

# Children & Youth Summer Trips

## Children

- **PASSPORTkids! Camp - June 20-23**
  - 3rd to 5th graders
  - Sign up by April 22 with \$50 deposit
  - Total camp cost \$308
- **Hands & Hearts Family Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA June 24-29**
  - Kindergarten and up
  - Sign up by May 22
  - \$75 per person
- **Vacation Bible School - July 9-14**
  - 4-year-olds to 5th graders
  - Registration opens in mid-Spring
  - Volunteers needed! (Childcare available for volunteers with children under 4)
- **Various Recreation Opportunities TBA**

## Youth

- **PASSPORT Camp - June 24-29**
  - 6th to 12th graders
  - Sign up by April 25 with \$7 deposit
  - Total camp cost TBD
  - Chaperones needed!
- **Vacation Bible School - July 9-14**
  - Volunteers needed!
- **Unidiversity Camp - July 23-28**
  - 6th to 12th graders
  - Sign up by March 25 with \$75 deposit
  - Total camp cost \$350
  - Chaperones needed!
- **RVA Mission Tour - August 5-9**
  - 6th to 12th graders
  - Sign up by April 25 with \$75 deposit
  - Total cost \$150
  - Chaperones needed!
- **Various Recreation Opportunities TBA**

For more information, to sign up for a camp or trip, or to volunteer or chaperone, please contact Kim Crowley at [kimcrowley@rrcb.org](mailto:kimcrowley@rrcb.org) or Marnie Fisher-Ingram at [marnie@rrcb.org](mailto:marnie@rrcb.org).



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## “WAIT UPON THE LORD”

Psalm 40 begins this way: *“I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.”*

I don’t know about you, but I am not by nature a patient person. I suspect most of us are that way, for patience doesn’t seem to come to us naturally. Sometimes we are forced to wait patiently: waiting for the doctor, waiting in line at the store, waiting to graduate, waiting for retire, and (Lord have mercy) waiting at the DMV.

We are accustomed to Advent’s call to wait—for four long weeks we wait for Christ’s birth. Do we realize that Holy Week calls us to wait as well?

Many of us would prefer to wave our branches and shout *Hosanna!* on Palm Sunday, only returning to church in time to shout *He is Risen!* on Easter morning. But if we do that, we miss something significant.

I believe it is much more spiritually edifying to slow down and wait—to walk with Jesus through Holy Week. Make no

mistake—this is difficult waiting, this is a difficult journey. The path from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday takes us to the cross and to the grave. Many folks can’t go there; they can’t “wait upon the Lord” to take the full journey of Holy Week.

But if we are patient enough, if we are strong enough, if we wait upon the Lord patiently, if we will commit to the worship services and disciplines of the week ahead, I promise you it will make Easter all the more miraculous and triumphant.

During Holy Week, we do not wait in vain. Our patient waiting serves a purpose—it served a purpose for the Psalmist and it serves a purpose for you and me. Waiting patiently gives us hope—hope for today, hope for the week ahead, and hope for Easter Sunday.

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EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 1, 2018  
Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
April 2

MINISTER ON CALL — (804) 464-7968  
Please note the number above and call if you have a pastoral need Friday-Sunday. The number will reach the designated minister for each weekend.

**Youth Sunday  
Sunday, April 15  
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

Our youth will lead us in worship through scripture, music, and preaching, as well as serving as deacons. This year’s theme is “Do Not Worry,” based on Matthew 6:25-34. Meg Rooney, Joey Mistretta, and Zach Bostic will each give a sermon.

Following worship, youth and their families will have lunch at the University of Richmond D-Hall.

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### Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, April 3

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 (804-288-1131).

### Evening Bridge

Tuesday, April 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

Thursdays, April 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 a mulch bed?
- Do you know which end of a screwdriver to hold?
- Does holding a broom not intimidate you?
- Do you like free breakfast?

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.

### Children & Youth Spring Break Outing

“A Wrinkle in Time” & Lunch in Short Pump

Thursday, April 5

Children and youth will go to see the new movie “A Wrinkle in Time.” After the movie we will walk nearby for lunch. Exact times will be announced closer to the event. Please send your child(ren) with \$15 (each) to cover their ticket and lunch. Please visit [rrcb.org/movie](http://rrcb.org/movie) to sign up and let us know you’re coming!

### Amicitia Second Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, April 8

12:30 p.m., Offsite

*Amicitia* — latin for Friendship — is a group of young adults, 20- to 30-somethings who share life together through fellowship, friendship, and spiritual growth through mission service and learning opportunities. For more information about this group, please contact Katie Merritt ([katiecmerritt@gmail.com](mailto:katiecmerritt@gmail.com)).

### Joyful Hearts: Women’s Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays, February 5 - May 7

9:30-11:00 a.m., LC #102

Joyful Hearts is studying Max Lucado’s *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

### Watercolor 101

Mondays, April 9 – May 14

6:30-9:00 p.m., LC #102

Each watercolor class is a brand new set of sessions. Newcomers are always welcome. Judy Dixon will again offer Watercolor 101, a class that is geared for beginners: those who have never held a brush, or those who have never attempted watercolor painting because they do not know how to draw. Judy furnishes everyone with the drawings. This is not a “drawing” class but rather a class to learn the most basic principles of watercolor painting. Participants learn by painting together, step by step. The six-week course costs \$100. Please contact Judy Dixon (804-744-1613 or [judy.griz@verizon.net](mailto:judy.griz@verizon.net)) to sign up by April 4. A list of supplies will be provided at that time.

### The Comma Club Luncheon & Program

Tuesday, April 10

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This month’s speaker is Lubos Dzurik, our Pastoral Intern. Please make your reservations by Friday, April 6 by calling the Church Office, or filling out the form online [rrcb.org/seniors](http://rrcb.org/seniors). Lunch is \$10 per person. The group is primarily made up of senior adults, though it is not a requirement; anyone interested in a program is invited.

### FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon

Friday, April 13

12:00 p.m., Red Lobster (West Broad Street)

RSVP to Jean Ellis ([jean762carter@verizon.net](mailto:jean762carter@verizon.net) or 804-272-7672) and let her know if you would like to carpool.

### E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Classical Guitar Recital: Francisco Roldan

Mannes College of Music, New York City

Sunday, April 15

2:00 p.m., Chapel

To reserve your FREE tickets on Eventbrite, visit [rrcb.org/guitar](http://rrcb.org/guitar).

**More About Eventbrite:** Eventbrite allows you to reserve free tickets, which, though helpful for our event planning, is not required. You are always welcome to attend any concert.

### 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).

## MISSIONS

#### Save the Date:

Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland County Mission Trip

September 16-22

Please consider joining the mission team to Bland County, VA. On the trip the team works on various construction and community projects through a local Baptist center. For more information or to sign up, please contact Steve Lowery (804-330-0134 or [twodukes@hotmail.com](mailto:twodukes@hotmail.com)).

#### CARITAS Furniture Drive at RRCB

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CARITAS helps our most vulnerable neighbors break the cycles of addiction and homelessness to reclaim their dignity. CARITAS has four programs — The Emergency Shelter, The Furniture Bank, The Healing Place, and CARITAS Works — that provide a pathway from crisis to stability for families in the Richmond area.

RRCB is hosting a collection drive April 14-15. The main focus of the drive is furniture and other household basics. Please bring your donations during the designated times above and volunteers will be available to help you.

You can help fill a newly acquired home with basic necessities for victims of natural disaster, domestic violence, poverty, and mental and physical disabilities. Your donations go DIRECTLY to those in need! Your previously loved items will find new life in the home of a local family.

**A more detailed donation list, and a volunteer and home pick up sign up form are available online at [rrcb.org/caritas](http://rrcb.org/caritas) or you may call the Church Office. If you have any further questions, please contact Chris Macturk (804-426-7590 or [macturk91@gmail.com](mailto:macturk91@gmail.com)).**

Not sure if you should donate something? Ask yourself if you would feel comfortable giving it to a friend or family member.

### Yoga

Thursdays, April 5 & 12

Mondays, April 16, 23, & 30

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

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.

#### CBF Global Missions and Easter Offering

March 25 - April 29

The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the primary source of support ensuring the long-term presence of field personnel around the world — funding salaries, benefits, housing costs and children’s educational needs. The Offering engages churches and individuals in faith and action through giving, Bible Study, prayer, mission projects and celebration. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

#### Suggested Donations:

- Towels
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Kitchen Utensils
- Glassware/cups
- Plates & Bowls
- Pots & Pans
- Mattresses
- Sofas
- Dressers
- Kitchen Tables

#### Volunteers Needed:

4-6 volunteers are needed for each time slot. Youth and families are encouraged to help, too. As a volunteer, you will be monitoring the POD, greeting donors, and helping unload and load donations.

Saturday, April 14

• 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

• 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

• 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15

• 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

• 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Additional volunteers are needed to help with Home Pick-up on Saturday. It will be helpful to have two people per vehicle, so you may sign up as a driver with your personal truck, SUV, or van, or you can sign up as a helper and ride as the passenger. The number of volunteers needed will be determined by the number of home pick up requests.

#### Home Pick-up:

If you have items you would like to donate, but need some assistance, you may sign up for Home Pick-up. We are only offering pick-ups on Saturday.



# Thoughtful Faith Community (TFC)

## Wednesday, April 11, 4:30-7:15 p.m.

- **River Road Camerata**, Choir Room
  - **Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
    - Menu: Chicken and Rice Casserole OR Broccoli Alfredo, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Sheet cake with Chocolate icing
    - Kids Entrée: Chicken Nuggets
  - **Cherub & Carol Choirs**, Youth Choir Room
  - **Crusader Choir**, Choir Room
  - **TFC-Youth**: Study Hall, Youth Area
    - Youth are invited to participate in the TFC-Adults or TFC-Kids programs
  - **TFC-Adults**: “Outside the Walls with CARITAS” with Tiffany Terry, Assembly Room
- For 30 years CARITAS, has been helping to end the cycles of homelessness and addiction, and you, River Road Church, Baptist, have been part of that work. Join us on Wednesday night to learn about what’s new with CARITAS! You’ll learn about the 30-million-dollar project that is helping to put Richmond on the map in confronting homelessness and addiction. Find out how you as an individual and a congregation can be part of the work being done!

Tiffany Hall Terry is the Director of Community Engagement at CARITAS. As Director of Community Engagement at CARITAS, Tiffany helps to organize more than 18,000 volunteers every year. She graduated from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in 2011.

- **TFC-Kids**: Missions Education, Chapel Hall & CH #141

## Wednesday, April 18, 4:30-7:15 p.m.

- **River Road Camerata**, Choir Room
  - **Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
    - Menu: Baked Ham OR Spaghetti Marinara, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn & Lima Beans, Yeast Rolls, Chocolate Cream Pie
    - Kids Menu: Hot Dogs
  - **Cherub & Carol Choirs**, Youth Choir Room
  - **Crusader Choir**, Choir Room
  - **TFC-Youth**: Study Hall, Youth Area
    - Youth are invited to participate in the TFC-Adults or TFC-Kids programs
  - **TFC-Adults**: “1968 – The year that changed our nation (and also many of us)” by Tom Graves, Assembly Room
- This was a year of war, assassinations, riots, protests, and political turmoil, which changed our nation and also many of us.
- **TFC-Kids**: Bible Story Lesson #1, Chapel Hall & CH #141

## Wednesday, April 25, 4:30-7:15 p.m.

- **River Road Camerata**, Choir Room
  - **Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
    - Menu: Meatloaf OR Vegetable Lasagna, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pudding
    - Kids Menu: Pizza
  - **Cherub & Carol Choirs**, Youth Choir Room
  - **Crusader Choir**, Choir Room
  - **TFC-Youth**: Study Hall, Youth Area
    - Youth are invited to participate in the TFC-Adults or TFC-Kids programs
  - **TFC-Adults**: “Baptist Roots: Exploring Our Spiritual Family Tree and Why It Matters” with Nathan Taylor, Executive Director, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Assembly Room
- Have you ever wondered what it means to call ourselves a “Baptist” church? Whether you grew up Baptist, married a Baptist, or joined us later in life from another tradition, we’ll explore the origins of Baptists and discuss the convictions that came to characterize this broad movement of Protestant dissenters. In so doing, we also will observe the relevance of this “spiritual DNA” to the present moment, while receiving a brief update on the work of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society and the Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies.
- **TFC-Kids**: Bible Story Lesson #2, Chapel Hall & CH #141

## May Program Schedule

- **May 2**
  - TFC-Adults: Abigail Schreiner, HopeTree Family Services
  - TFC-Youth: Study Hall and/or TFC-Adults
  - TFC-Kids: Children’s Musical Rehearsal & Recreation for non-choir children
- **May 9**
  - TFC-Adults: Panama Mission Trip Report
  - TFC-Youth: Study Hall and/or TFC-Adults
  - TFC-Kids Children’s Musical Rehearsal & Recreation for non-choir children
- **May 16**
  - TFC: Children’s Musical: “Once Upon a Parable”
- **May 23**
  - TFC: Christian Educator of the Year Award

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & TFC  
APRIL 4 - SPRING BREAK!

For more information and to make your dinner reservations, please visit [www.rrcb.org/tfc](http://www.rrcb.org/tfc).

# Happy Birthday!

## April 2

Nancy Moses

## April 3

Grover Robinson  
Riley Savedge  
Shannon Sundberg

## April 4

Carolyn Briggs  
Allan Cruickshanks  
Katherine Hall  
Bill Pollard  
David Stevens

## April 5

Gordon Thomson

## April 6

David Davis  
Sarah Phillips  
Emily Whitty  
Michael Whitty

## April 7

Madeleine McAllister  
Carolyn Thomas  
Cathy Whitty

## April 8

Thomas Crouch  
Harry Phelps

## April 9

Tim Clingenpeel  
Peggy Fore  
Ryan Gilmore  
Abby Holland  
Rich Jante  
Logan Johnson

## April 10

John Cary  
Dick Harwood  
Abigail Leshar  
Sandy Thornton

## April 11

Margaret Phelps

## April 12

Catherine Davis  
Betty Hall  
Page Kral

## April 13

Sandy Bowen  
Evan Coldiron  
Bonnie Livick  
Cindy Mistretta

## April 14

Pat Harwood  
Bill Rusher, Jr.

## April 15

John Sexton

## April 16

Anna Dockum

## April 17

Martha Caruso  
Dennis O’Neal  
Alexandra Davis  
Betsy Robinson  
Caleb Stanley  
Betty Woolcott

## April 18

Alice Oakey

## April 19

Will Thorne

## April 20

Anne Both  
Courtney Bunn  
Holden Seward

## April 21

Sheralyn Jackson  
Carl Sizemore

## April 22

Alice Blanton  
Rob Collier  
Katrina Leshar

## April 23

David Sims  
Bill Smith

## April 24

Abigail McAllister  
Julia McGuire

## April 25

Jackson Hiser  
Mark Mathews  
Emily Phillips  
Cliff Shelton  
Letty Wood

## April 26

Andrew Clark  
Emma Phelps  
Dave Wagner  
Sarah Williamson

## April 27

Brenda Holland  
Clint Hubbard, Jr.  
Travis Ives  
Tracy Johnson  
Lauren Oakey

## April 28

Greg Burnett  
Jan Davis

## April 29

Vaughan Cruickshanks  
Pam Grady  
Jim Hughes, Jr.  
Alexander Macturk  
Jennifer Pounders  
Linda Schreiner  
Laura Jane Straw

## April 30

Brent Leshar  
Diane Linderman

## April 20

Janice and Rusty Whitaker – 29 years

## April 22

Doug and Kristen Phelps – 23 years

## April 23

Ethan and Melanie Butterworth – 24 years

## April 25

Hampton and Carole Bates – 60 years

## April 26

Sarah and Brian Bain – 5 years  
Mark and Jennifer Pounders – 21 years

## April 28

Mallory and Joseph Manriquez – 6 years

## April 29

Perry and Meredith Miles – 17 years  
Chris and Ashley Stevens – 16 years

# Happy Anniversary!

## April 1

Debbie and Roger Hailes – 43 years

## April 4

William and Eleanor Nurney – 26 years  
Robert and Laurie Gray – 20 years

## April 5

Bill and Marge Rusher – 32 years  
Jim and Ann Wilson – 43 years

## April 6

Vanessa and Adam Jante – 5 years

## April 7

Susan and Tom Gilsdorf – 39 years

## April 8

Keith and Emily Hare – 18 years

## April 9

Rob and Sarah Collier – 13 years

## April 10

Skip and Cecil King – 42 years  
Jim and Paige Peak – 36 years

## April 14

Steve and Nancy Bailey – 39 years

## April 19

Ed and Brenda Bass – 32 years  
Sean and Erin Wright – 10 years