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Christianity continues to be one of the greatest challenges in reaching the community. Most hold tightly to their version of the Gospel for it allows them to remain daily in their sin and believe they are right with God. There is great need for the believers at River's Edge to be a Gospel witness out among the community, for it is certain the people would not just come and visit a new, independent Bible church.

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