

# Holland Lectures

Sundays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, & September 3  
9:45 a.m., Assembly Room

The Holland Lectures, previously known as The Catacombs Lectures, is an annual series at the end of the summer sponsored by the Shepherd-Holland Bible Study class. The lectures take place during the Sunday School hour, but you do not have to be in a Sunday School class to attend the series. On January 15, 2017, the class voted unanimously to rename the class the Shepard-Holland Bible Study Class, and the Catacombs Lectures, the Holland Lectures, in memory of Dr. Henry Holland.

**August 6 – Rozanne Oliver**, Member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville; layperson called to contemplative prayer and retreat leadership. **Topic:** Contemplative Prayer: Embracing Closeness to God.

**August 13 – Libby Grammer**, Interim Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, River Road Church, Baptist. **Topic:** Spiritual Discernment: Finding Truth, Growing Character, Becoming Disciples.

**August 20 – Dr. Rebecca Wells**, Department of Neurology, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. **Topic:** The Role of Meditation in the Holistic Practice of Medicine.

**August 27 – MaryAnn McKibben Dana**, Presbyterian Minister and Author of Sabbath in the Suburbs. **Topic:** Solitude and Prayer in the Life of Faith.

**September 3 – Hanna Zhu**, Graduate of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and RUAH School of Spiritual Direction at Richmond Hill. **Topic:** The Spirituality of St. Anthony, the Founder of Christian Monasticism.



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## WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW...

In his magnificent sermon on June 11, Dan Bagby referenced the work of Hannah Brencher, founder of the website [moreloveletters.com](http://moreloveletters.com). Hannah contends that we who desire to change the world might start by writing a letter to a stranger needing some encouragement and support. The website gives details (using only first names) of certain difficult situations that folks find themselves in. After inviting readers to write letters, Hannah's team collects the letters and delivers them. The testimonies of folks receiving 300 or 400 letters from strangers brought tears to my eyes.

This writing practice intrigues me in many ways. First, I don't think it's actually writing to strangers. Because we are each connected to one another through the One who created us, we're not strangers...we just haven't yet met. That may seem like a minor point, but I suspect this perspective might change how one writes such a letter. Second, it strikes me that this exercise might be one of the ways we take seriously Jesus' words in Matthew 25 (...I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me).

Mother Teresa was quoted once as saying, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." I

love that thought, though I might nuance her statement to say that doing a small thing with great love is really doing a great thing.

So what does this have to do with anything? As you know, I'm always seeking new ways to build the fellowship we have at River Road Church, Baptist. What might it mean for your life of faith to send a random note of love and care to one of your brothers or sisters here at RRCB? What might it mean to you to receive one?

We have some great "card fairies" within our congregation whose ministry it is to shower blessings on our church though this kind of ministry. What if we took a summer project upon ourselves to send one note to a random name within the church directory once a week? I know we're all so busy these days, but I suspect it would mean a lot to send (and receive) such a note of care and grace.

*Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. —Hebrews 10:24*

Daniel

**Summer Vespers**  
**Wednesdays, July 12, 19, & 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30**  
**7:00 p.m., Chapel**

Come... let us gather together in the cool of the evening this summer, for worship, spiritual renewal, and fellowship. Our 2017 Wednesday vesper series welcomes eight speakers to the Chapel pulpit. Beginning July 19, we will feature students from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR). Our church has been a strong supporter of BTSR and this is an extension of that support. We look forward to hearing them and to welcoming you as we pause to listen for God's Word 'for the living of these days.' Come... refresh your spirit and worship the Lord.

**July 12:** Rev. Kim Crowley - Our Interim Minister to Children will introduce our Vacation Bible School theme: *Have U Seen?*

**July 19:** Dr. Charles Bagwell - A pediatric surgeon at MCV and a current MDiv student looking to blend his work in medicine and health care with the medical students he teaches.

**July 26:** Justin Piersen - A student working at FBC Richmond in their community ministry and recently spent a year in Austria with refugee ministries.

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## Summer Choir

**Sundays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; August 6, 13, 20, & 27; September 3**

Adults, youth, and children are invited to learn a simple anthem to sing with the choir for our worship service. Warm up begins at 10:30 a.m., but anyone is welcome at 10:15 a.m. Please email [bobgallagher@rrcb.org](mailto:bobgallagher@rrcb.org) by noon Saturday (before the Sunday you wish to sing) so a robe and a copy of the anthem are available for you.

## FIXERS

**Thursdays, July 6 & 20**

**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.

## Party on the Plaza

### Friends & Family Night

**Sunday, July 9**

**5:00-7:00 p.m., Plaza**

The Party on the Plaza is inviting EVERYONE for a friends and family night on July 9. Food Trucks will be in a NEW LOCATION, along the front of the church on River Road! We'll have food vendors cooking up yummy entrées on the spot, fun and games (even a balloon artist!) for the young at heart, and plenty of seating so you can chat and relax. We hope you mark your calendars for this evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

## Evening Bridge

**Tuesday, July 11**

**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.

## MINISTER ON CALL — (804) 464-7968

Please note the new number above and call it if you have a pastoral need Friday-Saturday. The number will reach the designated minister for each weekend.

## Softball Game vs. WEAG #2

**Tuesday, July 11**

**8:15 & 9:05 p.m., Laurel Softball Park**

This is a coed team for those 16 and older. No experience required. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact Chris Wilkinson ([wilky17@verizon.net](mailto:wilky17@verizon.net) or 804-625-7379). Makeup games and playoffs will be scheduled for the rest of July and August.

## FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon

**Friday, July 14**

**12:00 p.m., Positive Vibe Café**

RSVP to Jean Ellis (804-272-7672) by July 5 and let her know if you would like to carpool from the church at 11:30 a.m.

## Micah Initiative & Oak Grove Elementary School

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Ryan (804-282-6321 or [susanryan1@verizon.net](mailto:susanryan1@verizon.net)). Donations can be placed on the Mission tables in the Upper and Lower Commons.

**Book Bus:** The Book Bus will travel through neighborhoods for seven weeks on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-7:00 p.m. beginning June 20, offering book checkout and nutritious snacks to children at six stops. The Book Bus always needs books! Gently used and paperbacks are fine.

**Power Scholars Camp:** The YMCA will sponsor a Power Scholars Camp for approximately 100 students. Camp will run from the last week of June through the last week of July, and will include breakfast and academics in the mornings, and lunch and enrichment in the afternoons. Fridays will be field trip days. The camp will be funded by Richmond Public Schools and the YMCA. Donations of swim suits, goggles, and caps will help with a need that arises when students take swimming lessons at the Bellemeade Recreation Center on the school campus. Swimming will be part of enrichment afternoons at the camp.

## Catch the Spirit

### New Grant Proposal for Mission Projects

The River Road Church Endowment Fund has made a significant grant to the Board of Missions (BOM), with the expressed purpose: “to raise the mission involvement of River Road Church.” The BOM, in turn, wants to make these funds available to those who are willing to take the lead on a new endeavor, responding to the call to serve those in need.

You're invited to bring your creativity to River Road Church, and help the BOM and congregation catch the spirit of your passion. If there is a mission project you would like to present, please fill out the form ([www.rrcb.org/catchthespirit](http://www.rrcb.org/catchthespirit)) and return it to the church office or to Bob Shoemaker, chair of the *Catch the Spirit* Special Committee.

# Happy Birthday!

## July 1

David Cipolletti  
Bill Payne

## July 2

Diane Douglas  
Steve Gilliam  
Vanessa Jante  
Roy Terry

## July 3

Ty Hays  
Liz Holland  
Bill Thurston

## July 4

Frances Cloe  
Don Cruickshanks  
Yeoun Ouk  
Kate Thomas

## July 5

William Charnock  
Doug Glasco  
Jeanne Hening  
Libby Roberts

## July 6

Anne Carrington  
Hall  
Chuck Myers, Jr.  
Alison Smith

## July 7

Austin Clark  
Dean Decker  
Hunter Gundlach  
Bill Muse  
Chip Wyatt, Jr.

## July 8

Kara Harman-  
Barrios

## July 9

Warner Blunt, III  
Jeanette Gholston  
Barbara Harvie  
Stephanie Herndon  
Chris McGee  
Ryan Nichols  
Lisa Tuck

## July 10

Alex Brand  
Malcolm Briggs  
Paul Honaker  
Robbie Williams

## July 11

Melanie Ladnier  
Jessica Thorne

## July 12

Jenny Thomas-  
Wright  
Addison Van Tiem

## July 13

Ella Glaze  
Frank Kendall  
Ethan Johnson  
Betty Rose McGee  
Jim Peak  
John Pearson  
Jane Terry

## July 14

John Gordon  
Nancy Moyers  
Caroline Smith

## July 15

Lowry Cowardin  
Ted Gary, IV  
Grace Johnson  
Paige Peak  
Chuck Satterwhite

## July 16

Cliff and Anne Katherine Applewhite – 9 years  
Fred and Ann Bagwell – 48 years  
Sam and Betty Balentine – 37 years

## July 13

Randy and Jo Ann Weinhardt – 4 years

## July 16

Warner and Connie Blunt – 40 years

## July 17

Edwin and Karen Cothran – 41 years  
Frank and Bettina Hinckle – 24 years  
Michael and Alyson Stoakley – 13 years

## July 18

Hall and Colleen Carter – 8 years

## July 19

Dick and Pat Harwood – 37 years

## July 16

Doris Dudley  
Katie Hurst  
Helene King  
Elliott Pate  
Dick Schaffer  
Geoff Sundberg  
Jacob Williams

## July 17

Candy Lyne  
Mark Stevens

## July 18

Peggy Ford  
Heather Fariss  
Coby Frye

## July 19

Diane Cary  
Samuel Freeman  
William McGuire  
Scott Rooney

## July 20

Hilton Almond  
Pam Mills  
Tuckie Paxton  
Grace Siewert

## July 21

Kathy Alexander  
Briar Chatterjea  
Donna Payne  
Kathy Tran  
Kristina Tyler  
Dean Wilkey

## July 22

Dawn Childs  
Camryn Davis  
Erin Gaudin  
Rugene Paulette  
Leslie Smith

## July 23

Erin Crafa  
Olivia Cunningham  
Paul Davenport  
Cecil King  
Cam McGuire  
Brian Nalls  
Peggy Pruden  
Clark Robins  
Stacy Rooney

## July 24

Marian Brooks  
Bob Fagg, Jr.  
Mitch Johnson  
Marian Judd  
Bertie O'Neal  
Everett Reeves  
Joan Robertson

## July 25

Randy Anderson  
Sarah Bain  
Jim Brown  
Geoff Burnett  
Julia Siewert  
Claudia Viegas

## July 21

Paul and Linda Honaker – 38 years  
Eric and Emmy Reeves – 16 years

## July 22

Mike and Vivian Clingenpeel – 45 years  
Tom and Bev Evans – 56 years  
Wilson and Miggie Mustian – 11 years

## July 23

Gene and Ellie Cox – 51 years

## July 26

Cary and Janet Ralston – 43 years

## July 27

George and Kristen Cook – 21 years  
Ron and Anita Tamagni – 43 years

## July 28

David and Shelly Morris – 16 years  
Jim and Tuckie Paxton – 55 years

## July 29

Henry and Betty Rose McGee – 66 years

## July 30

David and Jennifer Freeman – 12 years  
Ralph and Ray Nelson – 34 years

## July 26

Joseph Collins  
Deb Gray  
Pierson Marshall  
Arlene Fransen  
Sammie Phillips  
Bill Savage  
Kristi Scholz  
Kyle Updike

## July 27

Samuel Hays  
Kennedy Smart

## July 28

Marian Jones  
J.R. Pruden

## July 29

Harper Alford  
Bill Gottwald, Jr.  
Andrew Livick  
Keith Nichols  
Ann Stewart  
Will Underwood  
Jeanette Welsh  
Noah Williams

## July 30

Norman DeLong  
Joey Mistretta  
John Wake, Jr.

## July 31

Hank Holland  
England Rozum

# Children & Youth Summer Trips & Activities

Our children and youth have a fun-filled summer! We hope your family can join us at one of these many opportunities. Details about the recreation activities and events will be provided closer to those dates. Ages and grades reflect the 2016-2017 school year. If you have any questions please contact the church office (804-288-1131), Chester Phelps ([chesterphelps@rrcb.org](mailto:chesterphelps@rrcb.org)), or Kim Crowley ([kimcrowley@rrcb.org](mailto:kimcrowley@rrcb.org)).

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## **Recreation: 3rd - 12th Graders**

**Sunday, July 9, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Lunch and Bowling

Cost: \$10

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## **Vacation Bible School: *Have U Seen?***

**July 10-14**

*Have U Seen?* invites children to discover God's fingerprints in their own backyard and beyond. Amazing things happen when children discover God at work around them! Child registration is now open at [www.rrcb.org/vbs](http://www.rrcb.org/vbs). Children in preschool through completed fifth grade are invited to participate. Preschoolers must turn 4 by September 30, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the VBS team at [vbs@rrcb.org](mailto:vbs@rrcb.org)—childcare is provided for volunteers with children under the age of 4. The VBS team is also collecting toilet paper rolls for the elementary craft. You may put your rolls in the bin by the stained glass window in the preschool area.

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## **VBS Worship & Luncheon**

**Friday, July 14**

**11:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Please join us for our closing VBS worship service and lunch. Each age group will provide music for this service. Following the closing service, there will be a lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Please pray for the youth and chaperones going on this trip. A male chaperone is NEEDED – please contact Chester Phelps ASAP.

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## **Recreation: 5th - 12th Graders**

**Sunday, July 23, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Lunch and Glow Golf

Cost: \$10

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## **Recreation: All Children**

**Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Movie Night at RRCB: “Moana”

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## **Youth & Adults Mission Tour, Farmington, ME**

**August 4-13**

All of the spaces for this trip are full! Please pray for the youth and adults going on this trip.

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## **Recreation: Preschoolers & Families**

**Saturday, August 5, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Preschool Fun Morning

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## **Recreation: All Children**

**Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Outing to the ARC Park

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## **Recreation: Kindergarteners - 2nd Graders**

**Sunday, August 20, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Pizza Party

Cost: \$10

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## **Recreation: 3rd - 12th Graders**

**Sunday, August 20, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Lunch, Laser Tag, and Ice Skating

Cost: \$10

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## **Recreation: 4th - 5th Graders**

**Friday, August 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Dinner and Rock Climbing

Cost: \$10

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## **Recreation: 5th - 12th Graders**

**Sunday, August 27, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Lunch and Swimming

Cost: \$10

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## **Recreation: Preschoolers - 4th Graders**

**Sunday, August 27, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Lunch and Bowling

Cost: \$10