

# RIVERVIEW CHURCH

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## One Church in Four locations

- Holt Venue (3585 Willoughby Rd just West of College Rd)
  - Service times: Saturday nights 7:00ish, Sundays 9:30ish and 11:30ish
  - Kids ministry at all services, live preaching, music, and lots of coffee
- REO Town Venue (Downtown- 1115 S Washington Ave, just south of 496)
  - Service time: Sundays 10:00ish
  - Kids ministry, video and live preaching, and lots of coffee
- Westside Venue (7533 W St Joe and Canal Rd)
  - Service time: Sundays 10:00ish
  - Kids ministry, video and live preaching, and lots of coffee
- MSU Venue (MSU Union Ballroom - second floor)
  - Service time: Sunday evenings 6:30ish during the fall, winter, and spring semesters

## RIV Church (small history)

- In the Fall of 1977, a church-planting team from Ames, Iowa moved into town to start a college church on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The idea was to use homes and university classrooms as meeting facilities, and pour energy and resources into people. The two leaders, Dave Bovenmyer and Larry Clemente, desired to help college students come into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and then to disciple them in their Christian walk. They came armed with vision and motivation from Christ's "Great Commission" ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)), a deep desire to please God with all their hearts, and a trained, volunteer team with ready and willing attitudes.
- This team of twelve individuals (three couples and six singles) located near MSU, and began to reach out on and near the campus. They were joined initially with a small group of students who had become believers over the previous months through a summer training program in East Lansing. So from these small beginnings, God put together the original "flock" that would later become Riverview Church.
- From the start, the leadership of the church had two key desires. First, their goal was to train pastoral staff through an apprenticeship-training program within the church. In doing so, they were following the Biblical pattern of the church found in the Book of Acts. Here the example of the first century church was to train up leadership through applying scriptural principles to everyday life, while building solid Christian character qualities. Leaders were then appointed as pastors in the local church, after it was evident that they had achieved the character described in [I Timothy 3](#), and [Titus 1](#).
- Second, their goal was to send out those pastors to start other churches in other campuses and cities in the U.S. and the world. Since then, leaders have been "raised up" and sent out to Mt. Pleasant, Ann Arbor, Novi, Kalamazoo, Ypsilanti, West Lafayette (Indiana), Chicago (Illinois), State College (Pennsylvania), Columbus (Ohio), and the Washington D.C. area. Also, many short-term and long-term mission workers have been, or are presently, out in the field. Countries include Canada, Venezuela, Honduras, Germany, Russia, the Ukraine, and China.
- Over the years, as church members graduated and entered the marketplace, the church grew and added couples, young families, and high school students to its ranks. Even though times and people have changed, our goals remain the same, in obedience to Christ's Great Commission. Our desire for the future is built on the legacy and blessing of our past: that the Lord will continue to cause our church to grow both in spiritual maturity and in number, as we continue to "press on" winning unbelievers to Christ, building believers spiritually in the church, training leaders into maturity, and sending workers into the harvest fields for Christ. May God bless us as we sense the urgency to endeavor "to work while it is still day, for night is coming when no man can work".

## RIV Church (pastoral staff)

### Executive Team:

Noel Jesse Heikkinen - Preaching, vision, church planting

Steve\_Sommerlot - Westside Venue, leadership development

Dan Price - Weekend services, and venue development

Fred Choi - Executive administration and operations

### Pastors:

Mark Brett - Operations and leadership coaching

Paul DenHerder - Holt Venue care and life groups

James Granger - Life groups, teaching, Holt Venue

Tony Pyle - Westside Venue

Greg Van Nada - MSU Venue leadership development and pastoral care

### Directors:

Justin Detmers- REO Town Venue Director

Kyle McMahon - MSU Venue Director

Jenny Cole- RIVKids Director

Marcie Beckwith- RIVMissions Director

Josh Michels- Creative Director

Josh Nunn- Technical Director

Rio Vale - Facilities Director

Marty and Dawn Valley - Pre-Marriage/Marriage Enrichment Director

## Information Center Staff Profile

- Observant/Intuitive
  - Spiritual discernment on when and how to approach people. Don't be afraid to inquire without intruding in an unwanted space.
  - Someone looks: lost, standing alone, confused, frustrated, sad, physically ill, wants to inquire but seems shy, has a baby and diaper (may need a place to change the baby)
- Time Expectation
  - Whatever it takes to meet the needs. 30 mins before/after service times.
  - Time before arrival to review the weekly email of new events, times, places, etc. to be familiar with materials
  - Follow-up may be needed from time to time on certain requests
- Interactive Skillset
  - A "servants heart" - (friendly, open, honest, good listener, helpful).
- Appearance
  - RIV tries to align itself with the younger generation...to be "culturally fluid". We want to emulate that look and feel to provide a comfortable environment for attendees.
  - Clean and nicely dressed to fit into the culture
- Body Language
  - Accessible but not pushy.
  - Fully attentive and aware of approaching person
  - Standing, ready, smiling, friendly, engaged, glad to be here, trained, and confident
- Attitude
  - "YES" - we can make your expectations a reality
  - All questions are good questions
  - I love this place and its people
  - I really want to help you