



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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THE SPIRITUAL BLESSING OF PILGRIMAGE

On Monday, August 5, singers and guest travelers will begin a week-long choir pilgrimage to cathedrals and abbeys in the west of England. Our River Road choir pilgrimage tour is both spiritual and educational. Christians have always celebrated their faith by visiting areas that represent important moments in the history of the Church. A choral pilgrimage is unlike an ordinary tourist's experience. As pilgrims, we go to see beautiful places, in a new country or locality primarily to connect us to the history of our faith. But as a singer on pilgrimage, unique spiritual encounters await us. Our Pilgrimage Choir has spent dozens of our hours rehearsing and preparing to sing God's praises in some of the most significant and inspiring houses of worship on earth! Many of you experienced some of our pilgrimage music on Sunday, June 2, when our choir sang Holy Communion and Evensong services under the direction of Huw Williams.

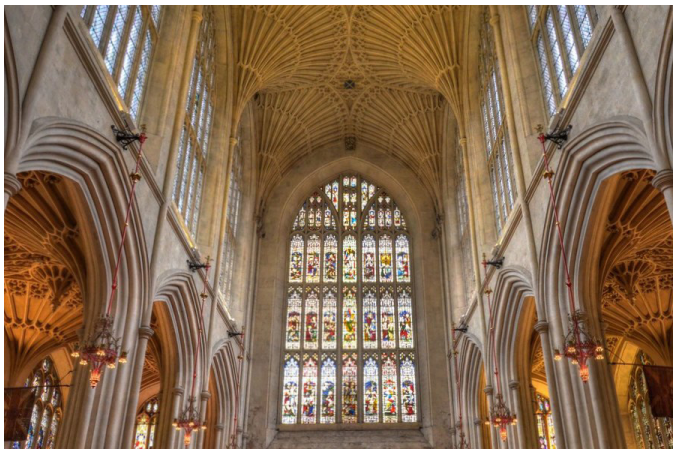
Our week at cathedrals and abbeys will include rehearsal, prayer, worship leadership, study, community building, and of course a little sight-seeing. We look forward to worshipping God, connecting with our history in a meaningful way, and establishing lasting relationships with the contemporary church—within some of the most hallowed spaces in England.

This is a rich spiritual opportunity to enter into the centuries-long tradition of choral-led cathedral services in the Anglican tradition, part of River Road's ecumenical outreach.

We are grateful for the opportunity to represent River Road Church on this pilgrimage. As we will pray for you at each of our stops, we ask you to be in prayer for us as we travel, sing, and worship. We have provided the prayer guide below and we covet your prayers on our behalf.

- **Sunday, August 4**—Please pray for safety of travel to England for all our pilgrims
- **Monday, August 5**—For Dr. Gallagher and local trip coordinators Clive Richardson and Ann Gray.
- **Tuesday, August 6**—For the worshipers in England who will hear our music and be inspired in their worship of God.
- **Wednesday, August 7**—For our tours of historic Wells Cathedral and Glastonbury Abbey.
- **Thursday, August 8**—For our Evensong service and concert in Bristol Cathedral.
- **Friday, August 9**—For our Evensong service in Tewkesbury Abbey.
- **Saturday, August 10**—For our Worship service in Bath Abbey.
- **Sunday, August 11**—For our morning eucharist Worship and Evensong services in Bath Abbey.
- **Monday, August 12**—For our Evensong service in Gloucester Cathedral.
- **Tuesday, August 13**—For safety of travel home for all our pilgrims.

We look forward to an opportunity to share with you our spiritual experiences upon return.



BY DANIEL GLAZE AND BOB GALLAGHER
PHOTO LEFT: BATH ABBEY

Sounds Like Summer

The Jangling Reinharts, Curbside Creations, & Gelati Celesti

Friday, August 2

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 Jangling Reinharts will be jamming on the Plaza their mix popular cover songs from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s (along with the occasional TV theme song...just to see who's listening) for all to enjoy! **Curbside Creations** is a food truck that specializes in Cajun-influenced seafood along with American festival foods. **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.

First Sunday Food Share

Sunday, August 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. 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

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, August 6

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.

Vesper Service

The Lord Meets Us When We Are Serving

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 p.m., Chapel

Testimonies of Danielle Simone, our new Preschool Director, Catharine Broadnax, Beth Rooney and Meg Rooney. Following the service we will have a time for fellowship and ice cream on the Plaza.

FIXERS

Thursdays, August 8 & 22

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.

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

Friday, August 9

12:00 p.m., Hondos Prime in the Shoppes at Innsbrook

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

project:HOMES Renew Crew Ramp Installation

Saturday, August 10

9:00 a.m., Offsite

project:HOMES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to improve the accessibility in housing in the Richmond community. RRCB works with project:HOMES, and as a group, we help fabricate ramp components and install ramps at residences.

Contact George Davis (804-285-9782) for more information about this mission opportunity. If you are able to go to the installation and take photos, please contact Cassandra Ducca.

Children & Youth Events

- August 3: Youth Cookout, Home of Marnie Fisher-Ingram
- August 6: Youth Lunch Bunch
- August 11: Children & Youth Pool Party, Kanawha Recreation Association
- August 13: Youth Lunch Bunch
- August 16: 1st-5th Grader Movie Night, Fellowship Hall
- August 20: Youth Lunch Bunch
- August 22: Middle Schoolers to Oregon Hill Baptist Center
- August 25: Preschool Fun Afternoon, Bowling
- August 27: Youth Lunch Bunch

Are you getting our weekly news and announcements by email? It's easy to sign up!

In an effort to maximize our resources and improve our communications mix, we plan to phase out the printed Sunday *Connections* newsheet in the coming weeks. Announcements and events are noted in the worship bulletin, with additional details on the church website (rrcb.org) and in our weekly email communications. If you have not signed up to receive our email communications, including the weekly *eSpire* newsletter and additional timely announcements, please visit rrcb.org/emailnews to sign up and choose the electronic communications you would like to receive.

Yoga

Mondays, August 5-26, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Hatha Yoga is a gentle form of stretching exercise that offers many health advantages. Darcie Anderson is our instructor. There is a \$10 fee for each class you attend. Beginners and newcomers are most welcome.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., LC #106

Young adults, we are grateful for you! To those who have been away at college, welcome home! We love having you here with us. RRCB wants to provide you with an opportunity to learn, grow, and fellowship. Please join Carl Collier and Leigh Ann Breckenridge for a discussion-based Sunday school class.

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).

HISTORICAL HALLMARK

In August of 1989, a team of youth and adults from River Road Church traveled to Farmington, Maine, for a mission tour. That weeklong project began a thirty-year relationship, during which our church has built bunk houses, a bathhouse, a dining hall and assisted with the construction of Farmington Baptist Church. In addition, RRCB members have built decks, repaired and replaced windows, and applied gallons of paint to the buildings. The last "official" trip to Maine in 2017, saw a second generation of young people continuing the work their parents began thirty years ago.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

The Choirs of Boys and Girls of Washington National Cathedral
Michael McCarthy, Director
 Sunday, August 25, 2019
 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Organ Recital
Robert Gallagher
 Sunday, October 6, 2019
 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
 Opening event of the 47th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders. More about AIO at pipeorgan.org

Chanticleer
 Saturday, October 12, 2019
 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 All tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets are on sale now and available exclusively through Eventbrite:
rrcb.org/chanticleertickets

All Saints' Sunday Worship
River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra
 Sunday, November 3, 2019
 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
 Franz Schubert — *Mass in G major*

Seraph Brass
 Sunday, November 24, 2019
 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 America's dynamic brass ensemble drawing from a roster of America's top female brass players. Learn more at seraphbrass.com

Christmas Choral Concert
River Road Chancel Choir with Brass, Harp, and Organ
 Sunday, December 8, 2019
 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 Christmas with American Composers
 Music by Daniel Pinkham, John La Montaine, and Randall Stroope

Harpichord Recital
Jory Vinikour
 Sunday, March 15, 2020
 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 More about this internationally acclaimed harpsichordist at joryvinikour.com

Organ Recital
Marilyn Brattskar (Oslo, Norway)
 Sunday, March 29, 2020
 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 Dr. Brattskar is Cantor (Music Director) at the 13,000-member Holmen Church in Asker, Norway.

Vocal Recital
John Tibbetts, baritone
Raymond Chenault, piano
 Sunday, May 17, 2020
 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 Broadway, Spirituals, and More!
 More about John Tibbetts at operajohn.co

Spring Choral Concert
River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra
Sunday, June 7, 2020
 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
 Franz Schubert — *Mass in E flat major*

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Back-to-School Collections

We are collecting school supplies for CrossOver Ministry and toiletry bags and undergarments for the RCFN/RBA Church Hill Baptist Center! Virginia's tax free shopping weekend is August 2-4, 2019. Bring your donations to the designated bins at the Missions Tables located in the Lower Commons.

CrossOver Ministry School Supplies

Deadline: July 31, 2019

Please do not fill the backpacks with school supplies.

- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper (college ruled)
- #2 pencils
- Primary pencils
- Pens (black or blue)
- Yellow Highlighters
- Crayons (24-count)
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Elmers glue bottles
- Glue sticks
- Composition notebooks
- Spiral notebooks (70-100 pages)
- 1" binders
- 12 inch/cm rulers
- Blunt scissors
- Large erasers

Church Hill Toiletry Bags and Undergarments

Deadline: August 18, 2019

Please fill a gallon-sized Ziploc bag:

- Shampoo
- Comb and Brush
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Wash cloth
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Floss
- Lotion

Undergarments for ALL AGES:

- Socks
- Boys prefer boxers
- Girls prefer bikini-cut

Holland Lectures with Dr. C. Michael Hawn

"Tell me what you sing and I'll tell you who you are"

Developing a Congregational Identity through Congregational Singing

Sundays, August 4 - September 1

9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

The Holland Lectures, previously known as the Catacombs Lectures, is an annual series at the end of the summer sponsored by the Shepherd-Holland Bible Study class. 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. On January 15, 2017, the class voted unanimously to rename the class the Shepherd-Holland Bible Study Class, and the Catacombs Lectures, the Holland Lectures, in memory of Dr. Henry Holland.

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.

Congregational singing both forms our individual faith perspective, but also shapes us as the body of Christ in community. These lectures will examine our hymnic heritage that have shaped our faith, look at some trends that are currently influencing the ecumenical church, and consider the cultural, societal, and ethical issues that inspire what we might sing in the future.

"Tell me what you sing and I'll tell you who you are." — Albert van den Heuvel (*World Council of Churches, 1966*)

- **August 4:** *Ten (or more) Hymns That Have Shaped Baptist Faith Perspective*
- **August 11:** *Ten (or more) Classic Hymns Everyone Should Sing and Why*
- **August 18:** *The Meditative and Prayerful Music of the Taizé Community*
- **August 25:** *Ten (or more) Hymns Written in the Twenty-first Century Everyone Should Learn*
- **September 1:** *Singing Love in a Culture of Hate*

Happy Birthday!

August 1
Eli Stanley

August 2
Byrd Latham
Deep Sawhney

August 3
Steve Bailey
Page Booth
Libbie Geiger
Dick Morris

August 5
David Hooker
Winn Kral
David Price

August 6
Dave Holland, Jr.
Christopher Macturk
Luke Scherer
Sarah Wilkinson

August 7
Wendy Graves
Camille Stoakley

August 8
Matthew Cipolletti

August 9
John McGuire IV

August 10
Joyce Leshner
Tom Ligon

August 11
Miggie Mustian
Suzanne Spicer
Etta Wallace
Caroline Zukowsky

August 12
Harold Gibson
Marge Rusher
Tom Starke

August 13
Betsy Foster
Ray Nelson
Ashley Stevens

August 16
Lisa Cipolletti
Sarah Collier
Mary Alice Lynch
Hannah Williams

August 17
Sue Naschold
Sandy Sizemore

August 18
Teddy Broadnax
Mason Davis
Sarah Pruden
Shawn Ryan

August 19
Courtney Collins

August 20
Tom Ahl
Brooks Hall
Gene Harris

August 21
Tom Gilsdorf
Brian Price
Tim Sexton

August 22
Deborah deTreville
Nancy Lawrence
Judy McDanel
Janet O'Neal

August 23
Bryn Bagby-Taylor

August 24
Steve Lessels
John McGuire, III

August 26
Fred Bagwell
Currie Carter
Dolly Hintz
Ralph Nelson

August 27
Ann Bagwell
Donna Bower
Amy Hubbard
Terry Welker

August 28
Bob Bullock
Judy Dixon
Liz Seward
Charles Sorrell
George Thomas
Cayla Wright

August 29
Wes Scholz

August 30
Brendan Collins
Neil Groseclose
Barbara Kinsey
Janet Ralston
Jody Smart

August 31
Mary Alice Halloran
Emily Mathews

Happy Anniversary!

August 1
David and Leigh Ann Breckenridge – 32 years
Bill and Amy Thurston – 4 years
John and Karen West – 32 years

August 2
Bob and Diane Shoemake – 50 years

August 3
John and Carol Nugent – 44 years

August 4
Brent and Laura Leshner – 18 years

August 6
Bryan and Marguerite Bostic – 25 years

August 7
Gary and Robyn Tyer – 43 years

August 9
Cam and Cindy McGuire – 44 years

August 10
Don and Leanne Thomson – 34 years

August 12
Dennis and Janet O'Neal – 30 years

August 13
Scott and Jane Leake – 42 years

August 14
Erica and Bob Gilliam – 48 years

August 16
Tim and Betty Rose Sexton – 50 years

August 17
E.J. and Sandy Bowen – 56 years

August 19
Rob and Bettina Sandford – 52 years

August 21
Steve and Lani Gilliam – 20 years
Jim and Pat Huband – 43 years

August 22
Ransone and Carolyn Hartz – 60 years

August 23
Steve and Helen Larson – 50 years

August 24
Hilton and Margaret Almond – 51 years
Frank and Suzette Cavallo – 19 years
Don and Barbara Robertson – 51 years
Dan and Peggy Stevens – 56 years

August 25
Daniel Ingram and Marnie Fisher-Ingram – 18 years

August 29
Don and Carol Cruickshanks – 38 years
Kay and Norton Howe – 44 years
Jim and Sondra Trent – 66 years