



# The Link

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River View Baptist Church

## Coming Home



It was the novelist, Thomas Wolfe who coined the phrase, “you can’t go home again.” It was the title of one of his most famous novels. The phrase you can’t go home again has become somewhat of an American idiom that means after you leave the country or the small town for life in the big city, you can’t return to the small confines of your previous way of life. It is also suggested that the phrase is sometimes spoken to mean that you can’t return to your place of origin without being deemed a failure. In this regard, the phrase is used as a self-admonition or warning. You can’t go home again is a warning to yourself to stick it out, to not dare go home and subject yourself to the prospect of being a failure.

What a sad proposition it is to think you can’t go home because you have outgrown your up bringing or that you are afraid to be deemed a failure? As Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz said, “There’s no place like home.” And I think as one grows older the need to recapture one’s roots, in some sense, becomes important. No doubt the recent interest in the internet social network called Facebook is a testimony to this fact. People by the numbers are seeking and hoping to reconnect with childhood friends.

It may be true for many that home dredges up bad feelings and memories, but for many there is

no place like home. Home is place of security and acceptance. Home is where you can let your hair down and be yourself. It is a place of warmth and fond memories. And many whose home of origin no longer exists, because mom and dad have died, would love to go back if only for just a moment.

It is at this point that I remind you that no matter how good home was to you, that really, this world is not your home. The scripture states that we are just passing through. Our real home is in heaven with Jesus our Savior, and no matter how good home may have been to you it is only a glimpse of what is to come.

Pastor Ricky



## Homecoming Sunday

At River View, Homecoming is always an exciting time. We always have a large crowd on that Sunday. We see many friends we have not seen for at least a year and we fellowship around the huge meal prepared by the best cooks in Lincoln.

Homecoming Day this year is October 9. Former Pastor, Jamie Woodyard will deliver the homecoming message.

Sonny and Vickie Wise have invited the church family to their

house on Saturday, October 8th at 5:00 PM for a cookout and fellowship with Jamie, Krista, Aaron and Luke. Please sign up if you plan to go so adequate food can be prepared.

For your convenience in inviting friends and family, invitation cards to homecoming have been printed. The cards are located on the table outside the sanctuary doors. All you need do is address the cards, put a 28 cent stamp on the card and mail. If you wish,

address the cards and leave on the office desk, Christeen will stamp and mail.

We are expecting a large turn out at Homecoming and ask that you bring well filled baskets and tea or other drinks, with extra portions for our guest,

Thank you!

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## Special Speaker

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome and introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

“When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one

thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heart-break and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... the only thing that would comfort was this verse:

*“Jesus loves me this I know.  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
We are weak but He is strong...  
Yes, Jesus loves me..  
The Bible tells me so.”*

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, “I always noticed that it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best.” Here is a senior version of *Jesus Loves Me* just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For

us over middle age (or even those almost there).

### Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.*

*Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hands in His I'll go  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.*

*When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song..  
Telling me in words so clear,  
“Have no fear, for I am near.”*

*When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.*

*I Love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.*

*(Chorus) Yes Jesus Loves me...  
The Bible tells me so.*

—Cont. by Robert and Marge Treible

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## 2011 Fall Festival & Trunk Or Treat



River View Baptist Church is holding The 2011 Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the entire church and will include carnival games, food booths, candy, and much, much more. This is a free event! So come on down, be the next contestant, and enjoy this family atmosphere of Christian fun and fellowship. Costumes are welcomed but not required!

Included in the 2011 Fall Festival is a Trunk or Treat! Part of our parking lot will be transformed into a "caravan of motors," featuring the decorated trunks of vehicles. Kids will go from one car-trunk or truck bed to another collecting candy.

This is not a game; it is simply a time where our church can service our kids. Each vehicle will be decorated in a Bible Story Theme! Whether your favorite story is Jonah and the Whale or Noah's Ark; you and your vehicle will be that stories icon that night. So, you might be asking: "How can I help?" Help, you can decorate a trunk, donate bags of candy, help with publicity, or help out during the Fall Festival event! Just contact Matt for more information! We need your help to make this possible! Thanks!



### *Women's Ministry Fellowship*

*October 3rd at 7:00*

*Guest Speaker: Susan Brymer  
of Christian Ministries*

*Light refreshments will be served*

*Please bring canned food to donate to Christian Ministries*



## Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts are planning to travel again on October 11. We will be leaving the church at 9:00 AM heading for the mountains to see the beautiful fall colors. Reservations are made at Shatley Springs for lunch at 1:00.

On the return trip we will stop at the apple house.

Tuck away some \$\$\$\$ for lunch and to get something at the road side stand.

PS: A sheet is out, signup so we can plan transportation.



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We're on the Web!

[www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org](http://www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org)

We are a conservative Baptist church committed to serving God and the needs of you and your family. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, at Riverview View Baptist Church you will find a supportive community with a wealth of opportunities for personal growth.

We aspire to strengthen each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ-at every point in their life, and encourage personal and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study and active service in our church and community.

We invite you to come and worship with us and allow God to work in and through your life by leading where He would have you to serve.

### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:PM

#### Wednesday Evening @ 6:30 PM

Awana Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Adult Prayer & Bible Study



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