



THE ANCHOR

THAMES RIVER CHURCH | MAY 2024

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to serve?

- We are currently looking for ushers and greeters to serve Sunday mornings.
- We are currently looking for a new Children's Ministry Director.



Sunday, May 5th

South of the Border Agape

Bring a covered dish to share!



COMMUNION

Sunday, May 5th

Heidelberg Catechism | The Lord's Supper

Q: How does the Lord's supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

A: In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him. With this command he gave these promises:

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

TRC Kids

Sunday, May 12 No Class | **Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 19 Clara: Jesus Is the Lord of Everything

Sunday, May 26 Christine: Jesus Came to Serve

TRC YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Sunday, May 13 Session 12: Q/A 17-19

Sunday, May 26 Review Session Q/A 12-19

Nursery Available Every Sunday

WEEKLY GATHERINGS



Sunday Service

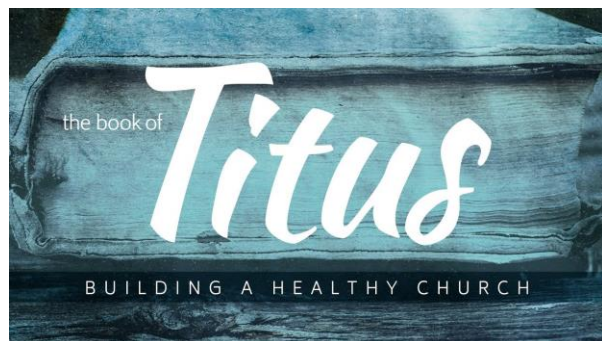
Join us every **Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** for a time of worship, the preaching of the Word of God, and fellowship.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”
Acts 2:42-47

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us on **Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** as we devote to the study of the Word of God.

Starting May 8th: Paul's Letter to Titus



Prayer and Bible Reading

Join us every **Sunday Morning at 9 a.m.** as we come together for an hour of prayer and Bible reading.



MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Men's Prayer
BREAKFAST



Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men of Thames River Church meet once a month with the purpose of cultivating real relationships and spiritual maturity. Join us on **Saturday, May 18th at 10:00a** for a time of food and fellowship.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



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2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV



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Installation
SERVICE

Dear Thames River Church,

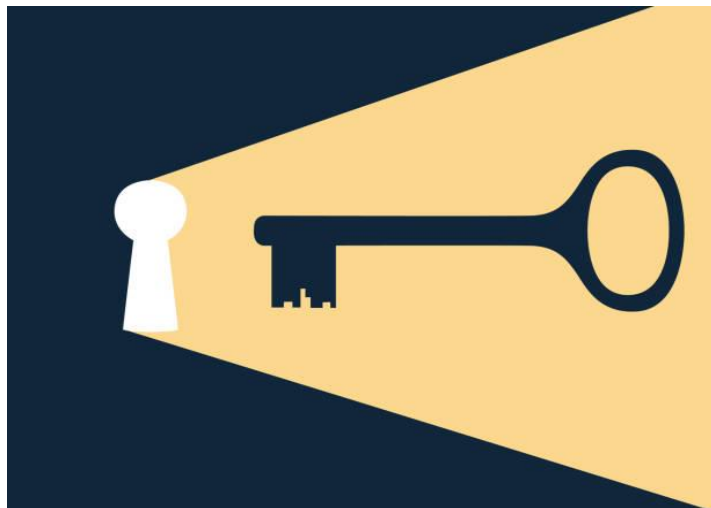
On behalf of the leadership team of Thames River Church, I am pleased to invite you to the Installation Service for our new pastor, Rev. Luis Rivera, on Sunday, May 12th at 10:00a. We rejoice that the Lord has led our new pastor to lead our congregation, and we are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

Paster Jesse Morales

Eternal Security

By Ligonier Ministries | Joshua 4:1–9

That Paul tells Timothy how some “made shipwreck of their faith” (1 Tim. 1:19) raises a question related to the security of salvation. Is Paul implying that followers of Christ can fall away from grace permanently? Roman Catholics and Arminians both maintain that genuine faith can be lost, while Calvinists assert that true believers will persevere in their faith until the end of their lives.



Both sides appeal to Scripture in order to support their position, complicating matters even further. Dr. R.C. Sproul’s teaching series *Eternal Security* will help us come to a conclusion on this issue as we take a temporary break from our studies in 1 Timothy.

Perseverance, not eternal security, is the traditional Reformed term used to encapsulate the truth that real Christians will not finally abandon their faith. This term captures the biblical picture of the Christian life as a struggle — a war against sin and doubt that lasts until death. The word perseverance is also less susceptible to perversion than eternal security. Too many people assume eternal security means that we are saved merely by professing faith in Jesus even if we later fall into unrepentant sin or repudiate Christ. Yet this assumption denies the inseparable link between loving Jesus and obeying Him (John 14:15).

On the other hand, an advantage of the term eternal security is that it reminds us of our need for stability amidst the many changes associated with human existence that can make us feel less than secure. We long for security especially when it comes to salvation, since the falling away of professing Christians can make us fear that the same thing will happen to us.

Ultimately, our security comes from the One who never changes. In Joshua 4:1–9, the children of Israel have just passed through the Jordan River because God divided the water (Josh. 3:14–17). Joshua tells them to erect one pillar of stone in the river and one at Gilgal to remind Israel of the Lord’s mighty work. In times of trouble these monuments could help them recall how God kept His promise to save. Similarly, we can be more confident that our Father will fulfill His Word in the future when we remember how He has kept it in the past.

Joshua 4:1-9 ESV

1 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2 “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, 3 and command them, saying, “Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.” 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. 5 And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ 7 then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.” 8 And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the Lord told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there. 9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.

Coram Deo

In times of plenty it can be easy to forget all of the blessings the Lord has showered upon us. Take a moment today to consider the ways in which God has shown Himself faithful to you in the past and look upon them as signs that He will keep His Word to you in the future. Make sure to study His Word so that you will come to know what He has pledged and not expect things He has not promised.