



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

RIVERSIDE
CHURCH





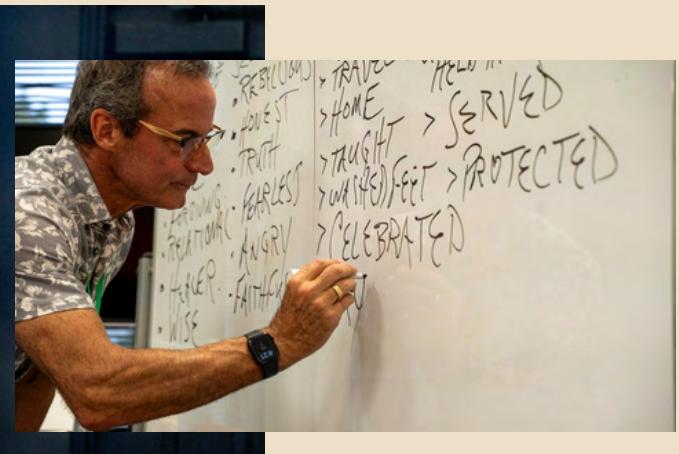
I've got photos on my phone of our staff assembling furniture for our new tent last December, right before Christmas. I really like our tent. It reminds me of where we are going, making more room outside, and it reminds me of where we've been, making room for relationships. It feels like it's always been there, a core part of the Riverside culture, but it's newer than I realized and it's still pretty exciting!

A lot of exciting things happened last year - a building campaign, the Journey to the Cross, exceptional new staff, and some amazing baptism stories. My family got stretched and stressed and saddened, but God has been good. He's been good to us, and He's been good to Riverside. Thanks for being part of it!

Steve

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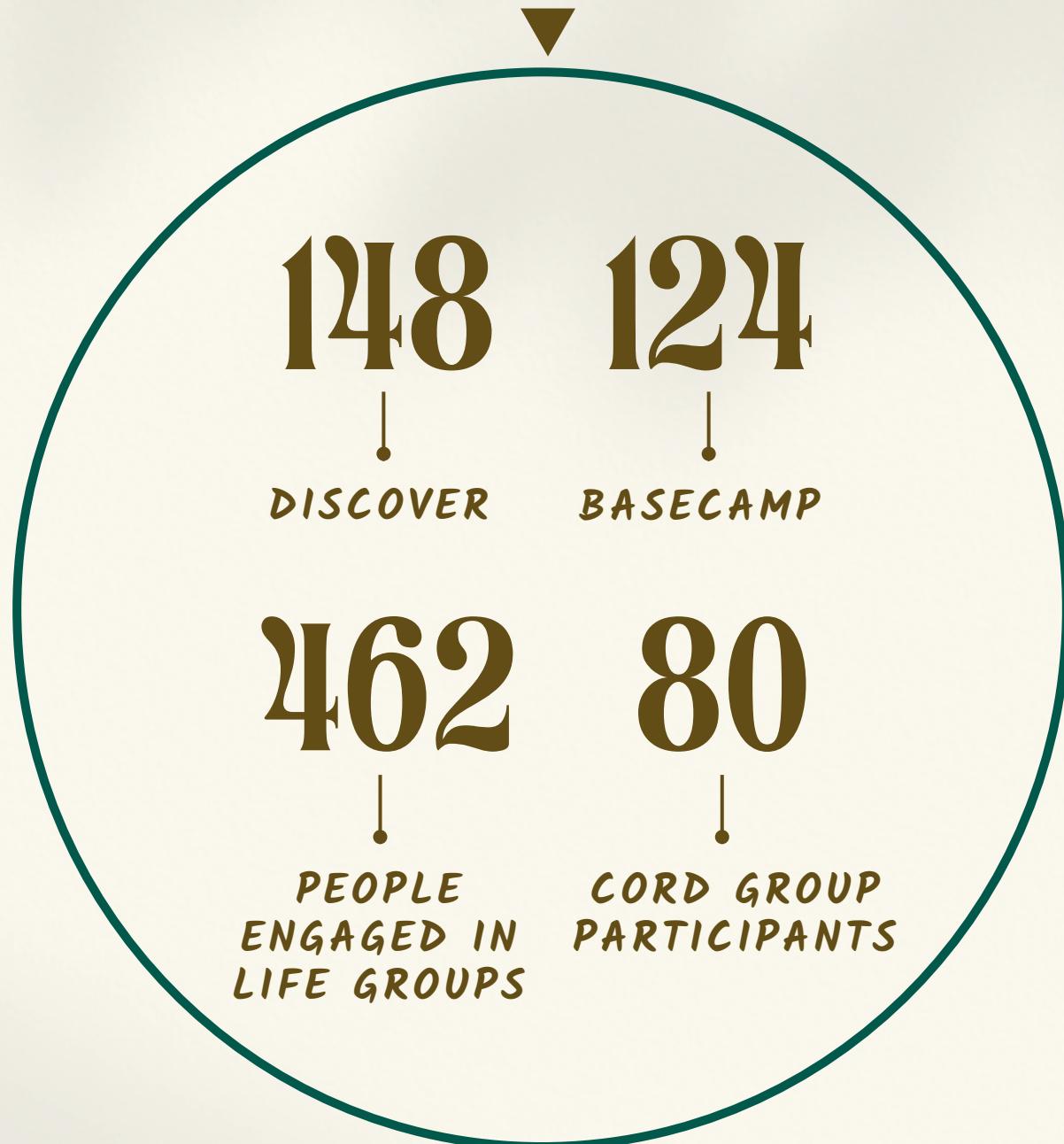
Why get involved in a Riverside Life Group?

At Riverside, we strive to create relational spaces that support each person in their faith journey – encouraging them to grow as disciples of Jesus in community!



SPIRITUAL LANDMARKS

This year, our church family thrived in their relationships with Jesus Christ by participating in ministries that fostered relational community connections and spiritual growth.



Experience deeper growth in your faith and in community by joining a Riverside Life Group:



GUEST SERVICES



Our guest services team works hard to make Riverside feel like home!





RIVERSIDE WORSHIP



We welcomed Jonny Waters
in 2025 as our new
Worship Pastor at Riverside!



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

April 16-18th, 2025

Journey to The Cross was a meaningful time for our church family to walk through during the week before Easter. Reflective spaces were created to help us commemorate the crucifixion of Christ and His resurrection. Join us in 2026 for this profound experience of the greatest gift!





JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

sunday kid's min



child dedication



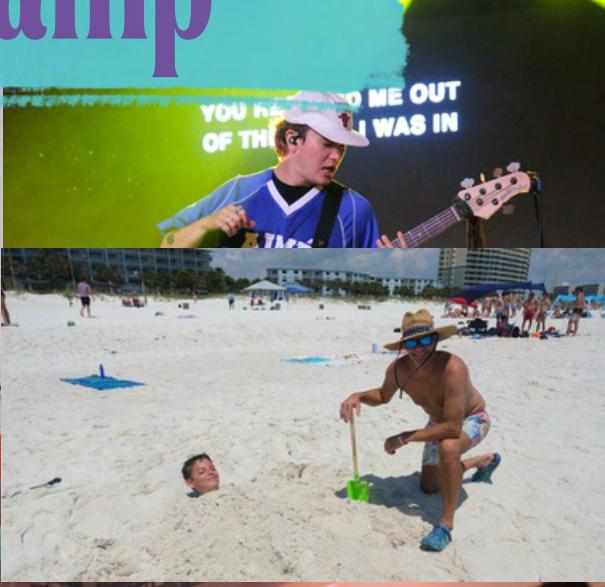
father/son ninja warrior night







BigStuf Camp





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RIVERSIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Hope for Her in The Dominican Republic. The Complete Conference...



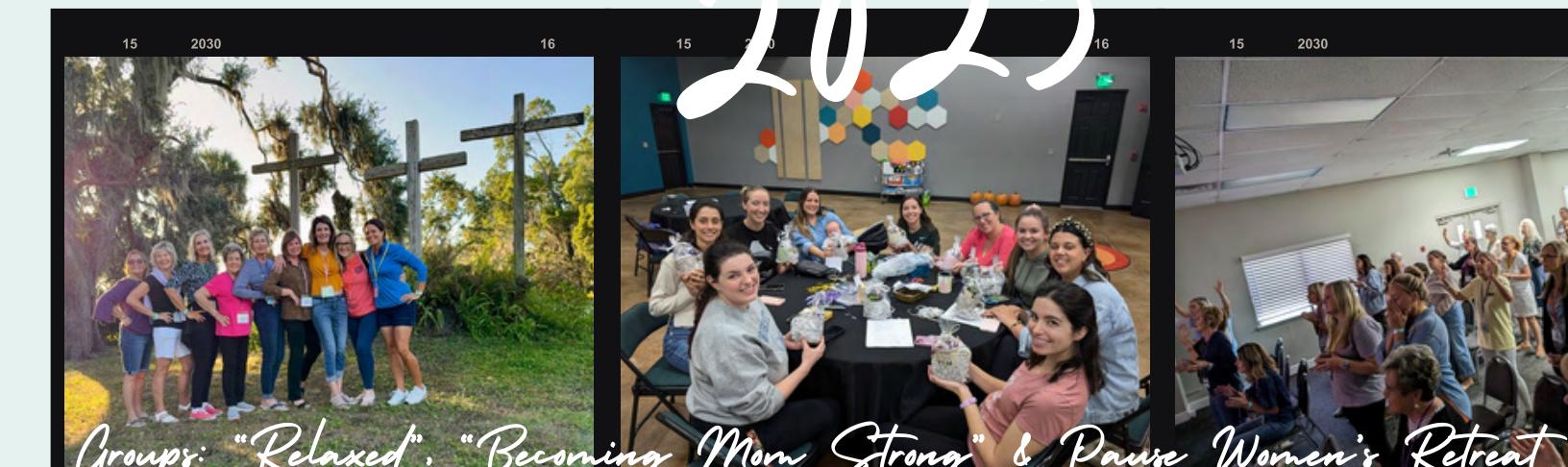
highlights



RIVERSIDE Women



2025



Groups: "Relaxed", "Becoming Mom Strong" & Pause Women's Retreat

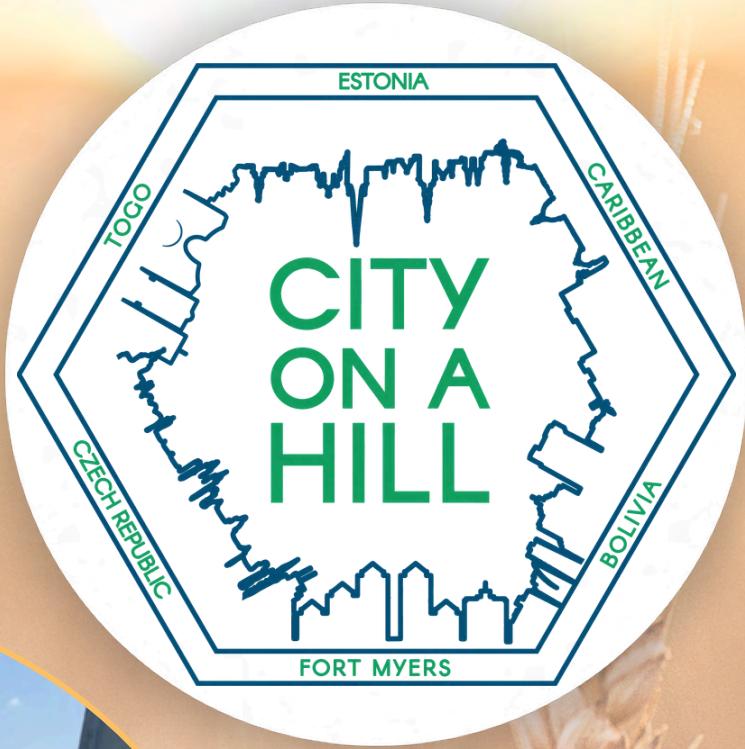
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JUST LIKE US



MISSIONS WEEK

April 6-13th, 2025



MISSION TRIPS

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HOPE FOR HER

The Dominican Republic
April 9-13th



EDGEWOOD —Academy— Arts & Sciences



*6,000 weekend food bags packed in 2025 and 216 children fed for Christmas break (nearly 5 tons of food at Christmas)!

LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

better together job fair



JOB SEEKER PRE-REGISTRATIONS: 461

TOTAL JOB SEEKERS SERVED: 325

Hires on the spot: 39

Interviews scheduled/conducted: 183

Received job coaching: 89

21 employers attended

6 employers hired on the spot!

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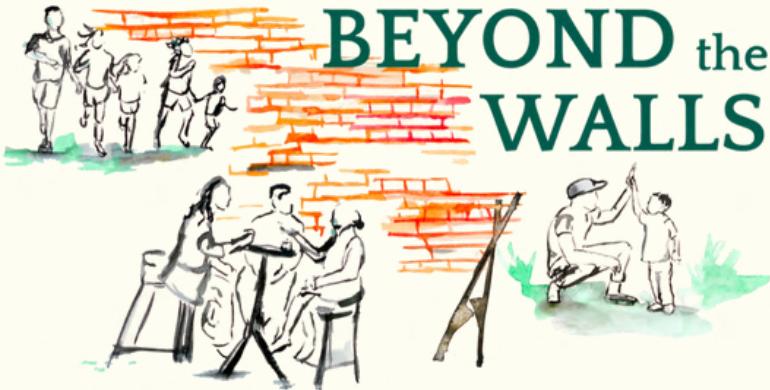
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OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

WALK 4 LIFE & FUNFEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025
Baker Park



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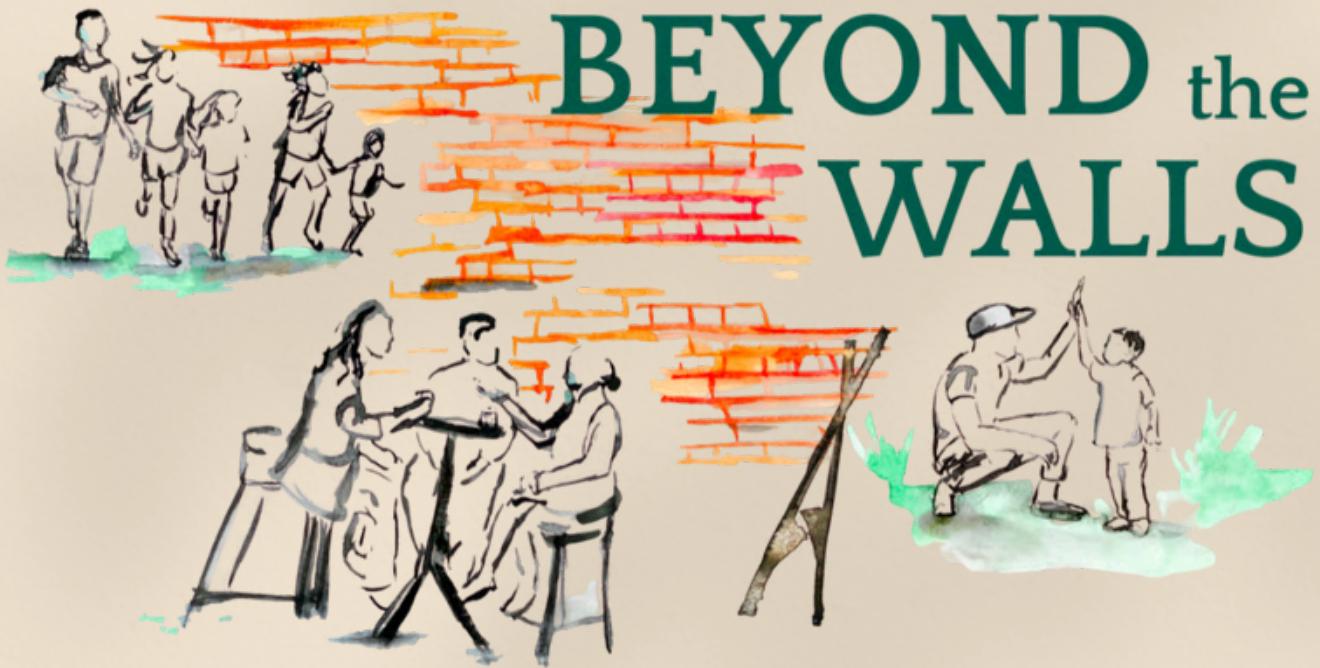


The expansion of our church facilities is about more than just building projects—it's about making room for relationships, opening doors for connection, and creating environments where lives can be transformed.



**Architectural Renderings*





BEYOND the WALLS



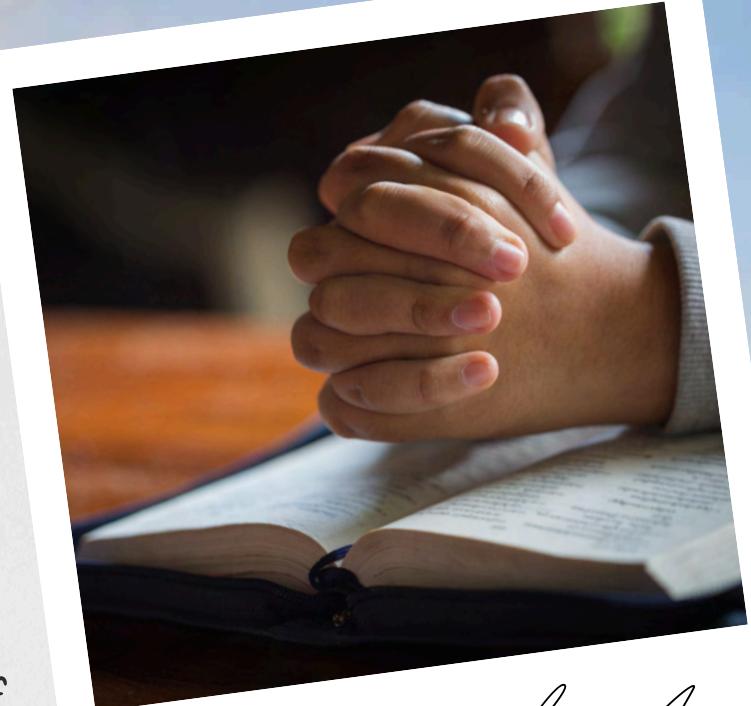
We are scheduled
to break ground
late spring 2026.

Tentative
completion date
of Q1-2027!



Our Prayers For 2026

- ✓ For open doors and prepared hearts of the people that the Lord is already drawing to Himself.
- ✓ To be willing, faithful, and empowered disciples who see ourselves as active participants in disciple-making and use our unique gifts for the sake of others.
- ✓ Unity, wisdom, and faithful stewardship across generations, ministries, and seasons of growth.



Prayer Is Plan A



Riverside Church Staff



THE NEXT CHAPTER

Riverside has been faithful for over a century. Now God is inviting us into the next chapter of that story.

We're grateful for where we've been—but vision asks the question: from here forward, how will we live on mission?

Faithful then. Faithful now. Faithful next.



Church family,

As we look toward 2026, I'm filled with excitement—not because our mission is changing, but because our opportunity to live it out is expanding. Through Beyond the Walls, God is inviting us to steward the 36 acres He's entrusted to us in new and creative ways. This land represents more than space—it represents people, stories, and countless opportunities to engage our city with the love of Jesus.

In the year ahead, we'll see new ways to connect with our community through sports, coffee, family events, church services, and creative environments designed to help us cross the street and reach our neighbors. These spaces are simply tools—but powerful ones—that allow us to meet people where they are and invite them into discipleship and community.

This vision is not possible without you. God has uniquely gifted each member of this body, and we need every gift, every passion, and every step of obedience as we move forward together. As we step into 2026, my prayer is that we would continue to say yes—to serving, to giving, and to engaging our city for Jesus—trusting that God will do far more than we could ask or imagine.

With hope and anticipation,
Matt Nations

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