



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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WE'RE IN GOOD HANDS

By the time you read this, I'll be in Knoxville, Tennessee spending a week at youth camp with 20 RRCB teenagers and adult chaperones. We are spending the week growing and learning together, focusing upon the theme *Rhythms of Grace*.

Whenever I spend any length of time around our RRCB youth, I never fail to be inspired by them. They are committed Christians who see God at work in our world and want to be a part of that work. They are passionate about serving others, especially the poor and outcast. What's more, they are a lot of fun!

It's said so often that it's become cliché: our youth are the church of the future. Whenever I hear that, I like to respond, "respectfully, they are the church of today." I'm so grateful we've had great ministers of youth at RRCB who have treated our young people as the leaders they are.

Do you remember the story where Jesus became angry when his disciples tried to keep children from him? Do you recall the time, when the disciples were bickering over who was the greatest, Jesus put before them a child and told them to be more like him?

Our youth often mediate some of God's greatest lessons to us. Kids put things in perspective, don't they? They point out the flaws and hypocrisies in our lives. And they don't know any better than to speak the truth to us adults. Their worldview, in many cases, is more hopeful and not jaded by too much human experience. They haven't grown cynical like many adults have. They have much to teach us if we will listen to them.

I love the youth of RRCB. Let's listen to them. Let's learn from them. Let's give thanks to God for them.

Daniel

Vespers

Wednesdays, 7:00-7:45 p.m., Chapel

With summer months comes busy traveling and the fellowship of the church can become scattered. So in the months of July and August, RRCB takes a midweek break to worship together in a relaxed environment. We gather to pray, to sing, and to embrace the slow summer evening Sabbath time together.

August 1: Chris Crowley

August 8: Beth Rooney

August 15: Currie Carter

August 22: Youth of RRCB - Unidiversity Camp

August 29: Nathan Taylor

Children & Youth

Ages and grades refer to the 2017-2018 school year.

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, 6-7 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.

FIXERS

Thursdays, August 9 & 23

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.

FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon

Friday, August 10

12:00 p.m., Tazza Kitchen

RSVP to Jean Ellis (jean782carter@verizon.net or 804-272-7672) and let her know if you would like to carpool.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

The Choirs of Boys and Girls of Washington National Cathedral

Michael McCarthy, Choirmaster

Sunday, August 26

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Yoga

Mondays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27

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.

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

First Sunday Food Share — Sunday, August 5

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.

Suggested Shopping List:

- Cans of Vegetables
- Cans of Fruit
- Cans of Soup
- Cans of Meat: small cans of tuna, chicken
- Cans of Pork and Beans or other Beans
- Canned Entrées (example: Spagettios)
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Packages of Powdered Milk
- Boxes of Cereal
- Rice
- Dry Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Jelly

Church Hill Toiletry Bags and Undergarments

Collections — Deadline: August 19

Virginia's tax free shopping weekend is August 3-5, 2018

Bring your donations to the designated bins at the Missions Tables located in the Upper and Lower Commons. Shopping lists can be found on the Mission Tables.

Please fill a gallon-sized Ziploc bag:

- Shampoo
- Comb and Brush
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Wash cloth
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Floss
- Lotion

Undergarments for ALL AGES:

Socks and boxers (boys) or bikini-cut (girls)

Happy Birthday!

August 1
Sharon Bailey
Eli Stanley

August 2
Byrd Latham
Deep Sawhney

August 3
Steve Bailey
Page Booth
Libbie Geiger
Dick Morris

August 4
Colston Pounders

August 5
David Hooker
Winn Kral
David Price

August 6
Dave Holland, Jr.
Christopher Macturk
Luke Scherer
Sarah Wilkinson

August 7
Wendy Graves
Camille Stoakley

August 8
Matthew Cipolletti

August 9
Eunice Garrett
John McGuire IV

August 10
Joyce Leshner
Tom Ligon
Mark Pounders

August 11
Miggie Mustian
Etta Wallace
Caroline Zukowsky

August 12
Harold Gibson
Marge Rusher
Tom Starke

August 13
Betsy Foster
Ray Nelson
Ashley Stevens

August 16
Lisa Cipolletti
Sarah Collier
Mary Alice Lynch
Hannah Williams

August 17
Sue Naschold
Sandy Sizemore

August 18
Teddy Broadnax
Mason Davis
Emma Dixon
Sarah Pruden
Shawn Ryan

August 19
Courtney Collins

August 20
Tom Ahl
Brooks Hall
Gene Harris

August 21
Tom Gilsdorf
Brian Price
Tim Sexton

August 22
Deborah deTreville
Nancy Lawrence
Judy McDanel
Janet O'Neal

August 23
Bryn Taylor

August 24
Steve Lessels
John McGuire, III

August 26
Fred Bagwell
Currie Carter
Ralph Nelson

August 27
Ann Bagwell
Donna Bower
Amy Hubbard
Terry Welker

August 28
Bob Bullock
Judy Dixon
Liz Seward
Charles Sorrell
George Thomas
Cayla Wright

August 29
Wes Scholz

August 30
Brendan Collins
Neil Groseclose
Barbara Kinsey
Janet Ralston
Jody Smart

August 31
Mary Alice Halloran
Emily Mathews

Happy Anniversary!

August 1
Bill and Amy Thurston – 3 years
John and Karen West – 31 years

August 2
Bob and Diane Shoemake – 49 years

August 3
John and Carol Nugent – 43 years

August 4
Brent and Laura Leshner – 17 years

August 6
Bryan and Marguerite Bostic – 24 years
Alex Ortega and Ashlyn Cross – 8 years

August 7
Gary and Robyn Tyer – 42 years

August 9
Cam and Cindy McGuire – 43 years

August 10
Don and Leanne Thomson – 33 years

August 12
Dennis and Janet O'Neal – 29 years

August 13
Scott and Jane Leake – 41 years

August 14
Erica and Bob Gilliam – 47 years

August 16
Tim and Betty Rose Sexton – 49 years

August 17
E.J. and Sandy Bowen – 55 years

August 19
Rob and Bettina Sandford – 51 years

August 21
Steve and Lani Gilliam – 19 years

August 22
Ransone and Carolyn Hartz – 59 years

August 23
Steve and Helen Larson – 49 years

August 24
Hilton and Margaret Almond – 50 years
Frank and Suzette Cavallo – 16 years
Don and Barbara Robertson – 50 years
Dan and Peggy Stevens – 55 years

August 25
Daniel Ingram and Marnie Fisher-Ingram
-17 years

August 29
Don and Carol Cruickshanks – 37 years
Kay and Norton Howe – 43 years
Jim and Sondra Trent – 65 years

Holland Lectures

The Faith We Sing: Singing and Shaping Belief in the 21st Century Church with C. Michael Hawn Sundays, August 5 - September 2 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

C. Michael Hawn is one of our nation's leading experts in hymnology and world music. Now a Richmonder, he recently retired after 25 years from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, as University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Church Music and director of the Sacred Music Program. Previously he taught at two Baptist seminaries for a total of 15 years. He leads festivals and publishes extensively in the area of hymnology, is the USA Editor for the Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology, and writes a weekly hymn studies column entitled History of Hymns. A student of global Christian music, Hawn has conducted research and taught in over 40 countries. In addition, he has sung extensively as a countertenor and is a recovering accordion player.

Singing is in the DNA of most Christian traditions. While not unique to Christian communities, congregational singing is certainly part of the identity of Christian worship. Not all of the other great religious traditions integrate the people's song into their communal gatherings. One might even go as far as to say that participation in congregational singing is one measure of the health and vitality of a church. This is not about musical proficiency or that better congregations sing more in tune; it is in terms of the range of congregational song that connects a local congregation with its heritage, its community, Christians ecumenically, and the needs of the world. You're invited to join Hawn for four Sunday sessions in August and explore what it means to shape our belief through song.

- **August 5:** All Things Bright and Beautiful: Singing a Theology of Creation for the 21st Century
- **August 12:** Joy to the World: Singing a Theology of the Incarnation for the 21st Century
- **August 19:** Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today: Singing a Theology of the Resurrection for the 21st Century
- **August 26:** Singing with the Faithful of Every Time and Place: Songs from the Global Church
- **September 2:** Hymns That People Love to Hate

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.

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