

Party on the Plaza

Friends & Family Night
Sunday, July 8
5:00-7:00 p.m., Front Plaza

Coming soon to a summer evening near you: **food, fun, and fellowship** with old friends and new! EVERYONE is invited to the Party on the Plaza for a friends and family night!

Food Trucks will be along the front of the church on River Road! We'll have food vendors cooking up **yummy entrées** on the spot, **fun and games** (even a balloon artist!) for the young at heart, and plenty of seating so you can **chat and relax**. All of this on the plaza in front of the Sanctuary as we kick off VBS week. **Way cool!**

Sounds Like Summer

Old Dogs New Tricks & sweetFrog
Friday, July 20
6:30-9:00 p.m., Front Plaza

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

Old Dogs New Tricks will be jamming on the Plaza for all to enjoy. They are a four-piece bluegrass group known for our hard-driving bluegrass and gospel performances. They work hard in order to bring exceptionally tight picking and on spot harmonies to the stage

The local RVA giant, **sweetFrog**, is known for their create-your-own combination of delicious, soft-serve premium frozen yogurt, then finish it off with any toppings you choose. sweetFrog accepts cash or debit/credit cards.

FREE tickets at www.rrcb.org/SLS



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EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR LIBBY GRAMMER

The Rev. Libby M. Grammer has served River Road Church for more than three years as pastoral intern, Interim Minister, and as Pastoral Resident. In each role, she has excelled in her work and has grown in her calling.

Serving our church as Pastoral Resident has provided Libby a focused time of preparation to be a Senior Pastor. Her work and study among us has given experience and training in the various aspects of pastoral ministry in order to prepare her to take on a pastoral call.

Therefore, it is with a good mixture of excitement and sorrow that we announce that today, June 17, 2018, First Baptist Church of Martinsville, Virginia called Rev. Grammer as their next Senior Pastor. First Baptist is a longstanding flagship church in Virginia Baptist life, located near the North Carolina border. The church is a dynamic and dedicated congregation, seeking to be a beacon of light and hope in its community. Libby will do well there.

In addition to focusing upon beginning her ministry well in Martinsville, Libby will be busy in the next several weeks tying up her ministry here at River Road, selling her home, finishing her doctoral degree project—all as she and Will are expecting a baby girl this September! The Grammer-Underwood family requests our prayers over all this transition.

Rev. Grammer's last Sunday among us will be July 29, 2018, and she will preach for us in morning worship.

Libby, River Road Church is immensely proud of you, and we've benefited from the good and faithful work you've done here. As you depart, we pray God's blessings upon you. In the words of Nobel Peace Prize recipient Dag Hammarskjöld, "For all that has been—thanks. For all that will be—yes."

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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.

First Sunday Food Share — Sunday, July 1

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.

MINISTER ON CALL — (804) 464-7668
 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 Wednesday, July 4

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FIXERS

Thursdays, July 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.

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, July 10

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 Luncheon

Friday, July 13

12:00 p.m., Azzurro

RSVP to Liz Seward (ecseward@aol.com or 804-282-3657) and let her know if you would like to carpool.

Amicitia Outing

Wednesday, July 18

6:30 p.m., River City Roll

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).

Summer Vesper Series

Wednesdays, July 18 – August 29

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.

Yoga

Mondays, July 2, 9, 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.

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).

HOLLAND LECTURES

The Faith We Sing: Singing and Shaping Belief in the 21st Century Church with C. Michael Hawn

Sundays, August 5-26

9:45 a.m., Assembly Room

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.

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.

Children & Youth Summer Happenings

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

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

Lunch at Chesterfield Town Center

Vacation Bible School: July 9-13

VBS Youth Helper Lunch: Tues., July 8, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Youth Room

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

Children in 5th grade and Youth are invited! It is \$25 per person. The group will leave after church to head to King's Dominion! Chaperones are needed. Sign up at www.rrcb.org/KD by July 11.

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.

Youth Lunch Bunch: Tues., July 31, 12-1:30 p.m., Youth Room

Moe's will cater lunch

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.

Vacation Bible School

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

www.rrcb.org/vbs

Our little Heroes will learn about how God gives them Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope, and Power.

Registration is open!

Ages:

- Preschool – Completed 5th Grade
- In order to participate in VBS, your child must turn 4 by September 30, 2018.
- If you have a youth (6th grade or older), they may volunteer during VBS week.

Volunteers:

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

Photographer(s) (adults or youth) take pictures and prepare a slideshow to share at the lunch on Friday; the volunteer doesn't have to be every day.

Snacks for Volunteers:

Providing snacks for our volunteers is a wonderful way to support the Vacation Bible School team at RRCB. Please drop your snacks off in CH #143 (the Life Sunday School Classroom) the Sunday before VBS starts.

Contact:

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the VBS Team at vbs@rrcb.org.

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!

July 1

David Cipolletti
Bill Payne

July 2

Steve Gilliam
Vanessa Jante
Roy Terry

July 3

Ty Hayes
Liz Holland
Bill Thurston

July 4

Frances Cloe
Don Cruickshanks

July 5

Doug Glasco
Libby Roberts

July 6

Kennedy Groseclose
Anne Carrington Hall

July 7

Austin Clark
Dean Decker
Chip Wyatt, Jr.

July 8

Kara Harman-Barrios

July 9

Jeanette Gholston
Chris McGee

July 10

Malcolm Briggs
Paul Honaker
Robbie Williams

July 11

Melanie Ladnier
Jessica Thorne

July 12

Jenny Thomas-Wright
Addison Van Tiem

July 13

Ella Glaze
Frank Kendall
Ethan Johnson
Betty Rose McGee
Jim Peak
John Pearson
Jane Terry

July 14

John Gordon

July 15

Lowry Cowardin
Ted Gary, IV
Grace Johnson
Paige Peak

July 16

Dick Schaffer
Geoff Sundberg

July 18

Peggy Ford
Heather Fariss
Coby Frye

July 19

William McGuire
Scott Rooney

July 20

Hilton Almond
Tuckie Paxton

July 21

Kathy Alexander
Briar Chatterjea
Donna Payne
Kathy Tran
Dean Wilkey

July 23

Cecil King
Cam McGuire
Peggy Pruden
Stacy Rooney

July 24

Marian Brooks
Bertie O'Neal
Joan Robertson

July 25

Randy Anderson
Sarah Bain
Jim Brown
Geoff Burnett

July 26

Joseph Collins
Deb Gray
Pierson Marshall
Arlene Fransen
Sammie Phillips
Bill Savage
Kristi Scholz
Kyle Updike

July 27

Samuel Hays
Kennedy Smart

July 28

Marian Jones
J.R. Pruden

July 29

Harper Alford
Bill Gottwald, Jr.
Andrew Livick
Ann Stewart
Will Underwood
Jeanette Welsh

July 30

Norman DeLong
Joey Mistretta
John Wake, Jr.

July 31

Hank Holland
England Rozum

Happy Anniversary!

July 2

Rob and Becky Spicer – 35 years

July 7

Jim and Caroline Brown – 56 years

July 8

David and Mary Lou Sims – 65 years

July 9

Russ and Margaret Collins – 52 years
Charles and Kelly Gresham – 35 years
Page and Doris Highfill – 7 years
Caroline and Jason Koskinen – 13 years
Steve and Bobbette Newsome -35 years

July 10

Bob and Julia Tyler – 20 years

July 12

Fred and Ann Bagwell – 49 years

July 13

Randy and Jo Ann Weinhardt – 5 years

July 15

Gregg and Ann Cothran – 1 year

July 17

Edwin and Karen Cothran – 42 years
Frank and Bettina Hinckle – 25 years
Michael and Alyson Stoakley – 14 years

July 19

Dick and Pat Harwood – 38 years

July 21

Paul and Linda Honaker – 39 years

July 22

Mike and Vivian Clingenpeel – 46 years
Tom and Bev Evans – 57 years
Wilson and Miggie Mustian – 12 years

July 23

Gene and Ellie Cox – 52 years

July 26

Cary and Janet Ralston – 44 years

July 27

Ron and Anita Tamagni – 44 years

July 28

Jim and Tuckie Paxton – 56 years

July 29

Henry and Betty Rose McGee – 67 years

July 30

Ralph and Ray Nelson – 35 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