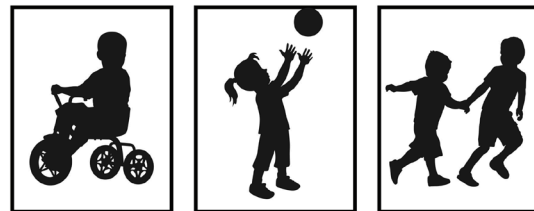


River Road Preschool Development Center

2017-2018 Open Enrollment

The preschool offers programs for children 9 months through 5 years old. In addition to the typical 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. preschool program, the school offers Early Morning Drop Off from 7:30-9:00 a.m., as well as extended hours from 12:00-4:00 p.m. We welcome anyone who may be interested in River Road Preschool to visit their website (www.riverroadpreschool.org) or stop by for a tour.

Preschool Open House, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 16 & Wednesday, March 22



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THE WHIRLWIND OF MINISTRY

A friend of mine who pastors a church in another part of the state recently asked me to describe the past 6 weeks at River Road Church, Baptist. As someone who makes a living putting thoughts to words, I struggled to articulate my feelings on the matter.

The truth is, it's been a whirlwind! But it's been a great whirlwind. The sheer volume of programs and activities that this church does boggles my mind. We are an active and engaged congregation! That takes a lot of work to coordinate, but I count it a joy. To be sure, I'm still spending more hours in the office than I'd like, and I'm eager to be visiting more than I'm able to right now.

My days are filled with the everyday tasks of coordinating the work of the staff, study, sermon preparation, and the like. Concurrently, I've been thinking a lot recently about how we might arrange staff positions to both attract the best talent to fill these roles and position our church for growth.

While I'm still trying to find my way and fall into a good rhythm, I'm grateful for your support and prayers. You have been so good to my family and me, and we're grateful for your care. Please continue to pray for us as we settle into a new town, new home, and new church.

With love,

Daniel

**You are invited to the Installation Service
 for
 The Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Glaze
 Sixth Pastor of River Road Church, Baptist
 Sunday, February 12, 2017
 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

This service of worship recognizes the gifts and new ministry of Dr. Daniel E. Glaze among the people of River Road Church, Baptist. As Baptists with congregational polity, each congregation calls its pastor and then takes time to install the pastor into his or her new work. On this day, we recognize, install, and support the ministry and work of the sixth pastor of our church, with words from Baptist leaders, church leaders, and friends. A reception will follow the service.

MINISTER ON CALL ~ (804) 229-6163
 Please use the number above if you have a pastoral need. The number will reach the designated minister for each weekend. The Minister On Call is listed in the *e-Spire*.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES
 Visit our website for missions opportunities:
www.rrcb.org/missionsnews

CHILDREN & YOUTH INFORMATION
 Visit our website for information & activities:
www.rrcb.org/tag/cy-activities

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

St. Olaf Choir

Friday, February 3

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Northfield, Minnesota

Anton Armstrong, director

Important Ticket Information:

- Tickets are REQUIRED
- Tickets are ONLY available online through St. Olaf Concert – To purchase tickets, go to stolaf.edu/tickets, click St. Olaf Choir; click Tour Tickets; click buy next to Richmond, VA. This concert is likely to sell out, and tickets will NOT be available at the door.
- Adult tickets are \$30, student tickets are \$10, and groups of 10 or more get a 10% discount.

Joyful Hearts: Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays, February 6 - April 24 (no class 2/20 & 4/10)

9:15 - 11:30 a.m., LC #102

Women of all ages and stages are invited to participate in a time of Bible Study and fellowship. Joyful Hearts will continue its study of Max Lucado's *Cast of Characters: Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God*. A one-time fee of \$20 will be collected to cover the cost of books and other materials for those who did not participate in the spring. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 a.m., Reception Room

The men of River Road Church are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and partnership in prayer. Reservations are required, please call the church office (804-228-1131).

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, February 7

7:30 p.m., LC #102

Anyone who likes to play bridge (singles or couples) is invited to join us for a fun evening of bridge. Contact Kitty or George Davis (804-285-9782) for more information.

FLO - For Ladies Only Lunch

Friday, February 10

12:00 p.m., Brio Tuscan Grill

RSVP to Liz Seward (ecseward@aol.com). Please advise if you would like to carpool from the church parking lot.

FIXERS

Thursday, February 9, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Thursday, February 23, 8:00 a.m., LC #102

The FIXERS (Frequently Ingenious, eXtremely Energetic, Righteous Servants) are dedicated to keeping our beautiful church facility in top working order. The FIXERS meet for breakfast and fellowship, then break into teams and work on projects around the church. Please contact George Davis (804-285-9782) if you can make it.

Here's a test:

- Do you know what a weed looks like in mulch bed?
- Do you know which end of a screwdriver to hold?
- Does holding a broom not intimidate you?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you are qualified to join the FIXERS. Even if you didn't answer "yes" to any of the questions, you're still qualified to join the group. (As you can tell, our standards are not very high.) Men and women of all ages are encouraged to come.

The Comma Club Luncheon & Program

Tuesday, February 14

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Daniel Glaze will be the program speaker. Lunch is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please make your reservation by Friday, February 10 by calling the church office or filling out the form online (www.rrcb.org/seniors). This group is open to all those who are young at heart; "senior" is not a requirement.

WMU Connectors

Tuesday, February 14

6:30 p.m., Brio Tuscan Grill

This is the group's annual Dinner Out event. All women interested in missions and fellowship are invited to attend. For more information please call Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320.

The RBA WMU Mission Involvement Assignment for the month of February is to provide trash bags for the Church Hill Baptist Center food, and to provide supplies for the homeless meal program at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Washington & Lee University Singers

Sunday, February 26

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Please note our ticketing process through Eventbrite. Reserve your FREE tickets at www.rrcb.org/wlconcert!

MISSIONS

Panama Mission Trip ~ Medical/Dental Team

January 29 - February 5

The Virginia Team will serve with the volunteers from the Fundacion Christiana Medico Social (Medical Social Christian Foundation), and will provide healthcare to Gnobe Indians in Chibirital, a small, primitive village in a remote area in the Veraguas Province. The team is a partnership of six churches and 13 people led by co-team leaders Judy Collins, Joe Teefey and Sue Smith, DMin./SW, former missionary in Costa Rica. Other team members from RRCB include Libby Grammer, Norma Hays, Steve Larson, and Bonnie Livick. We hope you will commit to pray for them as they are on mission in the name of Christ providing love and care to our Panamanian neighbors.

After a five-year partnership between the Virginia Baptist and Panama Baptist Conventions concluded in 2016, the Virginia Team was asked to serve again due to the relationships developed with the Medical Social Christian Foundation and the Cooper family (founders).

CARITAS ~ We Welcome 32 Men

February 18-25

- Wash Dishes
- Spend the Night
- Bake Cookies
- Cot Set Up (2/18) and Cot Take Down (2/25)
- Prepare & Serve Hot Breakfast (2/25)
- Toiletry Donations
- Additional special activities for our guests

Online sign up is now available through Access ACS. For more information about the sign up process and opportunities that are available, please visit www.rrcb.org/caritas.

FAMILIES

Children, Youth, & Families Mardi Gras Party

Tuesday, February 28

6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This year preschool, children, and youth will meet together to celebrate Fat Tuesday. There will be plenty of great food: pancakes, bacon, apples, cinnamon buns, and milk and juice. Games and special music will fill the evening with fun. Please sign-up by February 26 by calling the church office (804-288-1131) or filling out the form online (www.rrcb.org/pancakes). Come join us as we celebrate together! *Laissez Bon Temps Rouler!*

SUMMER

PASSPORTkids! Camp at Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg, VA

June 20-23

PASSPORTkids! is a four-day, three-night camp for third through fifth graders. At camp, your kids will discover God's love and practice being followers of Jesus through Bible studies, mission education, recreation, and worship. The cost is \$200-\$225, depending on number of campers and number of chaperones needed. You can reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit. Contact Kim Crowley (kimcrowley@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131).

Youth PASSPORT Camp at Averett University, Danville, VA ~ June 25-30

This year the group will be attending the Missions Camp at Averett. The work teams will spend each day working with some sort of outreach project. In addition, there will be Bible study, worship, group devotions, and recreation. Passport is open to all middle school and senior high students. Space is limited, so see Chester Phelps (chesterphelps@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131) to sign-up.

Hands & Hearts Family Mission Trip to Nicklesville, VA

June 25 - July 1

The Hands and Hearts Family Mission Trip will serve those in need in the area of Nicklesville.

Vacation Bible School

July 10-14

If you would like to be a volunteer, please email vbs@rrcb.org. Registration will open in the spring!

Unidiversity Youth Camp at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN ~ July 17-22

The group will spend time in Bible study and discipleship activities. The camp is led by adult volunteers and Youth Ministers. Recreation, talent night, and free time is also built into the schedule. Unidiversity is open to all middle school and high students. Space is limited, so see Chester Phelps (chesterphelps@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131) to sign-up.

Youth & Adults Mission Tour, Farmington, ME

August 4-13

We will once again return to Farmington, Maine to work at the Conference Center and at Farmington Baptist Church. The group will be lodged and have its meals on the University of Maine campus. The tour is open to adults and youth. Space is limited and there are requirements. Please see Chester Phelps (chesterphelps@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131) for an application.

Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

February 1	Black History Month I: “Called To Preach: The Life and Times of the Reverend John Jasper” with Benjamin Ross Menu: Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Pumpkin Pie
February 8	Black History Month II: Arthur Ashe Biographer with Whit Sheppard Menu: Poppy Seed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Lima Beans, Dinner Rolls, Apple & Cherry Cobblers
February 15	Black History Month III: Prisoner Reentry with Martin Brown Menu: Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Key Lime Pie
February 22	Black History Month IV: “Strengthening Parents to Improve Child Well-being: Richmond Family Fatherhood Initiative” with Chandra Washington-Peyton Menu: Country-style Ribs, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Apples (spiced), Dinner Rolls, Coconut Macaroons

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. | Program at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. Please make your reservations by 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. Please check our website for more information and to make dinner reservations at www.rrcb.org/wednesdays.

Black History Month I: “Called To Preach: The Life and Times of the Reverend John Jasper” with Benjamin Ross

Born a slave on July 4, 1812, John Jasper was converted on his birthday while strolling on the grounds of the Virginia State Capitol. Called to preach, John Jasper began his career as a slave funeral preacher, and in time became Virginia’s celebrated and most sought after preacher. A spell-binder in the days of free-wheeling oratory, Jasper preached to throngs of entranced listeners. Newspapers announced his sermons, and his appearances were always major events. He realized his dream in 1867 when he organized the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church in a former confederate horse stable. He reached the zenith of his career in 1885 when he introduced his signature sermon, “De Sun Do Move, De Earth Am Square.”

Benjamin Ross is the Senior Historian of the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church. His lecture will bring Jasper to life through the use of original artifacts, paintings, and free brochures.

Black History Month II: Arthur Ashe Biographer with Whit Sheppard

Whit Sheppard is working on a biography of the late African-American tennis player and statesman Arthur Ashe, the three-time Grand Slam titleist. He will share aspects of his writing and research process with us. Whit was the recipient of a 2015-16 Virginia Foundation of the Humanities Fellowship to continue work on the book. He formerly covered the pro tennis tour for ESPN.com from his base in Paris and has taught at UVa and at VCU.

Black History Month III: Prisoner Reentry with Martin Brown

Black History Month IV: “Strengthening Parents to Improve Child Well-being: Richmond Family Fatherhood Initiative” with Chandra Washington-Peyton

The Richmond Family and Fatherhood (RFFI) Initiate works with mothers and fathers, in Richmond City and surrounding counties, to teach cooperative parenting. The goal of the program is for parent to raise their children in a healthy and stable way. Richmond Family and Fatherhood (RFFI) has adopted evidence-based curricula to address Motherhood Support, Fatherhood Support, and transitioning from boyhood to manhood. We use our curricula to empower fathers and mother to improve the wellbeing of their children. RFFI also engages community and faith-based partners to build support for parents that foster positive child outcomes.

Chandra Washington-Peyton works as the Special Projects Administrator and Motherhood Coordinator for the Richmond Fatherhood and Family Initiative (RFFI) at the Richmond City Health District. She is a former Richmond Public Schools mathematics teacher and has her Master’s Degree in Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotions. In her position she works daily to strengthen the roles of mother and father in order to improve health outcomes for children. She loves children and has a deep understanding for how their parent’s choices impact them and their growth into productive citizens. Mrs. Washington-Peyton is the mother of two wonderful boys and a newlywed; please keep her in your prayers.

Happy Birthday!

February 1 Hampton Bates Charles Higgins, Sr. Randy Milligan	February 9 E. J. Bowen Tracy McGuire	February 18 Carl Freeman Carolyn Gunter John Hubbard Charles O’Neal	February 27 Jay Howe Rinne Hynes Beth Stuhlman
February 2 Mackenzie Mills Brandon Story	February 10 Ben Blanchard Jay Heisler June Lane Jane Williams	February 20 Betsy Hardy Janet Langhorne	February 28 Helen Larson Bob Shoemake Nathan Daniel Stevens Tori Booth Ann Domyan Laura Thorne
February 3 Andrea Frayser Norman Milligan Jill Page Sam Phillips	February 11 Wilson Mustian Mary Noble	February 21 Frank Halloran Charles Higgins, Jr. Paige Klase R. C. Moore	February 29 Jim Moses
February 4 Hatcher Clingenpeel Russ Collins Jerri Grigsby Jim Huband Fred Redford Amanda Rooney Josh Shoemake Stuart Williams, Jr.	February 12 Susan Andrews Carolyn Foster Carter King Bob Smith	February 22 Madison Lowrance Mary Caroline Zimmerman	
February 5 Janet Bartholf Peggy Marsh Chester Phelps	February 13 Doug Phelps	February 23 Austin Coldiron Eli Hawthorne Lisa Lawhorn Mary Iva Jones Nathan Thomson Peter Schowalter	
February 6 Cara Bowen Anne Byrne Karen Frye Addelyn Gray Tatum Gray Jamie Sexton	February 14 Graham Evans Meghan Harris John O’Bannon	February 24 Watkins Hunt Tom Crowder Dottie Saunders Callie Beirne	
February 7 Charlotte McGee	February 15 Matthew Cavallo Robert Dudley Sarah Paxton	February 25 Jerry Carr Nita Chandler Gene Damon Patsy Kendall	
February 8 Skip Barthoff Montine Hall Emily Smart Kali Wilson	February 16 Margaret Howell Katie Jimenez Heather Mun	February 26 Louise Mason	
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Happy Anniversary!

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