

## what do I do next...

**attend the weekend services** and experience the life-changing truth of Jesus' message through music, multi media, video, drama and relevant teaching. This is a great time to invite a friend who hasn't been to church in a while.

If you are ready to take the most significant step in your journey back to God, may we suggest that you **begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ**. You can do this by inviting Jesus into your life, asking Him to forgive you of your past wrongs, abandoning your own efforts to be "good enough" for God's approval and trusting in what He did on the cross to bridge the gap between you and God.

When you begin your relationship with Jesus Christ, please let Dean know that you have taken this significant step in your journey back to God.

### get into a small group at The River

**check out an impact team** If you'd like to make a difference at The River, look through our list of Impact Teams and mark your **Get In The Loop** card for more information on any team that interests you.



If you have children, we have something for them too! Children four years old through 5th grade can take advantage of our awesome **kidsQuest** program during the

service directly below the entrance to the theater. We also have great nursery care for your newborn thru 3-year-old to the right when you enter the building.

**kidsQuest**



Sunday 10:45 am

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helping people on their  
journey back to God...



**THE RIVER**  
A COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Dean Ward • Lead Pastor**



**reaching out • running deep**

# welcome

to the weekend service at The River. We hope that you find your time here today encouraging and helpful. It is our goal to provide an environment where you can connect with God regardless of your past.

If this is your first visit to The River, may we recommend...

**ENJOY YOUR COPY** of The River's Program. We hope you get to know The River a little better and find the answers to any questions you may have.

**GET IN THE LOOP** by filling out the card inside this program. Place it in the offering basket or leave it at the Information Center located in the lobby. We will keep you updated on what's going on at The River.

**SAY HELLO** to today's speaker near the Information Center on your way out this morning..

**JOIN US AGAIN NEXT SUNDAY** and if today brought any value to your life, let a friend know about your experience here.

## Have Questions?

Stop by our Information Center in the lobby. We would love to speak with you.

The entire atmosphere at The River—the setting, music, videos, stories, scripture, dramas, dance, people and teaching are all designed to help you on your journey back to God. If you feel like you are very far from God or perhaps you are just seeking a little guidance—be encouraged.

**you have come to the right place**

**He is here and closer than you think...**



## who we are...

Early in 2004, a handful of people met together in the living room of Dean & Leslie Ward's home in New Kensington. We considered what it would be like to begin a new church in our community—a church dedicated to helping people on their journey back to God—a church that reaches out and runs deep. The River—A Community Church was born and holds its first service on Sunday, December 5th, 2004.

**our vision** Helping people on their journey back to God

**our mission** Reaching Out & Running Deep

## what we believe...

**The River - A Community Church** holds to a historic, orthodox understanding of biblical Christianity.

For a comprehensive look at what we believe, please visit our web site [www.cometotheriver.net](http://www.cometotheriver.net)

## the 5 g's our five goals for people

- 1 reaching out**  
**grace** We want people to experience Grace by beginning a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We also want believers to share Grace by helping others do the same. (Ephesians 2:8,9)
- 2 running deep**  
**growth** We want believers to become fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ by increasing their love for God and love for others. (Mark 12:28-34; 2 Peter 3:18)
- 3 groups** We want people to develop relationships with others by experiencing community in small groups that meet on a regular basis. (Acts 2:46)
- 4 gifts** We want believers to serve God and others by discovering their spiritual gift(s) and serving on an Impact Team of The River. (1 Peter 4:10)
- 5 giving** We want believers to invest in the ministry of the local church (because it is the hope of the world) by giving generously of their resources to the local church. (1 Corinthians 16:2)