

Sounds Like Summer

River City Party Band & Gelati Celesti
Friday, June 1

6:30-9:00 p.m., Front Plaza

Families, friends, and neighbors, bring your blankets and beach chairs, sit back and relax, and enjoy and a summer night on the Plaza!

The **River City Party Band** will be jamming on the Plaza for all to enjoy. They play "From subtle cocktail music and classic swing to Motown, Beach, and today's dance music."

RVA's favorite **Gelati Celesti** is bringing their food truck and selling eight flavors of gelato as well as gluten-, nut-, and dairy-free varieties. The truck will be parked along River Road adjacent to the Plaza. The Gelati Celesti Truck accepts cash or debit/credit cards.

What to Bring: Chairs, Blankets, Picnic dinner & drinks

FREE tickets at www.rrcb.org/plaza

Vacation Bible School

July 9-13, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Our little Heroes will learn about how God gives them Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope, and Power. Registration is now open at www.rrcb.org/vbs/

Ages:

- Preschool - Completed 5th Grade
- In order to participate in VBS, your child must turn four by September 30, 2018.
- If you have a youth (6th grade or older), they may volunteer during VBS week.

Volunteers:

"Shepherds" are still needed, responsible for checking children in for the day and taking them from activity to activity.

Photographers (adults or youth) are needed to document the joy and fun of the children. You do not need to be there every day.



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YOUR STORY WILL BE TOLD

explorer

The season of graduations and commencements is upon us. Need I say, "The commencements are commencing?" Too much? Probably. The main theme from Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" will be stuck in your head soon, if it has not ear-wormed its way in already. Graduations are a time for us to tell those embarking on new adventures, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" And, "I took the Road Less Traveled, and that has made all the difference." Both of these are true. More than that though, I think people want to know that in the midst of all this change, and new adventures, both exciting and terrifying, they will be remembered. They will be heard in the midst of all this change. It's nice to know someone will hear your story.

I recently took the youth to James River High School to see *James and the Giant Peach*. We got to see Lindsey Stevens and her classmates sing and dance beautifully. They told the classic Roald Dahl tale of a little boy who finds family in an unlikely place. The drama teacher came forward after the bows and called all of the seniors by name to recognize them. She said, "Whether this is your tenth show, or your first show, we will remember you. We will tell your story."

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR) has a hallway where there is a picture of each graduating class, going back to the first graduates in 1991. It will soon include the Class of 2018. Every time I go back to BTSR, I find myself down that hallway on a picture with a plaque marked "Class of 2009." Erica now finds me in the sea of faces, and I tell my story to her. I say I learned about the Bible with these friends. I go to the map on the mall and find the pushpin in the city of Beijing, China where I went on my Missionary Immersion Experience. I introduce her to those teachers who taught me about the Bible, hymnology, and church history. We go to dinner at BTSR on Tuesday nights, and we hear the stories of the current seminary students. I tell Erica one day her Papa's picture will be on that wall, because

that's part of her story, too.

Right before the March for Our Lives, composer, lyricist and actor, Lin-Manuel Miranda released a duet he had sung with actor Ben Platt called "Found/Tonight." It's a mash-up of two different songs, one called "The Story of Tonight" from the musical *Hamilton*, and the other called "Found" from the musical *Dear Evan Hansen*. This song was released to give inspiration and encouragement to those kids telling their stories at the March for Their Lives. Miranda and Platt actually performed the song at the March For Our Lives. Proceeds from the song went to the March For Our Lives initiative. Here is what Miranda had to say about the song: "In the wake of Parkland, I was awestruck by the strength and leadership of the students and their ability to speak truth to power...In the midst of their grief, they mobilized the youth of our nation and created a movement. This is their moment. Not just for themselves, but for all of us. This song is my way of helping to raise funds and awareness for their efforts, and to say 'thank you,' and that we are with you, so let's keep fighting, together."

Telling our own stories is important because in the end, we are the only ones who can tell it accurately. Maybe it will inspire or encourage someone. Perhaps it could even allow someone to see a different perspective than their own. As you commence on the next stage of your journey, wherever it takes you, tell your story, and hear someone else's.

And when our children tell their story

You will be found

They'll tell the story of tonight

No matter what they tell you

Tomorrow there'll be more of us

Telling the story of tonight from Found/Tonight

BY KIM CROWLEY

Children & Youth Summer Happenings

Children & Youth Out of School Party: Fri., June 15

Children of all ages and Youth at Sky Zone

Youth Lunch Bunch: Tues., June 19, 12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch at Regency Square Food Court

PASSPORTkids! Camp

June 20-23, Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg, VA

Youth PASSPORT Camp

June 24-29, Averett University, Danville, VA

Hands & Hearts Family Mission Trip

June 24-29, Nickelsville, VA

For more information and to register your family, please visit rrcb.org/handsandhearts

Children's Movie Night "Coco"

Fri., June 29, 6 p.m., Assembly Room

Children ages 2 and up are invited to an indoor movie night at the church.

Youth Lunch Bunch: Tues., July 3, 12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch at Chesterfield Town Center

Vacation Bible School: July 9-13

King's Dominion Youth & Children: Sun., July 15

Children in 5th grade and Youth leave after church to head to King's Dominion!

Youth Lunch Bunch: Tues., July 17, 12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch at Cook Out in Short Pump

Children's Outing to ARC Park

Wed., July 18, 10 a.m. to noon

Children of all ages are invited to play at the park.

Unidiversity: July 22-28, Knoxville, TN

Preschool Fun Morning: Tues., July 31, 10 a.m. to noon

Children ages birth through Pre-K are invited to a fun morning at RRCB.

3rd and 4th Grade Outing: Fri., August 3, 6-8 p.m.

Youth Mission Trip: August 5-9, Richmond, VA

Family Outing to Flying Squirrels Game

Sun., August 12, 1-4 p.m.

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us at The Diamond.

5th Grade Outing: Fri., August 17, 6-8 p.m.

Youth Lunch Bunch: Tues., August 21, 12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch at Jason's at Willow Lawn

Children & Youth Pool Party: Sun., August 26

Children ages 10 and up, children under 10 with parent/adult, and youth will all swim together!

Youth Lunch Bunch: Tues., August 28, 12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch at Chipotle at Willow Lawn

Children's Story Time with the Pastor

Fri., August 31, 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

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.

2 CHAPERONES NEEDED!

1 male and 1 female
Unidiversity (July 22-28)

Youth Dessert Auction Dinner

Sunday, June 3

6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The youth are hosting dinner for the church and you get to go home with dessert! BBQ dinner with Mac & Cheese, Beans, and Slaw will be served for \$5 per person (family max: \$20). During dinner, you will have the opportunity to bid on some yummy desserts made by your church family! All money raised will go towards offsetting the cost of the various youth trips this summer. The you are also asking that church members donate a homemade dessert (pie, cookies, cupcakes, cakes, etc.) to be auctioned off at the event. Contact Marnie Fisher-Ingram with any questions. Sign up for dinner and/or to donate a dessert at www.rrcb.org/dessert.

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, June 5

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, June 7 & 21

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.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Sunday, June 10

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

W.A. Mozart’s *Requiem* — Visit www.rrcb.org/concert to reserve your FREE tickets on Eventbrite.

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).

Yoga

Mondays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25

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.

MISSIONS

Camp Alkulana Offering — May 27 - July 1

Goal: \$8,000

To encourage as many children and youth as possible to attend, campers pay a very small percentage of the actual cost to attend a session at Camp Alkulana. The camp relies almost entirely on gifts to fund its programs. You may make a contribution by using a green envelope in the pew racks of the Sanctuary.

Prayer Shawls

Deadline: Friday, June 1

Our ministers provide prayer shawls as gifts of care to those who need them in our church family. Completed prayers shawls can be placed in the designated bins at the Mission Tables in the Upper and Lower Commons. For shawl instructions, please contact Sallie Sparks (804-740-3818).

First Sunday Food Share — Sunday, June 3

River Road Church has a long history of working in many capacities with our three Baptist Centers: Church Hill, Oregon Hill, and South Richmond. We have donated food and other needed items, and we have gone to the centers and provided services and care. On the first Sunday of each month, you are invited to bring a bag of food for the Centers and place it in one of the green grocery carts in the Upper or Lower Commons. To best serve our centers and their communities, the center directors are requesting smaller-sized products. A suggested shopping list of food can be found on the Mission Tables.

CrossOver Moo & Brew 5K and Party

Saturday, June 9, 6:00 p.m., Virginia War Memorial

Moo & Brew details are available at www.rrcb.org/crossover. Following the race there is a festival with food, drinks, and games. Join the RRCB or donate to support the team!

Happy Birthday!

June 1

Marnie Fisher Ingram
Daniel Ladnier
Amber Ryan
Jim Trent
Webb Tyler
Doug Wallace

June 2

Ethan Butterworth
Erica Crowley
Carol Cruickshanks
Beverly Geissler
Craig Stuhman

June 3

Owen Fallen
Georgia Mayo
Carol Moelchert
Judy Ware

June 4

Betty Martin
Ruthie Mustian
Lei Robinson

June 5

Parker Dixon
Linda Honaker
Rob Sandford

June 6

Helen Carter
Bobby Hubbard
Terry Marsh
Marjorie Yount

June 7

Ed Pruden
Ava Robinson
Beth Wilson

June 8

Paula Brown
Cabell Jones
Diana Mahoney
Tara Savedge
Mary Lou Sims
Amy Thurston
Christian Wheeler

June 9

Stephanie Cauble

June 10

Bryan Bostic
James Mahoney
Bobbette Newsome
Joe Teefey

June 11

Gale Higgins
Craig Martin
Charles Phillips
Samantha Tomasello

June 12

Lauren Balentine
Edwin Cothran
Dexter Gulick
Ted Kral
Jim Paxton

June 13

William Nurney

June 12

Janet & Dan Bagby – 53 years

June 13

Dick & Susan Cooke – 31 years
Rob & Anne James – 59 years

June 14

George & Kitty Davis – 49 years
Jason & Jane Hiser – 10 years
Bill & Donna Payne – 49 years

June 15

Lee & Bromby Bradley – 22 years
Brock & Bonnie Livick – 44 years
G.C. & Leah Robinson – 16 years

June 16

Erin & John Gray – 11 years

June 17

Rob & Sue Baldwin – 51 years
Chester & Margaret Phelps – 51 years

June 19

Ben & Catherine Burkett – 19 years
Ed & Peggy Pruden – 47 years
Dale & Lei Robinson – 13 years
Jeff & Shannon Sundberg – 19 years

June 20

Kim & Charlie Early – 26 years
Sam & Katherine Hall – 20 years
Mike & Theresa Price – 26 years
Bill & Virginia Smith – 59 years

June 16

Doug Anderson
Boice Frye
Tim Merritt
Bob Oakes
Margaret Oliver
Kenton Sumner

June 17

Lauren Spencer

June 18

Miller Alvis

June 19

Julia Nixon
Sydney Schreiner
Betty Rose Sexton

June 20

Michelle McGrath

June 21

Kaylee Butterworth
Jason Dardick
Bill Gray

June 22

Riley Collins
Charlotte Hare
Richard Strauss

June 23

Andrew Blanchard
Warren Johnson

June 24

Skyler Mang

June 25

Dave Bailey
Zachary Bostic
Sarah Bower
Beth Hooker
Brandi Long

June 26

Edward Bass
Joseph Fields-Johnson
Lynda Oakey

June 27

Anne James
Abigail Pruden

June 28

John Wood

June 29

Nicholas Both
Kenzie Grady
Steve Newsome
Chris Wilkinson

June 30

Margaret Daniel
Bob Gallagher
Sierra Lightfoot
Lowell Shelton

June 21

Carol & Harper Alford – 4 years
Don & Karen Farmer – 43 years
Tim & Katie Merritt – 10 years
Grover & Betsy Robinson – 50 years

June 22

Ted & Laura Lee Chandler – 44 years

June 23

John & Wyatt Heisler – 39 years
Olen & Ann Stewart – 56 years

June 24

Fred & Nancy Anderson – 51 years
Elizabeth deTreville & Seth Sommerville – 8 years

June 25

Diana & Terry Booth – 2 years
Harold & Joyce Gibson – 58 years
Jim & Barbara Holdren – 52 years
John & Ronda Zukowsky – 35 years

June 27

Anne & R C Moore – 48 years
John & Pat O’Bannon – 47 years

June 28

George & Carolyn Thomas – 49 years
John & Cathy Whitty – 32 years

June 29

Mark & Lisa Cipolletti – 22 years

June 30

Shawn & Amber Ryan – 17 years