



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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TO MARS AND BEYOND

During the week of July 15-19, our church will holding Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children ages 4 through 5th grade. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, concluding with a Closing Celebration and Luncheon. Throughout the week, the children will experience the five truths of faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope. Children will learn them by means of bible stories, music, art, mission, and recreation.

The children will travel to *Mars and Beyond*, where they will learn about how God is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine. They will learn *Go Beyond with Faith* with Daniel who trusts God while he was trapped in the lion's den. Then, they will learn to *Go Beyond with Boldness* as Queen Esther takes a stand to protect her people. Next, they will *Go Beyond with Kindness* as they learn about the Good Samaritan who helps a fellow traveler. Then, the children learn to *Go Beyond with Thankfulness* as they learn about Jesus healing the lepers. Last, the they will to *Go Beyond with Hope* as Jesus comforts his friends on the road to Emmaus.

Registration is open to children ages 4 (by September 30, 2019) to completed 5th Grade. Registration is available at rrcb.org/vbs.

Please consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School. It is a wonderful experience for volunteers as well as for participants. The VBS Team is looking for both parent and youth volunteers who can help for all or part of the week. Childcare is available for volunteers with children under 4. To sign up, please call Kate Knerr (804-248-0890) or email vbs@rrcb.org.



BY SANDY ROONEY

Vacation Bible School - July 15-19

Volunteers

The VBS Team is recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School! We hope you will consider volunteering. We have such a fun week planned and want to say thank you to many of you who have signed up to help us teach how to go beyond with boldness, faith, hope, kindness, and thankfulness. The team is looking for both adults and youth who can volunteer for all or part of the week. Childcare is available for volunteers who have children under 4. please call Kate Knerr at 804-248-0890 or email vbs@rrcb.org.

Opportunities:

- Preschool & Elementary Shepherds
- Greeters on Monday & Tuesday
- Photographer(s) (adults or youth)
- Decorations Leader & Helpers

Child Registration opens on May 1!

At VBS, children will travel to *Mars and Beyond* where they will learn about how God is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine.

Ages:

- Preschool - Completed 5th Grade
- In order to participate in VBS, your child(ren) must turn four by September 30, 2019.
- If you have a youth (6th grade or older), they may volunteer during VBS week.

Camp Alkulana Offering & Challenge

May 12 - June 2

Church Goal: \$8,000 | Friendship Class: \$8,000

The Friendship Sunday School Class have been champions for Camp Alkulana over the years, and extend their enthusiasm to the congregation! This spring, the Friendship Class collected \$8,000 for the Camp Alkulana Offering and challenges the congregation to match their gift, for a total RRCB gift of \$16,000. Gifts to the Camp Alkulana Offering encourages as many children and youth as possible to attend, by helping campers to only pay a very small percentage of the cost. The camp relies almost entirely on gifts from churches and individuals to fund its summer and year-round programs. Now is the time to pray for the success of Camp Alkulana in the summer of 2019 and to give to the Camp Alkulana Offering. Specially-marked green Camp Alkulana Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Circulo de Costura Exhibit in the Lower Commons

May 23—June 10

In July 2017, with a grant from the Board of Missions Catch the Spirit Special Committee, the Circulo de Costura, or sewing circle, started meeting at CrossOver Healthcare Ministry. On October 30, 2017, nine women completed the first session. They had learned how to use a sewing machine and completed projects of progressive difficulty. However, more important than sewing skills, were the relationships which formed within the group.

Since then, not only have the relationships grown, but so has the program, including more advanced sewing classes, quilting classes, and knitting classes.

The exhibit will feature the work of the women from all three classes featuring skirts, pot holders, table runners, quilts, and knitted pieces.

Meet the Artists Reception

Sunday, June 2, 2019

12:30 p.m., Lower Commons & LC #106

After the church reception, join the Circulo de Costura students, teachers, leaders, and the Arts Committee in the Lower Commons to see the exhibit and talk to the women about their work! In addition, stop by LC #106 to see a slideshow of photos.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Choral Evensong with River Road Chancel Choir and River Road Camerata

Huw Williams, Bath Abbey, England—Guest Conductor
Sunday, June 2

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

FREE tickets available at rrcb.org/eventbrite

First Sunday Food Share

Sunday, June 2

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.

Suggested Shopping List:

- cans of vegetables and fruit
 - cans of soup and canned entrées (example: Spaghettios)
 - cans of meat: small cans of tuna, chicken
 - cans of pork and beans or other beans
 - boxed macaroni and cheese
 - packages of powdered milk
 - boxes of cereal
 - rice and dry pasta
 - peanut butter and jelly
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Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 a.m., Reception Room

All men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and partnership in prayer. Please make a reservation by calling the Church Office.

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 p.m., LC #102

Anyone who likes to play bridge is invited to join us. Contact Kitty or George Davis (804-285-9782) for more information.

FIXERS

Thursdays, June 6 & 20

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.

Sounds Like Summer

The Adrian Duke Project, Saladworks, & Gelati Celesti Friday, June 7

5:30-9:30 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! Admission to the event is FREE! FREE tickets available at rrcb.org/eventbrite.

The Adrian Duke Project will be jamming on the Plaza with their endless repertoire of rock, soul, and jazz tunes for all to enjoy!

The **Saladworks** Food Truck will be there making wraps, salads, and soups.

RVA's favorite, **Gelati Celesti**, is bringing their food truck and selling eight flavors of gelato as well as gluten-, nut-, and dairy-free varieties.

What to Bring:

- Chairs
- Blankets (there is a large grassy area on the Plaza)

Where to Park:

There is free parking in front of the church and behind the church. We recommend parking in the parking lot on River Road across from the Church and the Plaza.

This event is rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the festivities inside to our Fellowship Hall, which is located off of the Plaza and handicap accessible.

CrossOver Challenge 2019: Moo and Brew 5K and Party Saturday, June 8, 2019

Race begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Virginia War Memorial

CrossOver Ministry's annual 5K walk/run takes place at the Virginia War Memorial. Join them at this beautiful location overlooking the river for a night of fun. This event features live music, local craft beer, BBQ, and games and activities for the whole family.

For more information, to register for the race or party, or to make a donation, please visit crossoverministry.org/mb5k/

Fees and Registration:

- 5K Road Race – \$35 (Race plus one Ticket)
- Party only – \$35 (3 Tickets)
- Kids 5K and Party – \$30 (Race plus Kid's Meal)
- 5K Road Race and Party – \$55 (Race plus 3 Tickets)
- Individual tickets for beer/food as well as Kid's Meals will be available for purchase at the event for \$5!

FLO Luncheon (For Ladies Only, 50+, Single Again, Just Single, and Caregivers)

Friday, June 14

11:30 a.m., Home of Arlene DeConti

RSVP to Jean Ellis (jean782carter@verizon.net or 804-272-7672). The cost is \$10 per person for box lunches. The group will carpool from the church's North Parking Lot. In the event of inclement weather, lunch will be held in the Reception Room.

CBF General Assembly

June 21-23

Birmingham, AL

Hands & Hearts: Nickelsville Mission Trip

June 23-28

You can still join this trip!

Does the idea of mission trip interest you, but you have thought...

- I don't have the skills?
- How can I make a difference?
- I am afraid I can't do the work?
- I have special dietary needs, how will I be able to eat properly?
- I can't afford the trip?
- I need to know more.

Nickelsville is just the trip for you!

- The only skills needed are a willingness to make a difference. If you show up, you will make a difference in someone's life!
- We shop for and prepare our own meals.
- The cost of the trip is \$15 per night, \$75.00 for five nights.
- Still not sure you want to go? Ask these fellow mission trip attendees about their experience: Diane and Bob Shoemake, Laura Lee Chandler, Julia Nixon, Sallie Sparks, Peggy Pruden, Bill and Marge Rusher, Andrea and Ashley Glaze, Anna Miller.

**To sign up for this trip, contact Laura Lee Chandler
(804-337-4483 or LauraLeeChandler@gmail.com).**

Children & Youth Events

- June 13: 5th Grade Pool Party
- June 14: 1st-4th Grades Bowling
- June 15: Preschool Fun Morning
- June 18-21: PASSPORTkids! Camp
- June 18: Youth Lunch Bunch
- June 23-29: Youth Lumberton Mission Trip

HISTORICAL HALLMARK

In 1946, property at River and Ridge Roads was cleared for picnic use and as a playground for children attending Vacation Bible School. The property needed to be used for "church purposes" to comply with Henrico County tax regulations. The Vacation Bible School used a tent.

Happy Birthday!

June 1

Marnie Fisher-Ingram
Daniel Ladnier
Amber Ryan
Jim Trent
Webb Tyler
Doug Wallace

June 2

Ethan Butterworth
Carol Cruickshanks
Beverly Geissler
Craig Stuhlman

June 3

Georgia Mayo
Carol Moelchert
Judy Ware

June 4

Betty Martin
Ruthie Mustian

June 5

Parker Dixon
Linda Honaker
Rob Sandford

June 6

Helen Carter
Bobby Hubbard
Terry Marsh
Marjorie Yount

June 7

Ed Pruden
Beth Wilson

June 8

Paula Brown
Diana Mahoney
Tara Savedge
Mary Lou Sims
Amy Thurston
Christian Wheeler

June 9

Stephanie Cauble

June 10

Bryan Bostic
James Mahoney
Bobbette Newsome
Joe Teefey

June 11

Gale Higgins
Craig Martin
Charles Phillips
Samantha Tomasello

June 12

Edwin Cothran
Dexter Gulick
Ted Kral
Jim Paxton

June 13

William Nurney

June 15

Caroline Suwal

June 16

Doug Anderson
Andy Cruickshanks
Tim Merritt
Bob Oakes
Margaret Oliver
Kenton Sumner

June 18

Miller Alvis

June 19

Julia Nixon
Betty Rose Sexton

June 21

Kaylee Butterworth
Bill Gray

June 22

Charlotte Hare
Richard Strauss

June 23

Andrew Blanchard
Warren Johnson

June 25

Zachary Bostic
Sarah Bower
Beth Hooker

June 26

Edward Bass
Lynda Oaker

June 27

Anne James

June 28

John Wood

June 29

Nicholas Both
Kenzie Grady
Steve Newsome
Chris Wilkinson

June 30

Margaret Daniel
Bob Gallagher
Lowell Shelton

Happy Anniversary!

June 1

Matt and Leslie Straw – 23 years
Buddy and Emily Sumner – 17 years

June 2

Dean and Carol Decker – 62 years
Steve and Kathryn Knerr – 12 years
Scott and Janet Spencer – 45 years

June 3

Andrea and Daniel Glaze – 19 years
Chris and Cynthia Macturk – 24 years
Craig and Erika Martin – 30 years

June 4

Marshall and Joyce Parker – 62 years
Bill and Emily Tuck – 59 years

June 8

Don and Pat Powell – 61 years

June 9

Rose and Bert Browning – 45 years

June 10

Steve and Cara Bowen – 19 years
Charlie and Sherry Sorrell – 19 years
Nathan and Bryn Taylor – 13 years

June 11

Tom and Janet Ahl – 25 years
Dan and Alice Lynch – 31 years

June 12

Janet and Dan Bagby – 54 years

June 13

Rob and Anne James – 60 years

June 14

George and Kitty Davis – 50 years
Jason and Jane Hiser – 11 years
Bill and Donna Payne – 50 years

June 15

Lee and Bromby Bradley – 23 years
Brock and Bonnie Livick – 45 years

June 16

Erin and John Gray – 12 years

June 17

Rob and Sue Baldwin – 52 years
Chester and Margaret Phelps – 52 years

June 19

Ben and Catherine Burkett – 20 years
Ed and Peggy Pruden – 48 years
Jeff and Shannon Sundberg – 20 years

June 20

Kim and Charlie Early – 27 years
Sam and Katherine Hall – 21 years
Mike and Theresa Price – 27 years
Bill and Virginia Smith – 60 years

June 21

Carol and Harper Alford – 5 years
Don and Karen Farmer – 44 years
Tim and Katie Merritt – 11 years
Grover and Betsy Robinson – 51 years

June 22

Ted and Laura Lee Chandler – 45 years

June 23

John and Wyatt Heisler – 40 years
Olen and Ann Stewart – 57 years

June 24

Fred and Nancy Anderson – 52 years
Elizabeth deTreville and Seth Sommerville – 9 years

June 25

Harold and Joyce Gibson – 59 years
Jim and Barbara Holdren – 53 years
John and Ronda Zukowsky – 36 years

June 27

Anne and R C Moore – 49 years
John and Pat O' Bannon – 48 years

June 28

George and Carolyn Thomas – 50 years
John and Cathy Whitty – 33 years

June 29

Mark and Lisa Cipolletti – 23 years

June 30

Shawn and Amber Ryan – 18 years