2 Pet 3:7-10)

NEW CITY CATECHISM, QUESTION 30

**What do we believe by true faith?**

Everything taught to us in the gospel; the Apostles' Creed summarizes our faith.<sup>1</sup>

1 We couldn't fit the Apostle's Creed on our program, but a simple Google search should bring it up, or email Pastor Tyler ([tgoens@rivervalleycc.org](mailto:tgoens@rivervalleycc.org))

LIFE GROUP LESSON • DECEMBER 2-8

1. Finish the following statements:
  - This is how God has used this group in my life over the last 12 weeks....
  - A significant area of growth and change for me over the last 12 weeks has been...
  - I want to thank or encourage....(another group member) for...(share specifically what God has done in you through them or what you want to encourage them with)
2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you? Anything you hoped we could briefly talk about?
3. God planned Jesus' arrival thousands of years before it happened. What does that tell us about God?
4. Read Col 2:16,17 – In what ways are you most tempted to pursue the "shadow" of Christmas more than the "Substance" of Christ? What are some of the consequence of this?
5. Why is there typically a big let down after Christmas? What does this teach us about true hope vs. false "hope's"?
6. In what ways do you desire and plan to celebrate Christmas in a more healthy and God-honoring way this year?
7. Where have you experienced disappointment lately? How does the hope of Christ brighten that disappointment?