

# ***Who We Are Not***

## **We are not perfect.**

Although Jesus commanded us to be perfect (or complete), none of us at River's Edge believe we have arrived. We are in the process of maturing as we yield ourselves in obedience to God's Word and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

## **We are not the one and only TRUE church.**

We do not see ourselves as superior to other expressions of Christian faith or denominations. We refer to ourselves as non-denominational simply because we aren't affiliated with any denominational organization. We aren't here to compete with other churches, but rather to labor together for the common good of advancing the kingdom of God...doing our part in the Universal Body of Christ.

## **We are not legalistic or rule-driven.**

Many, through experience, have found that legalistic adherence to rules and laws can result in spiritual bondage and emotional defeat. We believe the Holy Spirit is able to change people from within as they yield their bodies, minds, and hearts to His leading.

## **We are not authoritarian or coercive.**

Many cults and pseudo-religious movements have taken from their followers the God-given freedom to choose. Although we make our convictions and beliefs very clear, we do not seek to force them upon people through rigid authoritarianism.