



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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THE MINISTRY OF CHILDREN'S CHURCH

One of the things we love most about River Road Church, Baptist is her deep and abiding love and commitment to our children. We have a sacred responsibility before God to nurture our children in this community of faith. One of the ways we do this is through the ministry of Children's Church.

Every Sunday, after the offering is received, children in grades 1 and 2 are invited to the Chapel with Reverend Crowley or Deb Gray for their own time of worship. This allows our leaders to worship with the children in age-appropriate ways and enables dialogue and learning to take place. The children sing, read scripture, and engage in activities that relate to the theme of the day presented in the main worship service. For example, on Good Shepherd Sunday (May 7) the children went outside to find things in nature that remind us of God's love and care. Sometimes they learn about various parts of the worship service; like learning about African American spirituals after our choral scholars sang spirituals in the worship service.

Some have wondered why the children do not exit the sanctuary earlier in the service for Children's Church. We feel

it is important for the children to be exposed to as much of the main worship service as they can handle. By leaving at this later time, the children hear the day's theme through scripture and song, and they get to see the adults serve in a variety of servant roles as scripture readers, as deacons, as choir members, and as ministers. Also, the offering time is an important reminder to the children (and adults too!) that we bring our gifts, our talents, and our very selves to worship.

We will be continuing to offer Children's Church through the summer (beginning June 18). Kindergarteners are invited to come during this time to prepare them for going to Children's Church regularly in the fall.

Please continue to offer your thoughts on how we might best care for the children among us. And if you'd like to help with this incredible and fun ministry of the church, please speak with Reverend Crowley.

BY KIM CROWLEY & DANIEL GLAZE

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. The Minister On Call is listed in the *e-Spire*.

Fellowship Fund

Our Fellowship Fund is a special offering to care for those in need in our community. Every fellowship collection on Sunday is quickly used at the beginning of the week based on requests we receive weekly for assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support and donations throughout the year. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online (www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving).

SAVE THE DATE: Party on the Plaza!

**Church Family Dun & Food Truck Night
Sunday, July 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Member Engagement Committee (MEC) is inviting all friends to join us at the church on Sunday evening. Food Trucks will be in a NEW LOCATION along the front of the church on River Road serving food! Tables will be setup on the front plaza in front of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Along with the Food Trucks, there will be a number of activities for all ages to enjoy. More details to come, but we hope you mark your calendars for this evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

FIXERS

Thursdays, June 1 & 15

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.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 a.m., Reception Room

The men of River Road Church are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and partnership in prayer. Please reserve your spot by calling the church office (804-228-1131).

The Comma Club Picnic

Tuesday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Providence Forge Fish & Hunt Club

The Comma Club potluck picnic is \$10 per person and covers fried chicken and beverages. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert. You may choose to carpool or ride the church bus. RSVP by Friday, June 2 to the church office or filling out the form online (www.rrcb.org/seniors) with your potluck dish and transportation selections. This group is open to all those who are young at heart; “senior” is not a requirement. Feel free to invite friends and guests!

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, June 6

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 Brunch & Dessert

Saturday, June 10

11:00 a.m., The Fancy Biscuit; 1:00 p.m., Shyndigz

RSVP to Liz Seward (804-282-3657) by June 5 and let her know if you would like to carpool from the church at 10:30 a.m.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Musical Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Sunday, June 25, 2017

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir with Organ, Brass, and Timpani

Opening event of the Richmond American Guild of Organists (AGO) Regional Convention

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

June 25-30 in Atlanta, Georgia

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly provides opportunities to explore CBF's passions for spiritual and social transformation through sustaining global missions, forming healthy churches, and nurturing young baptists. Additionally, CBF will celebrate its 25th anniversary. Brian McLaren is the keynote speaker and one of the many guests that will be present during the week for programs, workshops, and worship. Several of RRCB ministers will be present for this important week. If you would like more information, please contact Daniel Glaze or Libby Grammer.

Softball on Tuesday Nights

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 or 804-625-7379).

Tuesday, June 6	Tuesday, June 20
6:30 & 7:20 p.m.	8:15 & 9:05 p.m.
Glen Allen Complex #2	Short Pump Park #2
Opponent: Temple Beth El	Opponent: West End Fellowship

Tuesday, June 13	Tuesday, June 27
6:30 & 7:20 p.m.	6:30 & 7:20 p.m.
Short Pump Park	Laurel Softball Field
Opponent: Trinity Lutheran / WEAG	Opponent: Derbyshire Baptist

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 Chester Phelps (804-288-1131).

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

Thursday, June 1 | Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26

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.

Happy Birthday!

June 1
Daniel Ladnier
Nat Payne
Amber Ryan
Jim Trent
Webb Tyler
Doug Wallace
Chris Williams

June 2
Ethan Butterworth
Erica Crowley
Carol Cruickshanks
Beverly Geissler
Stephen Hayes
Craig Stuhlman

June 3
Owen Fallen
Carol Moelchert
Judy Ware

June 4
Anne Maloney
Betty Martin
Ruthie Mustian
Lei Robinson
Jordan Rozum

June 5
Patrick Barbier
Parker Dixon
Linda Honaker
Rob Sandford
Marjorie Yount

June 6
Helen Carter
Bobby Hubbard
Terry Marsh

June 7
Andrew Gary
Alex Gary
David Horner
Ed Pruden
Ava Robinson
Joy Rozum
Beth Wilson

June 8
Paula Brown
Diana Mahoney
Tara Savedge
Mary Lou Sims
Amy Thurston
Christian Wheeler

June 9
Stephanie Cauble
Vivian Mathews
Nicole Parker

June 10
Bryan Bostic
Virginia Brooks
Hall Carter
Sharon Dixon
James Mahoney
Bobbette Newsome
Joe Teefey

June 11
Gale Higgins
Craig Martin
Charles Phillips
Samantha Tomasello

June 12
Lauren Balentine
William Cassidy
Edwin Cothran
Dexter Gulick
Blair Hart
Ted Kral
Jim Paxton

June 10
Steve & Cara Bowen – 17 years
Charlie & Sherry Sorrell – 17 years

June 11
Tom & Janet Ahl – 23 years

June 12
Janet & Dan Bagby – 52 years
David & Elaine Sharry – 24 years

June 13
Rob & Anne James – 58 years

June 14
George & Kitty Davis – 48 years
Jason & Jane Hiser – 9 years
Bill & Donna Payne – 48 years

June 15
Lee & Bromby Bradley – 21 years
Brock & Bonnie Livick – 43 years
G.C. & Leah Robinson – 15 years

June 16
Erin & John Gray – 10 years

June 17
Rob & Sue Baldwin – 50 years
Chester & Margaret Phelps – 50 years

June 13
William Nurney
Will Wheeler

June 14
Kathy Cleveland
Katherine Custer
Jennifer Freeman
Melissa Norris

June 16
Doug Anderson
Lauren Blunt
Andy Cruickshanks
Boice Frye
Tim Merritt
Bob Oakes
Margaret Oliver
Kenton Sumner
Grant Taylor

June 17
Sherrill Judd
Macky McCabe
Lauren Spencer

June 18
Miller Alvis

June 19
Michael Gundlach
Julia Nixon
Sydney Schreiner
Betty Rose Sexton

June 20
Anne Cruickshanks
Michelle McGrath

June 21
Kaylee Butterworth
Jason Dardick
Bill Gray

June 22
Riley Collins
Charlotte Hare
Richard Strauss

June 23
Andrew Blanchard
Kris DeLong
David Hoover
Warren Johnson
Tim Savage
Ty Smith

June 24
Skyler Mang
Ned Netherwood
Judy Pennington
Cameron Spruill

June 25
Dave Bailey
Zachary Bostic
Sarah Bower
Beth Hooker
Brandi Long

June 26
Edward Bass
Jennie Lee Crocker
Joseph Fields-
Johnson

June 27
Anne James
Abigail Pruden

June 28
David Kelly
John Wood

June 29
Nicholas Both
Kenzie Grady
Nancy Neese
Steve Newsome
Chris Wilkinson
Chris Wyatt

June 30
Margaret Daniel
Catherine Horner
Bob Gallagher
Sierra Lightfoot
Lowell Shelton

June 24
Fred & Nancy Anderson – 50 years
Elizabeth deTreville & Seth
Sommerville – 7 years

June 25
Diana & Terry Booth – 1 year
Harold & Joyce Gibson – 57 years
Nick and Blair Hart - 12 years
Jim & Barbara Holdren – 51 years
John & Ronda Zukowsky – 34 years

June 26
Michael & Cheryl Cox – 18 years
Page and & Klase – 7 years

June 27
Guy & Cary Butcher – 19 years
Anne & R.C. Moore – 47 years
John & Pat O' Bannon – 46 years

June 28
T.J. & Lee Crocker – 20 years
George & Carolyn Thomas – 48 years
John & Cathy Whitty – 31 years

June 29
Mark & Lisa Cipolletti – 21 years

June 30
Scott & Pam Mills – 27 years
Shawn & Amber Ryan – 16 years

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), or Kim Crowley (kimcrowley@rrcb.org).

Worship Education for Kindergartners

Sundays, June 4, 11, & 18

It's important that we provide our kindergartners educational opportunities as they prepare to join us come in worship. For example, why we worship, and what kinds of things we do in worship. During the Sunday School hour, our kindergartners gather in their classroom and then make their way to the Sanctuary, where our ministers will take 15 minutes to speak about different parts of worship. We will also provide educational resources for parents to continue the conversation about worship with their children at home. Children will meet in their classroom and be brought to the Sanctuary.

PASSPORTkids! Camp at Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg, VA June 20-23

At camp, kids will discover God's love and practice being followers of Jesus through Bible studies, mission education, recreation, and worship. All of the spaces for this trip are full! Please pray for the children and chaperones going on this trip.

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

The work teams will work on an outreach project. In addition, there will be Bible study, worship, group devotions, and recreation. All of the spaces for this trip are full! Please pray for the youth and chaperones going on this trip.

Hands & Hearts Family Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA Trip: June 26 - July 1

Registration & Information Meeting

Sunday, June 4, 12:15 p.m., UC #228

The Hands and Hearts Family Mission Trip will serve those in need in the area of Nickelsville, VA. This trip is for children who have completed kindergarten and older. The deadline to sign up is June 4. For more information, please visit our website at www.rrcb.org/handsandhearts or email the team leaders at familymissions@rrcb.org.

Recreation: 3rd - 12th Graders

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

Lunch and Bowling

Cost: \$10

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. 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—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.

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.

Recreation: 6th - 12th Graders

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

Lunch and Glow Golf

Cost: \$10

Recreation: All Children

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

Movie Night at RRCB

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.

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

Recreation: Kindergartners - 2nd Graders

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

Pizza Party

Cost: \$10

Recreation: 3rd - 12th Graders

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

Lunch, Laser Tag, and Ice Skating

Cost: \$10

Camp Alkulana Offering

To encourage as many children and youth as possible to attend Camp Alkulana, campers pay a very small percentage of the actual cost to attend. The camp relies almost entirely on gifts from churches and individuals to fund its summer and year-round programs. Now is the time to pray for the success of and to give to Camp Alkulana. You may make donations online or by using a green envelope in the pew racks.

BGAV: Refugees, Immigrants, and the Church: How Your Church Can Be Involved

Saturday, June 3

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church

Come and learn from professional resettlement agencies and other organizations that assist in the refugee resettlement process. Hear stories from resettled families who are now at home in Virginia. Hands-on seminars will expose you to a multitude of opportunities for your church and this vital ministry. River Road Church is already registered! If you would like to attend, please contact Libby Grammer to let her know you're coming.

CrossOver Challenge: Moo and Brew 5K

Saturday, June 3

Packet Pick Up at 4:00 p.m.

Race begins at 5:00 p.m.

The 5K road race kicks off at Redskin's Training Camp and runs through Scott's Addition. Once the 5K is done, a party will commence at training camp. There will be live music, food, and fun and games for both kids and adults. To join or donate to the RRCB team, please visit www.rrcb.org/crossover.

Recreation: 4th - 5th Graders

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

Dinner and Rock Climbing

Cost: \$10

Recreation: 5th - 12th Graders

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

Lunch and Swimming

Cost: \$10

Recreation: Preschoolers - 4th Graders

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

Lunch and Bowling

Cost: \$10

Mission Opportunities

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

(formerly Stop Hunger Now)

Saturday, June 17

9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We will be packaging 10,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger network. This is a great opportunity for children to participate alongside adults in a project that directly impacts the hungry in our community and around the world. Children 5 and older can participate in the event. Visit www.rrcb/rah to register your family.

Micah Initiative & Oak Grove Elementary School

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Ryan (804-282-6321 or 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.