

Sounds Like Summer

**SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER with
River City Party Band & Gelati Celesti
Friday, June 1
6:00-9:00 p.m., Front Plaza**

Families, friends, and neighbors, bring your blankets and beach chairs, sit back and relax, and enjoy and summer night on the plaza! The River City Party Band will be jamming on the Plaza for all to enjoy. They play monthly at the Tin Pan — “From subtle cocktail music and classic swing to Motown, Beach, and today’s dance music, the RCPB is the perfect accent to your event.” RVA’s favorite Gelati Celesti is bringing their food truck offering eight flavors as well as gluten-, nut-, and dairy-free varieties.

Vacation Bible School

**VBS Week
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.

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



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THANK YOU, LUBOS!

Throughout the 2017-2018 academic year, our church has been so fortunate to have Lubos Dzuriak among us. Lubos, a graduating third-year student at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, has served as our pastoral intern.

A native of Slovakia, Lubos and I were at BTSR together in the early 2000s. His mother’s death and family responsibilities caused Lubos to put his studies on hold and return home to care for his family. As often happens, life and work became very busy and completing seminary became more difficult. He built a construction business with his wife Diana in Austria that thrives to this day.

Two years ago, Lubos returned to Richmond to complete his theological education. His daughter Naomi came with him to live and study in the U.S. In addition to running his business back in Austria, serving as a single parent to his daughter (his wife and other 3 children—Tobi, Eli, and Adela—stayed with Diana in Austria), Lubos has excelled at his studies and this internship.

In addition to being a dear friend, Lubos is a caring and grace-filled minister. Many of you have seen him lead in worship, heard him speak at the Comma Club, learned as he has taught Sunday School, and been inspired as he spoke with mission groups. Sunday, April 22, will be his last official Sunday as our intern.

You’ll have an opportunity on May 20 to hear Lubos preach at River Road Church, Baptist. And how appropriate it is that Lubos will preach on Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate that incredible event where the gift of the Holy Spirit was made available to people from all over the world gathered in Jerusalem, hearing their own language spoken (Acts 2).

If you have an opportunity soon to thank Lubos for his ministry among us, I hope you’ll do so. *Lubos, Ďakujem a Boh ti žehnaj!*

Daniel



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2 FEMALE CHAPERONES NEEDED!
Passport Youth (June 24-29)
Unidiversity (July 22-28)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
May 28

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.

2018 Graduates
Our 2018 graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 10. If you or your child are graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, or Technical School and would like to share it with the congregation, please fill out the form online (www.rrcb.org/graduates) or email terrimcmahon@rrcb.org with the information below, and if you will be present on June 10, by Monday, May 21.

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| High School: | College, Graduate School, or Technical School: |
| • Full Name | • Full Name |
| • High School | • School |
| • Plans after graduation | • Degree and Major |

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MISSIONS

First Sunday Food Share

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 Baptist Centers and place it in one of the green grocery carts in the Upper or Lower Commons. The Board of Missions hopes this will become your family's monthly tradition. 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 in the Connections or on the Mission Tables.

Prayer Shawls

Deadline: Friday, June 1

Our ministers provide prayer shawls as gifts of care to those who need them in our church family. Please consider knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl. 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).

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! You can sign up for the race and the party, or come to party and cheer on the RRCB team.

Hands and Hearts: A Family Mission Experience

June 24-29

Nickelsville, VA

This trip is for children who have completed kindergarten and older, parents, grandparents, and any member of our RRCB church family. The sign up deadline is May 22. The trip cost is \$75 trip fee, per person, payable to RRCB. Please put "Nickelsville" in memo line. The fee will cover food, lodging, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. Contact Diane Shoemake (804-270-2190), or Laura Lee Chandler (804-337-4483)

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).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, May 1

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, May 1

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, May 3 & 17

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.

Book Lovers Group

Thursday, May 3

7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Book: *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

Katie Merritt will lead the discussion and the author of the book will call in to speak to the group. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

The Comma Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 8

12:00 p.m., Courtyard

Please make your reservations by Friday, May 4 by calling the Church Office, or filling out the form online 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.

Amicitia Second Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, May 13

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).

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Music for Violin, Trumpet, & Keyboard (organ/piano)

Tuesday, May 15

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Judy Hellmers, violin (Sydney, Australia)

Bruce Hellmers, trumpet (Sydney, Australia)

Grant Hellmers, organ and piano

Visit www.rrcb.org/eventbrite 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.

New Horizons Sunday School Class Dinner

Friday, May 18

6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Vocal Recital

Sunday, May 20

3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

William Dameron, Tenor

Charles Staples, Accompanist

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River Road River Walk Downtown

Saturday, May 26, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Walk the T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Pedestrian Bridge

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

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

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.

Youth Sunday Night Schedule

May 7 & 20

4:15-5:00 p.m.: River Road Camerata, Choir Room

5:00-6:00 p.m.: Youth Choir, Youth Choir Room

6:00-6:15 p.m.: Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall

6:15-7:30 p.m.: Youth Program, Youth Area

Softball Schedule

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 & 7:20 p.m., Short Pump Park

Opponent: Three Chopt Presbyterian

Tuesday, May 8, 8:15 & 9:05 p.m., Glen Allen Complex #2

Opponent: Temple Beth El

Tuesday, May 15 — BYE Week

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 & 7:20 p.m., Glen Allen Complex #3

Opponent: Christ Church Episcopal

Tuesday, May 29, 6:30 & 7:20 p.m., Glen Allen Complex #3

Opponent: Heights Church

CAMP ALKULANA

Offering: May 13 - June 24

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.

Toiletry Donations: Deadline: Wednesday, May 16

Camp Alkulana is collecting full-size deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to give to their campers this summer. Please bring your donations to the designated bins at the Mission Tables in the Upper and Lower Commons.

Work Day: Saturday, May 19

Won't you come along and join the River Road Team to help Camp Alkulana prepare for their campers this summer? If you are interested in participating, please contact Bill Rusher (brusher@rjadc.org or 804-285-1087).

Thoughtful Faith Community (TFC)

Wednesday, May 2, 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 Entrée: 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: Abigail Schreiner, HopeTree Family Services, Assembly Room**

HopeTree's Foster Care program helps meet the needs of children and youth who require individualized care and attention in a stable, Christian family setting. Our goal is to create a foster home environment which enhances the emotional, educational, physical, social, and spiritual development of every child. In this presentation, Abigail will share the story of HopeTree's beginning, the impact of current ministry programs, and the many ways individuals and church groups can share God's love with children in foster care.

Abigail Schreiner is the Foster Parent Recruiter at HopeTree Family Services. Abigail's main role in this position is to speak in churches throughout Virginia to raise awareness about the need for foster parents and to encourage loving families to open their homes to children in need. Abigail is passionate about raising awareness of foster care in the community and advocating for policies that improve the child welfare system. She especially enjoys seeing the positive impact that a loving foster family can have on a child in care.

- **TFC-Kids**
 - Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
 - Recreation, Chapel Hall

Wednesday, May 9, 4:30-7:15 p.m.

- **River Road Camerata**, Choir Room
- **Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
 - Menu: TBA
- **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: Panama Mission Trip Report, Assembly Room**
- **TFC-Kids**
 - Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
 - Recreation, Chapel Hall

Wednesday, May 16, 4:30-7:15 p.m.

- **River Road Camerata**, Choir Room
- **Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
 - Menu: TBA
- **Children's Musical Warm Up**, Choir Room
- **TFC: Children's Musical: *Once Upon a Parable*, Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, May 23, 4:30-7:15 p.m.

- **River Road Camerata**, Choir Room
- **Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
 - Menu: TBA
- **TFC: Christian Educator of the Year Award, Fellowship Hall**

An appreciative congregation of River Road Church, Baptist will present to Emily Tuck its 2018 Christian Educator of the Year Award for her decades of service in Christian education and spiritual formation through teaching and education leadership. Join us as we honor her and all our Sunday School faculty members who are invited guests for this annual dinner!

Happy Birthday!

May 2

Mitch Davis
Lee Slatton

May 3

Debbie Hailes
Pat O'Bannon

May 4

Jane Hiser
Jim Holdren, Jr.
Leslie Straw

May 5

Eleanor McGee

May 6

Carl Collier
Martha Day Dumas

May 7

Bev Evans
Nancy Gary
Jack Grady
Jenks Marrow
Karen West

May 8

Spencer Macturk
Cary Ralston
Matt Rooney
Merle Showalter

May 9

Adeline Heisler
Emily King

May 10

Harper Alexander
Rell Cary
Cynthia Lantz
Ron Toney

May 11

Catherine Both
Janet DeShazo
John Heisler
J.T. Whitty

May 12

Isabel Martin
Craig Martin
Frank Schwall
Sharon Wake

May 13

Ted Chandler, Jr.
Ronnie Jones

May 14

Lee Schaffer
Eunice Wolford

May 15

Emily Bower
Logan Cowardin
Hannah Frank
Clyde Stoakley

May 16

Axel Davis
Cynthia Macturk

May 17

Ella Grace Harman-Barrios
Jackson Koskinen
Peter Moon
Rebecca Ralston

May 18

Chris Johnson
Sue Kalbaugh
Zachary Stevens

May 19

Katherine Clark
Chris Gobble
Richard Seward
Georgia Vaughan

May 20

Caroline Brown
Carolyn Whitley

May 21

Isabella Cavallo

May 22

Bert Browning
Rose Browning
Susie Rommel

May 23

Alex Blanchard

May 25

Rick Scherer
Sherry Sorrell
Charlie Williamson

May 26

Andrea Glaze

May 27

Martha Robertson

May 29

Scott Powell

May 30

Dan Bagby
Judy Collins
Grace Cruickshanks
Lee Perkins

May 31

Bob Gilliam
Andy McAllister
Kristen Phelps

Happy Anniversary!

May 1

Anya and Dave Bayford – 8 years

May 3

Bonnie and Walter Suwal – 4 years

May 4

Kara Harman-Barrios and Pablo Barrios – 5 years
Carl and Karen Collier – 44 years
Don and Val Pate – 21 years
Richard and Letty Wood – 27 years

May 11

Bob and Beth Musick – 22 years

May 12

Dave and Sharon Bailey – 17 years

May 13

Malcolm and Carolyn Briggs – 18 years
Tara and Kent Savedge – 12 years

May 14

David and Michelle Gulick – 41 years
Tom and Anne Kirkup – 52 years
Melanie and Daniel Ladnier – 2 year

May 20

Sara and Jack Heisler – 7 years

May 21

Scott and Cheryl Powell – 19 years
David and Janet Stevens – 24 years

May 22

Roy and Jane Terry – 42 years

May 23

Martha Day and Mark Dumas – 37 years

May 24

Kristi and Lloyd Scholz – 21 years
Beth and Craig Stuhlman – 43 years

May 25

Serge and Linda Schreiner – 33 years

May 26

Bill and Deb Gray – 45 years
Chris and Sarah Wilkinson – 17 years

May 29

Tom and Wendy Graves – 48 years
Clint and Amy Hubbard – 19 years

May 30

Kristin and Neil Groseclose – 3 years
Seth and Libby Roberts – 20 years

For more information and to make your dinner reservations, please visit www.rrcb.org/tfc.

HAPPY SUMMER!

VESPERS WILL BEGIN IN JULY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & TFC WILL RETURN ON
SEPTEMBER 12