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LESSONS FROM DR. KING...

As I write this column, our nation is celebrating the birthday of a great leader and Baptist preacher, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I have long held a deep respect and appreciation for Dr. King for his courage and conviction. I suppose I have also felt a connection to Dr. King because he was a preacher's kid from the South, just like me. This morning, as is my custom every year at this time, I listened to his *I Have a Dream* speech. As is the case each time I hear it, I was emotionally and spiritually moved by the clarity and urgency of the vision about which he speaks so eloquently.

In many of his writings and sermons, Dr. King describes racism as a knife to the heart of the human soul and as "a degenerating sense of nobodiness." Dr. King insisted that freedom cannot be independent of the affirmation of who we are and the worth we carry as a human being.

I then began thinking of the lessons we could learn from Dr. King in relation to our mission at River Road Church. We know that our church community, like our local community, like our nation, indeed like our world, continues to fall short of reflecting the beautiful diversity of God's family. We likely still have work to do in bringing about true racial reconciliation and true fellowship among people of differing backgrounds. Yet we have an opportunity to model for our community a new way.

Moreover, central to our God-given mission as a Christian church is to affirm all people—regardless of race, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, or any other way in which we seek to divide ourselves. In the spirit of this Baptist Saint, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I pray that each person who visits our worship services and educational opportunities leaves feeling as if she or he is a person of true worth—to God and to us.

Daniel

Choir Pilgrimage to the West of England

Trip: August 4-13, 2019

In 2019, members and friends of our River Road choirs will have the opportunity to lead worship for Evensong and Eucharist services at Bristol Cathedral, Tewkesbury Abbey, Bath Abbey, and Gloucester Cathedral.

This choir tour will allow us to participate in the worship and prayer life of Christian churches located in the picturesque West Country of England.

This musical and spiritual pilgrimage is not just for singers: traveling friends who do not sing are also most cordially invited to join us as guests, listeners, and fellow worshippers.

You can actually still join this trip! If you're interested, please contact Bob Gallagher (bobgallagher@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131).

Next Payment Due: February 1, 2019

You may bring checks made out to RRCB with UK 2019 in the memo to the Church Office. If you pay by check, there are no additional fees.

If you would like to pay online via ACH (from your bank account) or debit and credit card, you are responsible for the fees the church is charged for your payments.

Information on how to make your payment can be found online. Please be sure to select the correct payment amount to correspond with your payment type.

More information about this trip and
payment instructions can be found online:
rrcb.org/uk2019

Joyful Hearts: Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays, January 28 - April 15

9:30-11:00 a.m., LC #102

Joyful Hearts is studying Max Lucado's *In the Grip of Grace*, which focuses on the subject of grace throughout the Book of Romans. The cost is \$20 per person, payable at the first study, to cover the cost of books and materials. To sign-up, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, February 5

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, February 5

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, February 7 & 21

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.

The Comma Club Luncheon & Program

Tuesday, February 12

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The program will be led by Ken Wilson, and he is bringing his guitar! Please make your reservations by Friday, February 8 by calling the Church Office, or filling out the form online rrcb.org/seniors. Lunch is \$12 per person (*please note the price increase*). The group is primarily made up of senior adults, though it is not a requirement; anyone interested in a program is invited.

Older Children's Game Night & Parent Social Time

Saturday, February 16

5:00-7:00 p.m., Home of Sumners

The Sumners invite 3rd to 5th graders and their parents for an evening of fun and fellowship. Be sure to bring the following: your quick thinking, your best drawing skills, and the determination to outplay everyone else! Parents are invited to join in on the fun, too. The evening will wrap up with a Parents vs. Kids Pictionary contest. Kindly RSVP at rrcb.org/kidsgamenight.

WMU Connectors

Tuesday, February 19

6:30 p.m., Brio Tuscan Grille (Stony Point)

All River Road women are cordially invited to join the group for an evening of fellowship! Reservations are required by February 15. For more information and to RSVP, please call Wyatt Heisler (804-741-9320) or Peggy Pruden (804-873-8323).

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

Thursday, February 7

Mondays, February 11, 18, & 25

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 Programs

Sundays, February 10 & 24

- 4:15-5:00 p.m.: River Road Camerata
 - 5:00-6:00 p.m.: Youth Choir
 - 6:00-6:15 p.m.: Youth Snack Supper
 - 6:15-7:30 p.m.: Youth Program
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Youth Events

- Saturday, February 2: Ski Day at Wintergreen
- Sunday, February 3: Superbowl Party at the Home of the Sundbergs
- Sunday, February 16: Serve CARITAS Dinner and Pack Lunches
- Friday, February 22: Middle School Gathering

Missions

Panama Mission Trip

February 2-10, 2019

River Road Church, Baptist is continuing our mission to Panama in 2019. The medical/dental team will serve with the *Fundacion Christiana Medico Social* (Medical Social Christian Foundation) to provide services in the rural areas in Toabré and El Valle, and the construction team will serve with the Guna Indigenous Group at a Baptist church in Akuayala.

The team is partnering with four other churches and 14 people, including the following from RRCB: Judy Collins, Russ Collins,

Norma Hays, John Heisler, Anna Perry Miller, Bill Rusher, Geoff Sundberg, and Joe Teefey. CBF missionaries, Sue and Greg Smith, will be joining the team and helping coordinate the mission.

Donations

Deadline: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

- New or gently-used reading glasses for adults (all magnifications)
- Children's sunglasses
- Toothbrushes

Please bring donations to the designated bins at the Missions Tables in the Upper and Lower Commons

First Sunday Food Share

Sunday, February 3

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

CARITAS

February 16-23, 2019

We are hosting 32 women

Sign-ups Available for Daily Needs:

- Bake 64 Cookies – 64 cookies per day for lunches; 32 ziploc bags with 2 cookies per bag.
- Spend the Night – This can be 2 men, 2 women, married couples, or a parent and their youth. It requires making coffee, setting out breakfast in the morning, and handing out lunches.

Sign-ups Available for Special Needs/Activities:

These activities can toward your child's volunteer hours

- Cot Set Up – Set up the cots on February 16, at 10:30 a.m.
- Cot Take Down – Clean up the cots on February 23, at 9:30 a.m.
- Pack Lunches – Prepare and pack lunches on February 16, at 11:30 a.m., and on February 20 at 7:00 p.m..
- Serve Dinner – The church is providing the meal, but volunteers are needed to serve it on February 20 at 7:00 p.m., after TFC.
- Spa Night – Give pedicures and haircuts to the guests on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Judy Collins for more information.

- Hot Breakfast – Send off CARITAS guests with a warm meal on Saturday, February 23 at 6:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to cook/bring food as well as serve breakfast.

Collections/Donations:

- Unopened/unused travel-sized toiletries
- Blankets
- Twin sheets

Please bring donations to the designated collection bins at the Missions Tables in the Upper and Lower Commons.

Dinner & Lunch Groups:

- Saturday, February 16: Life Class (dinner only; lunch volunteers needed)
- Sunday, February 17: Youth Group
- Monday, February 18: Friendship Class
- Tuesday, February 19: New Horizons Class
- Wednesday, February 20: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Thursday, February 21: Robert Smart Class
- Friday, February 22: Discovery Class

Thoughtful Faith Community

Wednesday, February 6

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Crusader Choir, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Carol Choir, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.:** Cherub Choir, UC #232
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Youth, Youth Area
Games & Dessert
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Adults, Assembly Room
"A Single Garment of Destiny: The Interconnectedness of Race and Theatre in RVA" with Bruce Miller
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Kids, Chapel Hall: Recreation

Wednesday, February 13

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Crusader Choir, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Carol Choir, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.:** Cherub Choir, UC #232
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Youth, Youth Area
Games & Dessert
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Adults, Fellowship Hall
Studying and Singing Spirituals with Dr. Bob Gallagher
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Kids, UC #228 & UC #232
Missions Education

Wednesday, February 20

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Crusader Choir, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Carol Choir, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.:** Cherub Choir, UC #232
- **6:00-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Youth, Youth Area
Games & Dessert
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Adults, Fellowship Hall
Studying and Singing Spirituals with Dr. Paul Richardson (retired faculty at Samford University)
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Kids, UC #228 & UC #232
Missions Education

Wednesday, February 20

- **5:30-6:15 p.m.:** Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Crusader Choir, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Carol Choir, Youth Rehearsal Room
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.:** Cherub Choir, UC #232
- **6:15-7:00 p.m.:** TFC-Intergenerational, Assembly Room
"This is Us, RRCB" with The Miller Family

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Happy Birthday!

February 1

Hampton Bates
Charles Higgins, Sr.
Randy Milligan

February 2

Brandon Story

February 3

Andrea Frayser
Norman Milligan

February 4

Hatcher Clingenpeel
Russ Collins
Jerri Grigsby
Ed Higgins
Jim Huband
Fred Redford
Amanda Rooney
Stuart Williams, Jr.

February 5

Peggy Marsh
Chester Phelps

February 6

Cara Bowen
Karen Frye
Addelyn Gray
Tatum Gray
Jamie Sexton

February 7

Charlotte McGee

February 8

Montine Hall
Jack Hurlbert

February 9

E. J. Bowen
Tracy McGuire

February 10

Ben Blanchard
Jay Heisler
June Lane
Jane Williams

February 11

Wilson Mustian

February 12

Susan Andrews
Carolyn Foster

February 13

Doug Phelps
Cathy Wilson

February 14

John O'Bannon

February 15

Matthew Cavallo
Sarah Paxton

February 16

Margaret Howell
Katie Jimenez
Heather Mun

February 17

Duck Horne
Emily Johnson
Langdon Sexton
Hob Sigmon
Sally Sledge

February 18

Carl Freeman
John Hubbard
Charles O'Neal

February 20

Janet Langhorne

February 21

Frank Halloran
R. C. Moore

February 22

Madison Lowrance

February 23

Eli Hawthorne
Mary Iva Jones
Peter Schowalter

February 25

Jerry Carr
Gene Damon
Patsy Kendall

February 26

Louise Mason

February 27

Jay Howe
Beth Stuhlman

February 28

Helen Larson
Bob Shoemake
Tori Booth
Ann Domyan
Laura Thorne

February 29

Jim Moses

Happy Anniversary!

February 2

Sid and Ann Hays – 39 years
Keith and Brenda Nichols – 38 years

February 11

Gary and Stephanie Burnett – 41 years

February 15

Bob and Nancy Bullock – 44 years

February 18

Chris and Charlotte McGee – 30 years

February 25

David and Jan Davis – 13 years

February 28

Jerry and Nancy Carr – 43 years
Lauren and Stedman Oakey – 15 years