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KITCHEN PROJECT, OFFICE/NURSERY WING & BUS BARN

**Riverland BAPTIST CHURCH**

# FROM THE PASTOR



As I was reading an article this week, I was enlightened about some things we need to all be very aware of. I am going to share some key thoughts with you from this article on why we run buses, have a Christian

School, and are pushing for more public-school ministry:  
Witchcraft and occult are on the rise among US youth. A 2021 survey by Springtide Research Institute found that 51% of Gen Z teens, and 40% of Millennial young adults regularly engage in the occult. Matthew Staver (Liberty Counsel) tells a story of a 6-year-old elementary schoolboy, forced into the occult by his mom, saved through the Child Evangelism Fellowship. Liam's mother got sucked into the occult and became a practicing Satanist. Little Liam was forced to participate, joining hands with his mother and her fellow Satanists from within a "pentacle", a circle drawn around a pentagram to conduct their "spell work" and demonic conjuring's. But Liam's mother also enrolled him in a Bible club where he learned that Jesus as stronger and better than the devil. He couldn't defy his mother at a such a tender age, so he took what he had learned in His Bible club and began quietly praying in the name of Jesus any time his mother and her Satanist friends forced him to sit in their satanic circle.  
After one satanic session, Liam's mother hit him on the head with a hairbrush, drawing blood. But rather than seek revenge, as his mother's dark religion taught, Liam responded by getting a paper crown from his room and placing it on his mother's head. When Liam's grandmother asked him why he would do such a thing, Liam looked at his grandmother incredulously, "Don't you know, Grandma? Jesus teaches us to forgive."

Kids often begin dabbling with witchcraft out of a desire to control their lives and circumstances. Lacking a connection with God, these youth embrace the occult to "empower" themselves and make themselves their own "gods". Ephesians 2:2 KJV - "Wherein in time past yea walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

A quick look at media, whether transmitted through movies, television, or internet, shows that Satan has been hard at work using the airwaves to spread darkness. Movies like *Harry Potter* present witchcraft as empowering entertainment for children.

Young adult television shows like *Lucifer* present the devil as a decent guy who is just misunderstood. Cable shows like *Ghost Adventures* regularly televise actual demonic conjuring's and satanic seances, while shows like *The Dead Files* encourage people to seek out "chaos, magicians, witches, and demonologists" to "spiritually cleanse" their homes. Social media hashtag #WitchTok, which promotes all things witchcraft, had 64 billion viewers as of late 2024.

Barna's Research Group reveals the antidote to the spiritual warfare plaguing our youth. Barna's research revealed that "possessing an evangelical faith perspective was by far the most significant factor insulating teenagers from unwanted exploration of the supernatural." In fact, evangelical kids are nearly three times less likely than their peers to have engaged in witchcraft. This is why it is so important that the Gospel get to children, and we are leading children to Christ while in elementary school at the most critical formation period of their lives.

## Upcoming events

**IRON MEN FELLOWSHIP**  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH  
6:30 PM - GYM  
FELLOWSHIP | FOOD | PREACHING  
SIGN UP IN THE BACK. NEED SIDE DISHES!

Friday, February 20  
**RCA Final Basketball Game**  
Blue vs White Game - 6:00 PM

**RIVERLAND YOUTH EXPLOSION**  
**THE JOURNEY AHEAD**  
Friday March 27th, 2026 7 PM  
Teens / Ages 12+

Evangelist Chris Dallas Youth Pastor Nate Pitts

# 15 February

*baby*  
IN BLOOM

Ladies, please join us for a baby shower honoring Kamie &

*Lillian Rose*

February 22 • Riverland Baptist Church  
• Following the Evening Service

• Light Refreshments Served at this DROP-IN Shower

Kamie can use diapers, wipes, or Amazon gift cards!

## DONATIONS NEEDED

If you are interested in donating towards our **Missionary Care Baskets**, please give donations to Olivia Dorsey or place them on the missions table in the foyer.  
**Items needed:**  
travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc.  
Snacks are welcome, but no chocolate please.

## BIBLE READING

SUNDAY	Numbers 19-21
MONDAY	Numbers 22-24
TUESDAY	Numbers 25-26
WEDNESDAY	Numbers 27-29
THURSDAY	Numbers 30-32
FRIDAY	Numbers 33-36
SATURDAY	Deuteronomy 1-2

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 13 - Jeanette Talbert
- 16 - Michael Rhyne
- 17 - Laura Aiello, Anthony Goolsby, Errol Vanzie
- 18 - Michelle Carrion, Al Decker
- 19 - Ezekiel Colonair
- 21 - Kurt Brown

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¿NECESITA QUE LE TRADUZCAN EL SERVICIO?  
POR FAVOR, DIRÍJASE A LA CABINA DE SONIDO PARA INSTALAR UN DISPOSITIVO DE TRADUCCIÓN.