

# Epiphany Service

Wednesday, January 4  
at 6:30 p.m., Chapel

Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the magi who visited the infant Jesus. We will celebrate the arrival of the magi with a festive Epiphany-themed dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a worship service in the Chapel.

This Wednesday, we will not have children's choirs; children are invited to participate in the service and there will be a special time dedicated to our young worshippers.

**Dinner reservations are required.** Please make your dinner reservation by Friday, December 30, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (The Church Office is closed January 2 and 3.) You may call the Church Office, email Susan Young ([susanyoung@rrcb.org](mailto:susanyoung@rrcb.org)), or fill out the form online ([www.rrcb.org/wednesdays](http://www.rrcb.org/wednesdays)).

**Menu:** Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Key Lime Pie

# Standing Reservations

Standing reservations for Wednesday Dinners are now available for the spring. These include 20 dinners beginning January 4 and running through May 24, 2017. (No dinner on Wednesday, April 12 or Thursday, April 13 before the Maundy Thursday service.) The pre-paid standing reservation provides a 10% discount from the normal price, so you can miss a Wednesday or two and maintain the convenience of having a standing reservation.

The deadline to sign-up and pre-pay is anytime before the first dinner on January 4. To make your standing reservation, please call the Church Office (804-288-1131) and mail your payment, or make your reservation and pay online through Access ACS ([www.rrcb.org/standingreservations](http://www.rrcb.org/standingreservations)).

**Pre-paid Price:** Adults & Youth - \$126/each, Children - \$54/each, Family Max - \$360

**Weekly Price:** Adults & Youth - \$7/each, Children - \$3/each, Family Max - \$20



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## DEEPEST GRATITUDE

As a pastor, naturally I think often about stewardship and generosity. That's due, in part, to the fact that we depend on your giving to keep the church's lights on, pay salaries, support missions and ministries, bless our community, and so much more. But the deeper reason I think often about stewardship is that sacrificial giving and how we invest in God's work is a significant part of our following Christ.

We make a mistake, I believe, when we make stewardship all about money when in fact, it's so much more. Faithful generosity includes how I spend my time, the relationships I keep, and the spirit in which I give my talents and treasure to the church.

Moreover, I know that so many of you give routinely to the general budget, and also to support specific ministries of the church. Others of you are so generous with giving of your time and expertise. All gifts, no matter the amount and no matter where or how the gift is given, are deeply appreciated.

Lately my thinking about stewardship and generosity deals with how churches says thank you (or, sadly, how many churches often fail to). When Andrea and I give to the Baptist Joint Committee, to Baptist Women in Ministry, or any number of ministries and charities, we receive a note of thanks within a few days. But with all the churches I've been a part of, I can't recall ever having received thanks.

I'm glad to know that the River Road Church Stewardship Committee has been writing notes to the congregation thanking you for your generous giving. I think that's a great thing to do! Please let me add my sincere thanks as well.

To be sure, we do not give in order to receive a thank you. Even still, the giving and receiving thanks is part of nurturing a culture of generosity. On behalf of your church leadership, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you.

Because of your generosity, we were able to share *The Messiah* with our church family and community. We were blessed with opportunities to support missionaries here and around the world. We were able to take part in the Richmond Baptist Association's Christmas Store. We were able to invest in the upkeep of the beautiful church house God has given us. And on a personal note, your gifts allowed me and the rest of the church staff to feed, clothe, and care for our families. Throughout 2016 we were able to do so much as a church family to live out our call to be a thoughtfully faithful people. Thank you!

For every gift, given simply because you love the Lord, please accept my deepest thanks.

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### 2017-2018 River Road Preschool Registration New Family Open Enrollment

Beginning January 1st, River Road Preschool and Development Center will open enrollment to families not currently enrolled. 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 our website at [www.riverroadpreschool.org](http://www.riverroadpreschool.org) or stop by for a tour.

### 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](http://www.rrcb.org/missionsnews)

### CHILDREN & YOUTH INFORMATION

Visit our website for information & activities:  
[www.rrcb.org/tag/cy-activities](http://www.rrcb.org/tag/cy-activities)

## Evening Bridge

**Tuesday, January 3**

**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.

## FIXERS

**Thursday, January 5 & 19**

**8:00 a.m., Reception Room**

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.

## Service of Baptism & Holy Communion

**Sunday, January 8**

**6:00 p.m., Chapel**

This service is a special time in the life of our church as we have the privilege of bearing witness to and celebrating this important step in these persons' journeys of faith. We gather as a family of faith to remember our own baptism, and to be a source of encouragement and companionship for these who would follow their Lord and Savior in the ordinance of baptism.

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**Tuesday, December 6**

**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).

## The Comma Club Luncheon & Program

**Tuesday, January 10**

**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, January 6 by calling the church office or filling out the form online ([www.rrcb.org/seniors](http://www.rrcb.org/seniors)). This group is open to all those who are young at heart; “senior” is not a requirement.

## FLO - For Ladies Only Brunch

**Sunday, January 15**

**1:00 p.m., Hardshell at Bellegrade on Huguenot**

RSVP to Liz Seward ([ecseward@aol.com](mailto:ecseward@aol.com)) by January 11. Please advise if you would like to carpool from the church parking lot.

## Book Lovers Group

**Thursday, January 26**

**7:30 p.m., LC #102**

Book: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Susan Ryan will moderate the discussion. Everyone is invited to attend this program. For more information, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

## 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 Gnobé 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.

Our church will commission the team during worship on Sunday, January 22, 2017. 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).

## Yoga, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

**Thursdays, January 5 & 12**

**Mondays, January 16, 23, & 30**

Hatha Yoga is a gentle form of stretching exercise that offers many health advantages. Darcie Anderson, a Registered Yoga Teacher is our instructor. There is a \$10 fee for each class you attend. Beginners and newcomers are most welcome.

## Men's Group: The Huddle

**Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room**

The Huddle is a small group of men who minister to each other, make a plan to bring their lives together on a regular basis, and keep faith in that plan and each other. For more information, please contact Bill Thurston (804- 514-3360).

# Happy Birthday!

## January 1

Carole Bates  
Whitley Draper  
Patrick Green  
John Hutcheson  
Sam Ouk  
Erin Stuhlman  
Sondra Trent  
John Whitty

## January 2

Donna Brown  
Kitty Davis  
Elisabeth Dixon  
Ellie Dixon  
Bonnie Suwal

## January 3

Terry Booth  
Don Pate

## January 4

Judy Morris  
Malcolm Page

## January 5

Jo Ann Weinhardt

## January 6

Lyle Hare  
Dana Johnson  
Lindsey Stevens  
Lee Walters

## January 7

Ward Hamilton  
Carol Nugent  
Eleanor Phillips  
Jeffra Showalter

## January 8

Jason Farmer  
Keith Hare  
Mark Measell  
Kelly Moore  
Lynn Neese  
Rick Scherer

## January 9

Suzette Cavallo  
Logan Davis  
Bo Hawthorne

## January 10

Ella Grace Barbier  
Ashlyn Cross  
Kyle Measell  
Alice Wilkey

## January 11

Diana Booth  
David Gulick  
Jake Johnson  
Daniel Morris  
Don Robertson  
Bayley Wood

## January 12

John Straw  
Gary Tyer

## January 13

Bess Price  
Kent Savedge  
Eliza Sundberg

## January 14

Nancy Anderson  
Julie Goble  
Sann Ouk  
Al Whitley

## January 15

Gray Clevenger  
Doris Curtis  
Frances Derrer  
Bob Schumann

## January 16

Jack Beamon  
Beth Frohn  
Emily Hare  
Edith Jones  
David Newsome  
Nancy Werner

## January 17

Gene Cox  
Matthew Dunlevy  
Kay Howe  
Claire McAllister  
Mary Lee Starke

## January 19

Grace King  
Linda Sigman  
Rob Spicer

## January 20

Allyson Campbell  
Elizabeth Ezzelle  
Sarah Gordon  
Scott Lowrance

## January 21

Frank Hinckle  
Kate Kral  
Loren Livick  
Becky Spicer  
Amanda Tipton  
Julia Tyler  
Richard Ware

## January 22

Betty Balentine  
Ben Burkett  
Jerry Crute  
Joe Grigsby  
Alice Hunt  
Robert King  
Robbie Newcomb  
Ken Parris  
Carole Royall

## January 23

Justin Davis  
Devin McGuire  
Ann Moore  
Barbara New  
Alex Oretga  
Katie Payne  
Oliver Way

## January 24

Doug Pace  
Peggy Stevens  
John West

## January 25

Andy Davis  
Watkins Hunt  
Steve Lowery  
Marge Lyne  
Sheri McCullen  
George Moore  
Bob Satkowski

## January 26

Ann Marie Geisler  
Sara Heisler  
Ken Lantz  
Jane Morris

## January 27

Adam Clark  
Collier Phillips  
Olen Stewart  
Kemp West

## January 28

Sidney Glasco  
Tim Gohman  
Cindy Harris  
Becky Jante  
Sandy Rooney  
Elizabeth Seymour

## January 29

Adam Childs  
Jody Gordon  
Page Highfill  
Erika Martin

## January 30

Sue Baldwin  
Jim Ladd  
Sam Phillips  
Anne Rusher

## January 31

Margaret Almond  
Connie Blunt  
Joe Brown  
Sandra Carter  
Charlotte Ladd  
Kyle Payne

## January 11

Fred and Maxine Redford – 59 years

## January 13

Norma and John Hays – 38 years

## January 14

Terry and Sheila Marsh – 33 years  
Brandon and Kristin Story – 5 years

## January 20

Susan and Jim Mathers – 10 years

## January 23

Bonnie and Oliver Way – 36 years

## January 29

David and Trisha Hooker – 34 years

## January 31

Robert and Erica Kirwan – 13 years

# Happy Anniversary!

## January 1

Currie and Sandra Carter – 17 years

## January 2

Cindy and Topper Davis – 20 years

## January 4

Rick and Anne Byrne – 20 years

## January 5

Andrew and Hilary Blanchard – 15 years

## January 7

John and Joan Robertson – 56 years