



# RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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## GIVING THANKS

It's no secret that River Road Church can rightly be called a "niche church" due to the formality of our worship style, the architecture of our worship spaces, our ecumenical outlook, and the incredible preaching we hear week after week! (Just kidding on that last one). Despite what makes us unique, I appreciate that we maintain great relationships with other churches in our neighborhood and in the larger Baptist community. One of the ways we have sought to live out these relationship commitments is through a Community Thanksgiving Service. Many of you have remarked how much you enjoyed that worship service.

Looking through our bulletin archives, it appears we haven't held this service in a few years. The last time I met with the West End Pastor's Group, I raised the idea of reviving this service. Unfortunately, the idea was met with a rather tepid response. Undeterred, I spoke with my friend, Rev. Dr. Theodore Brown, pastor of Quioccasin Baptist Church, a nearby African-American congregation, about the possibility of a Quioccasin-River Road joint Thanksgiving service. (You may recall that Dr. Brown led Wednesday night Bible Study at our church several months ago

and a number of his congregants accompanied him). He loved the idea and agreed for his church to participate.

On **Monday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.**, we will gather in the River Road Sanctuary to worship God and express our thanksgiving for God's generous blessings in our lives, and we will do so with our friends from Quioccasin Baptist.

I'd love for our congregation to nurture a relationship with Quioccasin Baptist, and for several reasons. One is that our country and our world is far too divided along political, social, and racial lines. Here the church has an opportunity to proclaim the unity we find in Christ. Moreover, when build friendships and have conversations with those who are different, we find those differences seem to fade in light of all we share in common. That alone gives us reason to give thanks.

I hope you'll make plans now to attend this service as we lift our hearts to God in gratitude and celebration of all God is doing in our church, in our world, and in our lives. Thanks be to God!

*Daniel*

### Wednesday, November 7

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.: Crusader & Carol Choirs**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.: Cherub Choir**, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Youth, Youth Area**  
*Games & Dessert*
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Multi-generational, Fellowship Hall**

#### *Recognition of Our Veterans*

We will recognize our veterans from all branches of the military for their service. Our 3rd-5th grade children will ask questions of our veterans to learn from them for the program!

- **6:30-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Kids (pre-k to 2nd grades), UC #230**  
*Make cards for Veterans*

### Wednesday, November 14

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.: Crusader & Carol Choirs**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.: Cherub Choir**, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Multi-generational**  
*Midwives of Haiti*

Our children, youth, and adults will all learn about the same topic, but in different settings, based on age.

### Wednesday, November 28

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.: Crusader & Carol Choirs**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.: Cherub Choir**, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Multi-generational**  
*"Hanukkah" with Rabbi Hal Schevitz, Congregation Or Atid*

Our children, youth, and adults will all learn about the same topic, but in different settings, based on age.

## **FIXERS**

**Thursday, November 1, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday, November 15, 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.

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## **Julia Nixon Quilt Exhibit**

**November 2-16, 2018**

### **Lower Commons**

Julia Nixon has mastered the art of quilting and has a personal collection of over 500 quilts. A small selection will be on display at RRCB in the Lower Commons. The Arts Committee is sponsoring this exhibit, please take the time to look at her beautiful work, it will remain up until November 16.

## **Artist Reception**

**Sunday, November 4**

**12:30 p.m., Lower Commons**

After the church reception, join Julia Nixon and the Arts Committee in the Lower Commons to see the exhibit and talk to Julia about her work! In addition, stop by LC #106 to see a slideshow of Julia's full collection.

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## **Mystery Dinner Night**

**Saturday, November 3**

**6:00 p.m., Meet in the North (Back) Parking Lot**

**6:30 p.m., Dinner Offsite**

Looking for some variation in your dinner routine? Join us for RRCB's Mystery Dinner Night. Choose a food style and the Member Engagement Committee will match you with a restaurant and fellow church members. All adults are welcome! Reservations are required for dinner and childcare. Please sign up online at [rrcb.org/mystery](http://rrcb.org/mystery).

Childcare will be provided at the church for elementary-aged children and younger. Please bring dinner for your child from home (no fast food, please), and be allergy-conscious toward your child's peers.

## **All Saints' Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, November 4**

**11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

All Saints' Day, November 1, is also known as All Hallows' Day; its eve gave us the term "Halloween." We celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on the first Sunday in November, memorializing the saintly status of all Christian people, especially those we have lost from our own church family in the last year. The liturgical color is white, signifying that it is Christ who lives in the saints.

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## **Service of Baptism & Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 4**

**6:00 p.m., Chapel**

This service is a special time in the life of our church as we have the privilege of bearing witness to and celebrating this important step in Mollie Ingram's journey of faith. We gather as a family of faith to remember our own baptism, and to be a source of encouragement and companionship for these who would follow their Lord and Savior in the ordinance of baptism.

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## **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**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).

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## **Evening Bridge**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**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.

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## **FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon**

**Friday, November 9**

**12:00 p.m., Boathouse (Short Pump)**

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

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## **Regular Business Meeting**

**Sunday, November 11**

**12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

A quorum of 100 is required to conduct the business of the church.

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## **E. Carl Freeman Concert Series: Vocal Recital**

**Christopher Ahart, Tenor**

**Sunday, November 11**

**2:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Christopher Ahart will sing works by Schubert, Hahn, Mozart, and Vaughan Williams.

## **The Comma Club Luncheon & Program**

**Tuesday, November 13**

**12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

“Where was the First Thanksgiving... and What Was It?”

The speaker will be Chris Van Tassell, Program Coordinator at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. This program will explore the religious origins of the American holiday of Thanksgiving and the competing claims of where it was first observed. From Florida, to Virginia, and all the way up to Massachusetts, days of thanksgiving were held during the early colonial history of the United States. Later proclamations by presidents Washington, Lincoln, and Kennedy built on a holiday that was initially observed off and on and celebrated in a variety of ways before settling into the traditions most Americans are familiar with today.

Please make your reservations by Friday, October 9 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.

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## **Preschool Fun Morning**

**Saturday, November 17**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Lower Commons**

Come join us for a time of fellowship as we gather with our RRCB families with preschoolers for fellowship and fun. There will be snacks, games, and playing outside. Come join the fun! All families with preschoolers (aged kindergarten and below) are invited.

This event is put on by the Children’s Ministry of River Road Church, Baptist. However, River Road Church Preschool Development Center families are invited to join RRCB families in fellowship and fun!

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## **Youth Choir Jam Concert**

**Saturday, November 17**

**3:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

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## **WMU Connectors**

**Tuesday, November 20**

**7:00 p.m., Home of Beth Wilson**

All River Road women are cordially invited to join the group for an evening of fellowship! Marnie Fisher-Ingram will be the speaker. For more information please call Wyatt Heisler (804-741-9320) or Peggy Pruden (804-282-4942).

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## **Holiday Drop-in at the Pastor’s House**

**Sunday, November 25**

**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Home of Daniel & Andrea Glaze (10180 Stonemill Rd.)**

## **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).

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## **Yoga**

**Thursday, November 8**

**Mondays, November 12, 19, & 26**

**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.

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## **ADVENTure Lunch for Families**

**Sunday, December 2**

**12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

After worship, children and youth of all ages and their families are invited to the ADVENTure lunch. This is an opportunity to gather in fellowship, to enjoy a meal around the tables, to provide some resources for families to use at home that will help you with Advent preparation, and to have an opportunity to learn more about the season of Advent.

Please sign up online ([www.rrcb.org/adventure](http://www.rrcb.org/adventure)) or call the church office if you plan to come to let us know how many are coming and if you have any special dietary concerns by November 26.

*Greenery:* If you have boxwood that you are able to donate for the Advent Wreaths, please contact Betsy Lowery ([twodukes@hotmail.com](mailto:twodukes@hotmail.com) or 804-330-0134).

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## **E. Carl Freeman Concert Series**

**“A Renaissance Christmas” with The Tallis Scholars**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

All tickets are \$35 per person and available on Eventbrite at [rrcb.org/tallis](http://rrcb.org/tallis). The Tallis Scholars will perform works by Nico Muhly, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, John Nesbitt, William Byrd, and Hieronymus Praetorius.

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## **E. Carl Freeman Concert Series**

**Advent/Christmas Choral Concert**

**River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra**

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Music of Handel

*Organ Concerto in B flat, Opus 4, No. 6*

*Messiah, Part the First*

# E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

## Vocal Recital

**Christopher Ahart, Tenor**

Sunday, November 11, 2018  
2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## The Tallis Scholars

Sunday, December 2, 2018  
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
All tickets are \$35 per person.  
Tickets are available through  
Eventbrite at [rrcb.org/tallis](http://rrcb.org/tallis).

## Advent/Christmas Choral Concert River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Sunday, December 16, 2018  
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
Music of Handel  
*Organ Concerto in B flat, Opus 4,  
No. 6*  
*Messiah, Part the First*

## Harpichord Recital

**Bob Gallagher**

Sunday, March 10, 2019  
2:30 p.m., Chapel

## The Choir of the College of William and Mary

**Dr. James Armstrong, Director**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
8:00 p.m., Sanctuary

## Organ Recital

**Bruce Stevens, Organist**

Monday, April 1, 2019  
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
Concert Organist, Recording  
Artist, and University of Richmond  
Organ Faculty

## Vocal Recital

**Victoria Jackson, Soprano**

Sunday, May 5, 2019  
2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Choral Evensong

**River Road Chancel Choir and  
River Road Camerata  
Huw Williams (Bath Abbey, UK),  
Conductor**

Sunday, June 2, 2019  
4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**Tickets are available 4-6  
weeks before each concert:  
[rrcb.org/eventbrite](http://rrcb.org/eventbrite)**

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# Happy Birthday!

## November 1

Nancy Bailey  
Camden Koskinen

## November 2

Paula Mercer  
Jim Wilson

## November 3

Chris McGee  
Aimee Wester

## November 4

Hill Almond  
Brenda Bass  
Joyce Parker  
Ron Tamagni

## November 5

David Harris

## November 6

Kathy Fowler  
Caroline Lynch

## November 7

Carolyn Camden  
Isabella Cloe  
Laurie Gray  
Donna Tyler

## November 8

George Davis  
Paul Thompson

## November 9

Melanie Butterworth  
Lynn Byrd

## November 10

Richard Cloe  
Carolyn Hartz  
Dan Stevens

## November 11

Marguerite Bostic  
Sandra Briggs  
James Jante  
Steve Larson  
Peggy Marr  
Pat Schools  
Marilene Sheppard  
Ann Wilson  
Richard Wood

## November 12

Carol Decker  
Susan Ryan  
Allison Story  
John Zukowsky

## November 13

Loretta Albertis  
Ashley Glaze  
Susan Halloran  
Diane Shoemake  
Janet Spencer  
Dottie Williams

## November 14

Alexander Knerr  
Evan Knerr  
Jan Taylor

## November 15

Shepard Pounders

## November 16

Elizabeth Cruickshanks  
Ellen Gwathmey  
Barry Harmon  
Debbie Stoddard  
Buddy Sumner

## November 18

Raj Chatterjea  
Susan Gwathmey  
Oliver Merritt

## November 19

Lee Bradley  
Pat Huband  
Dick Strauss

## November 20

Karen Cothran  
Pat Dickinson  
Marty Halloran

## November 21

Levonne Cousins  
Meghan Zukowsky

## November 22

Townsend Sexton  
Bea Tyler

## November 23

William Sheppard  
Martha Younger

## November 24

Tom Arrington  
Chris Booth  
Libby Collier  
Sandra Marshall  
Jon Williams

## November 25

Laura Lee Chandler

## November 26

Mike Price  
Ella Grace Ryan  
Lucille Strauss

## November 27

Mary Collier  
Audrey Harris  
Susan Phillips

## November 28

Bill Stanton

## November 29

Barbara Holdren  
Randy Horne  
Pat Powell

## November 30

Jessica Baker

# Happy Anniversary!

## November 1

Linda and Ron Benton – 49 years

## November 3

Page and Ted Kral – 11 years  
Joany and Rick Scherer – 11 years

## November 5

Charlotte and Jim Ladd – 41 years

## November 9

Beth and Tim Clingenpeel – 5 years  
Betty and Gene Damon – 55 years

## November 11

Bette and Frank Schwall – 57 years

## November 14

Casey and Bo Hawthorne – 12 years

## November 15

Mary Lee and Tom Starke – 15 years

## November 23

Carolyn and Al Whitley – 53 years

## November 25

Betsy and Steve Lowery – 40 years

## November 27

Sharon and John Wake – 42 years

# Missions

## **First Sunday Food Share**

### **Sunday, November 4**

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

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## **Thanksgiving Boxes**

### **For Oregon Hill Baptist Center**

#### **Deadline: Wednesday, November 14**

The Board of Missions and WMU are sponsoring Thanksgiving Boxes that will be distributed through the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Boxes will be provided to each Sunday School Class asking for them to be filled with Thanksgiving-like food items. A shopping list will be attached to the box. A printable shopping list is available to the right or in the Upper or Lower Commons.

Please have filled boxes available for pick-up in your class by Wednesday, November 14. You may also leave donations on the Missions' Tables in the Upper and Lower Commons.

Additional boxes are available for any other individual or groups. Please contact Judy Morris or Deb Gray for additional boxes or if you have any questions.

## **Thanksgiving Boxes Shopping List**

- Instant Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, and/or Flavored Rice (Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
- Canned Hams (small, non-refrigerated)
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes (Family Size Cans)
- Apple Sauce in can
- Green Beans (Family Size Cans)
- Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cans of Fried Onions
- Corn (Family Size Cans or 2 smaller cans)
- Muffin or Cornbread Mix
- Macaroni & Cheese (Family Size Boxes)
- Pre-made Pie Crust already in Pie Pan (Graham Cracker)
- Instant Puddings to make pies (chocolate or vanilla)
- \$10 Gift Cards for Kroger (to be used toward purchase of Turkey or other perishable items)

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## **Christmas Stores for the Church Hill Baptist Center**

### **Deadline: Sunday, December 2**

They are called "Christmas Stores" because the items are not simply given away. A small amount, \$5.00, is charged for each child, entitling the parent(s) to select toys and several pieces of clothing. The money collected is used in a neighborhood fuel assistance fund for the winter months. Our stores are a ministry to the whole person, in which relationships are central. Parents retain their dignity as they carefully select gifts which they have paid to obtain.

We need gifts for children ages birth through 12 years old (shortages are reported for the 7- to 10-year-olds). Go easy on stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, Candy Land, and Chutes & Ladders Board Games. In other words, purchase gifts that you would want your own children to receive.

## **Suggestions:**

- clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, gloves)
- games and toys
- books
- bicycles and helmets

Do not wrap the gifts; the parents need to see what they are selecting. (Donations of small amounts of wrapping paper will be appreciated.) Please leave price tags on items so that it is easier to distinguish less expensive from more expensive items. Please deliver your donations to the Missions Tables in the Upper or Lower Commons.