



# RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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## BEGINNING WITH THANKS...

As you may be aware, we are in the beginning stages of our fall Stewardship Emphasis at River Road Church. In a few weeks you will be receiving some communication from the Stewardship Committee where we will outline some of what we've been able to accomplish in 2018 and what we hope to do in 2019. In addition, we will be asking you to make a pledge to the 2019 budget. We do this so that we can begin planning our budget process. Not only do we depend on your giving to keep the lights on, pay salaries, and support missions and ministries, but more importantly, sacrificial giving and how we invest in God's work is a significant part of following Christ.

Normally stewardship campaigns begin with an appeal—*please give!* But this year, I'd like to start in a different place—with a word of gratitude. River Road family, thank you for your generous giving to our church. Thank you for the hours of volunteer work you give to God in this place. Thank you for trusting us to be stewards of your sacrificial gifts. Thank you for giving of your time, your money, and yourselves. To be sure, we do not give in order to receive a thank you. However, I truly believe that the extending and receiving of gratitude is part of nurturing a culture of generosity. So, on behalf of the pastoral staff and Stewardship committee, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Because of your giving, we were able to generously support numerous mission partners who are serving Christ in Richmond and around the globe. Thank you. We were fortunate to invest in the upkeep of the beautiful church house God has given us. *Thank you.* And on a personal note, your gifts allowed me and the rest of the church staff to feed, clothe, and care for our families. *Thank you!*

I am constantly amazed by the generosity and energy found in the people of River Road Church. All that we enjoy—inspiring worship, warm friendship, meaningful service, and thoughtful faith—is because of your generous and gracious investment.

Thank you.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
October 28

### Choir Registration

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join our choirs for the upcoming 2018-2019 season!  
Sign up online at [www.rrcb.org/choirreg](http://www.rrcb.org/choirreg).

#### Children's Choirs

**Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30 p.m.**

- Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten) [Pre-K: Must Turn 4 by September 30, 2018]
- Carol Choir (Grades 1 & 2)
- Crusader Choir (Grades 3-5)

#### Youth Choir

**Sundays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

- Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

#### Chancel Choir (Adults)

**Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

If you would like to become a new member of our Chancel Choir, please fill out the new member form.

### 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, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**

**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.

**Joyful Hearts: Women's Bible Study & Fellowship**  
**Mondays, September 10 - November 19**  
**9:30-11:00 a.m., LC #102**

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**Watercolor 101**

**Mondays, October 1 to November 5**

**6:30-9:00 p.m., LC #102**

Each watercolor class is a brand new set of sessions. Newcomers are always welcome. Judy Dixon will again offer Watercolor 101, a class that is geared for beginners: those who have never held a brush, or those who have never attempted watercolor painting because they do not know how to draw. Judy furnishes everyone with the drawings. This is not a "drawing" class but rather a class to learn the most basic principles of watercolor painting. Participants learn by painting together, step by step. The six-week course costs \$100. Please contact Judy Dixon (804-744-1613 or [judy.griz@verizon.net](mailto:judy.griz@verizon.net)) to sign up. A list of supplies will be provided at that time.

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**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**Tuesday, October 2**

**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, October 2**

**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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**FIXERS**

**Thursdays, October 4 & 18**

**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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**The Comma Club Bus Tour of Historic Richmond Neighborhoods & Luncheon**

**Tuesday, October 9, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Steven Pugh will be the step on tour guide for this two-hour bus tour. There is no walking. The bus will leave the North (back) Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. The tour will return to the church at 12:30 p.m. where the group will enjoy box lunches and fellowship.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes bus, tour, tips, and lunch. Please make checks payable to RRCB, with "Comma Club" in the memo. Checks can be turned in to Tuckie Paxton or to the dropbox in the Church Office. If you choose to put your check in the offering plate on Sunday morning, it must be in an envelope labeled "LeAnne," or it will be counted toward your annual pledge.

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, October 3 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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**FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon**

**Friday, October 12**

**12:00 p.m., Hondo's Prime in the Shoppes at Innsbrook**

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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**Young Adults Group: Amicitia Lunch**

**Sunday, October 14**

**12:30 p.m., Offsite**

RSVP to Katie Merritt at [katiecmerritt@gmail.com](mailto:katiecmerritt@gmail.com) or 804-475-2553.

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**Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 14**

**4:00 p.m., Front Plaza**

We will gather on the Plaza in front of the Sanctuary to remember the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is known for his love of God's creation, which included a special love for God's creatures. We will be blessing animals as a part of this service. You are invited to bring your well-behaved animal(s) to receive a blessing.

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**WMU Connectors**

**Tuesday, October 16**

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

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

# TFC

## Wednesday, October 3

- **4:45-5:30 p.m.:** River Road Camerata, Choir Room
- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Children's Choirs, Main Rehearsal Room & Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Youth, Youth Area  
*Games & Dessert*
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Adults, Assembly Room  
*"Shadowy Sheol: Life and Afterlife in the Old Testament" with Dr. Art Wright, BTSR*
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Kids, CH #141 & Chapel Hall  
*Missions Education*

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## Wednesday, October 10

- **4:45-5:30 p.m.:** River Road Camerata, Choir Room
- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Children's Choirs, Main Rehearsal Room & Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Youth, Youth Area  
*Games & Dessert*
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Adults, Assembly Room  
*"Harrowing Hell: Three Traditional Views of Hell in Christian History" with Dr. Art Wright, BTSR*
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Kids, CH #141 & Chapel Hall  
*Missions Education*

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## Wednesday, October 17

- **4:45-5:30 p.m.:** River Road Camerata, Choir Room
- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Children's Choirs, Main Rehearsal Room & Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Youth, Youth Area  
*Games & Dessert*
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Adults, Assembly Room  
*"I'll Fly Away?: Revisiting the Biblical Perspective on Heaven" with Dr. Art Wright, BTSR*
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Kids, CH #141 & Chapel Hall  
*Missions Education*

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## Wednesday, October 24

- **4:45-5:30 p.m.:** River Road Camerata, Choir Room
- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Children's Choirs, Main Rehearsal Room & Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Intergenerationa & Just for Fun, Fellowship Hall  
*Church Trivia Night*

## Volunteer Opportunity: Tellers

The Tellers Committee is in need of 3 tellers for one Sunday a month Sunday to count money after church. You can choose the Sunday (third, fourth, or fifth) that works best for your schedule. Counting usually takes 45 minutes to one hour. The Deacons supply snacks from the coffee receptions. No experience is needed and the procedure is simple. Please contact Jean Cauble at [jfcd1@gmail.com](mailto:jfcd1@gmail.com) or 804-794-4987 if you are interested or have any questions.

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# Missions

## First Sunday Food Share — Sunday, October 7

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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## Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event (formerly Stop Hunger Now)

### Saturday, October 13

#### 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We will pack at least 10,000 nutritiously sound meals for distribution through the Rise Against Hunger network. The meals we packed in March were sent to Haiti in May! This is a great opportunity for children 5 and older to participate alongside adults and youth in a mission project. Please visit [www.rrcb.org/rah](http://www.rrcb.org/rah) to sign your family up for this event.

# Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 27  
4:00-5:00 p.m., Back (North) Parking Lot**

Join us for this free, family-friendly event for all ages. There will be food, games, and trick or treating for children. Adults, decorate your car and hand out candy! Don't forget to bring a non-persishable food donation (or four) for the River City Faith Network Baptist Centers!

Our goal is to have at least 60 cars giving away candy and treats for the kids. Even if you don't have children, we'd love to have you participate. This is an excellent opportunity to welcome the many guests from the community who attend this wonderful outreach of the church. It's difficult to estimate how many children will be trunk or treating but please plan on at least 200-300. Decorating your car is optional but encouraged (doesn't have to be elaborate). The event starts at 3:00 p.m. but please have your car parked and decorated between 2:30-2:45 p.m. Other volunteer opportunities include: Set-up, parking, clean-up, games attendants and food attendants. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Crowley (804-288-1131).

**ONLINE SIGN UP:**  
[rrcb.org/trunkortreat](http://rrcb.org/trunkortreat)

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# Happy Birthday!

## October 2

Cole Frye  
Martha Lou Green  
Richard Manson  
Braxton Scholz

## October 3

Anna Grace Howe  
Debbie McNeal  
Bob Musik

## October 4

Meryl Baskett  
Bromby Bradley  
Zoe Frank  
Mike Grady  
John Hays

## October 5

Parker Bradley  
Rob James  
Val Pate  
Jack Ryan

## October 6

Janet Bagby  
Norma Hays

## October 8

Stephanie Burnett  
Don Farmer, Jr.  
Will Thexton  
Justin Toney  
Jack West, Jr.

## October 10

Patti Ballinger  
Michael Cipolletti  
Wyatt Heisler  
Gloria Pace

## October 11

Elizabeth Albertis  
Nicole Davis  
Tom Graves  
Braden Leshner

## October 12

Beverly Beamon  
Drew Gilliam  
Christie Lessels

## October 13

Erin Cooke  
Gregg Cothran  
Jackson Savedge

## October 14

Berry Fowler, III  
Bob Harper

## October 15

Roberta Alexander  
Susan Rucker  
Jan Sorrell

## October 16

Julia Shelton  
Chuck Todd

## October 17

Sid Hays  
Bettina Sandford  
Georgia Smart  
Paul Sundberg

## October 18

Grant Gilliam  
Daniel Glaze

## October 19

Jordan Nurney  
Chloe Powell

## October 20

Bob Porter, Jr.

## October 21

Alma Bingham  
Beth deTreville  
Betty Heuston  
Curtis Linderman  
Padgett Shoemake

## October 22

Ellis Cunningham, Jr.  
Bettina Hinkle  
Scott Spencer  
Donald Thomson

## October 23

Sarah Frank  
Beth Rooney  
Jana Usry

## October 24

Deanna Gulick  
Gordon Thomson

## October 25

Steve Knerr  
Matt Straw

## October 26

Anne Jones  
Patsy Pulley

## October 27

Jean Cauble  
Tom Evans  
Sue Hodder

## October 28

Martha Arrington  
Melissa Houston  
Tom Kirkup  
Bette Schwall

## October 29

Kristin Story

## October 30

Bill Tuck

## October 31

Betsy Lowery  
Wilkes Price  
Emelia Roberts  
Jan Stanley

# Happy Anniversary!

## October 6

Cynthia & Ken Lantz – 39 years

## October 7

Pam & Mike Grady – 23 years  
Shirley and Dave Wagner – 18 Years

## October 9

Becky & Rich Jante – 42 years  
Greta & Shawn Van Tiem – 19 years

## October 11

Cindy & Mike Mistretta – 21 years  
Carolyn & Bill Paulette – 49 years

## October 12

Beth Robinson & Scott Womack – 16 years

## October 14

Susan & Bob Halloran – 18 years

## October 17

Ann Marie & Ron Geisler – 26 years  
Lucille & Dick Strauss – 65 years

## October 21

Karen & Doug Glasco – 29 years

## October 22

Sandy & Scott Rooney – 24 years

## October 23

Frances & Richard Cloe – 53 years  
Carol & Lou Moelchert – 53 years

## October 25

Myra & Neal Gauldin – 33 years

## October 29

Christie & Steve Lessels – 41 years