



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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explorer

THE EVOLUTION OF CARITAS

For over three decades, our church has lovingly opened our doors to neighbors in crisis through CARITAS. Our church has continually provided homemade meals, a warm, safe place to stay and time to share their stories and provide activities. Through CARITAS our congregation witnesses how ‘many hands make light work’ for every person in crisis that came through our doors. Soon, these same neighbors will be welcoming us through their very own doors to continue our partnership in helping elevate people out of crisis.

The Healing Place for Men has made the transition from mobile shelter to housing all their male clients at the 700 Dinwiddie Avenue location. That location will continue their best-practices model offering emergency shelter, workforce development, and transitional sober living for men in our community. RRCB and all the partner congregations of CARITAS have begun embracing this evolution in care for our most disadvantaged neighbors. Volunteers regularly go on-site to provide a 200-person dinner, weekly lunches for the 34 emergency shelter men and weeknight activities for everyone. Each time RRCB signs up for a week, we have volunteers trying out new ways to do things and new activities to offer. In this time of transition our help is continually needed as well as our understanding that change comes with some growing pains and continued adjustments.

Up until now, CARITAS could not offer a full suite of services to women as they do for men. The CARITAS Center is an answer to a long-awaited prayer. A prayer for more services to help even more women in need—all under one roof. With a target completion

date of Spring 2020, The CARITAS Center (former Philip Morris USA blended leaf complex at 2220 Stockton Street) will feature 150,000 square feet for:

- **CARITAS:** The organization’s administrative offices.
- **The Healing Place for Women:** A substance use recovery program available to low-income women in the region, a sister program to the agency’s current program The Healing Place for Men.
- **47-Sober Living Apartments:** For graduate’s transitioning and for qualifying community members.
- **Furniture Bank:** A social enterprise accepting furniture donations and refurbishing them for sale or donation to low-income households.
- **Emergency Shelter:** This new facility will replace the mobile, congregation-based model that has operated in the Richmond region for more than 30 years.
- **CARITAS Works:** A workforce development program for men and women facing significant barriers to employment.
- This site will also contain a chapel, a family playroom (for mothers to have visitation with their children), a volunteer room, laundromat, boardroom and leasable office space for other non-profit organizations.

We are excited for this amazing resource and how this community effort can potentially change the landscape of homelessness and addiction in our city.

As the needs come in from CARITAS, we will engage RRCB members to help meet those needs. Once the new CARITAS Center is opened, we will celebrate with our neighbors and engage in new ways to be a meaningful partner through crisis recovery.

Caring for those who are experiencing crisis takes a village, Thank You for being our CARITAS Village! CARITAS needs you more than ever to continue transforming people’s lives and our city of Richmond.



BY LAURIE GRAY
LEFT: PHOTO RENDERING OF THE CARITAS CENTER

**Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Baptist Missions:
“Together as One”**

September 8-October 13

RRCB Goal: \$3,000

The offering provides funding for all Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists). When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve. Specially marked offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks.

**Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts
“What’s So Amazing about Grace?”**

Mondays, September 16-December 2

9:30 a.m., LC #102

Joyful Hearts, a Bible study for women of all ages, has begun its fall session on Philip Yancey’s book, *What’s So Amazing about Grace?* Books will be provided and the cost is \$8.50. For more information, call Kitty Davis, 804-285-9782.

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 have phased out the printed Sunday and Wednesday *Connections* newsheets. 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, including the weekly *e-Spire* newsletter and other timely announcements, please visit rrcb.org/emailnews to sign up and choose the notifications you would like to receive.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, October 1

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, October 1

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, October 3 & 17

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. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to come. (As you can tell, our standards are not very high.)

First Sunday Food Share

Sunday, October 6

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
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E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Organ Recital — Robert Gallagher

Sunday, October 6

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Opening event of the 47th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders

Works by Bach, Schumann, Langlais, Mary Beth Bennett, and Sowerb

FREE tickets are available at rrcb.org/eventbrite.

Youth Sunday Nights

October 6

- 4:45: River Road Camerata
- 5:00: Youth Choir
- 5:45: Youth Snack Supper
- 6:15: Youth Program

October 13

- 4:45: River Road Camerata
- 5:00: Youth Choir
- 5:45: Youth Snack Supper
- 6:15: Youth Program

October 20

- 4:45: River Road Camerata
- 5:00: Youth Choir
- 5:45: Youth Snack Supper
- 6:15: Youth Program
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October 27

- 4:45: River Road Camerata
- 5:00: Youth Choir
- 5:45: Youth Snack Supper
- 6:15: Youth Program

Adult Bible Study: Soul Feast

Sundays, October 6-December 8

6:00-7:00 p.m., UC #228

Let us know if you will attend the Bible study and register at rrcb.org/soulfeast.

Contact Anna Perry Miller for more information.

Yoga

Thursday, October 10 | Mondays, October 14, 21, & 28

5:45-7:00 p.m., in LC #102

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.

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

Friday, October 11

12:00 p.m., The Grapevine (Three Chopt & Cox Roads)

RSVP to Gladys Fleming (gladysthegrand11@gmail.com or 804-904-0560) and let her know if you would like to carpool.

Children & Youth Events

- October 12: 1st-5th Grades Outing, Offsite
- October 25: Youth Fifth Quarter

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Chanticleer

Saturday, October 12

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

All tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets are on sale now and available exclusively through Eventbrite at rrcb.org/eventbrite.

50th Anniversary of the River Road Church Sanctuary

Worship with Rev. Dr. Amy Butler

Sunday, October 13

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Well-known Baptist minister Rev. Dr. Amy Butler will celebrate with us by giving the sermon on this special Sunday.

Watercolor 101

Mondays, October 14-November 18

6:30-9:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Each watercolor class is a brand new set of sessions. Newcomers are always welcome. Judy Dixon teaches Watercolor 101, a class that is geared for beginners. Judy furnishes everyone with the drawings. Participants learn most basic principles of watercolor painting and paint together, step by step. The six-week course costs \$100. Please contact Judy Dixon (judy.griz@verizon.net or 804-744-1613 or) to sign up. A list of supplies will be provided at that time.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

Saturday, October 19

9:00-11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We will be packaging over 10,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger network. This is a great opportunity for children to participate alongside adults in a project that directly impacts the hungry in our community and around the world. Children 4 and older can participate in the event. Visit www.rrcb/rah to register your family.

Watercolor Art Party

Tuesday, October 22

6:30 p.m., Assembly Room

The Arts Committee is sponsoring a watercolor art party for any level of painter. All of the drawings will be provided, and you don't have to bring any supplies, just clothes you don't mind getting paint on and an adventurous attitude! Invite your group or Sunday School class to join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and pie. Youth are invited to participate, but must be in at least 6th grade and accompanied with a parent.

This fun night is thanks to the family of Mary Ann Brandt, whose desire was for everyone to have an opportunity to experience the joy of art.

DONATE IT FORWARD

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: October 27

HISTORICAL HALLMARK

In the summer of 1948, the entire church lot was cleared and the fireplace was built. A dedication service for the property was held at the fireplace on Sunday, September 26, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., (1936-1969) was the speaker. President Harry Truman frequently attended Dr. Pruden's church when he was President. River Road Church member, Ed Pruden, is Dr. Pruden's son.

Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 26
4:00-6:00 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 4:00 p.m. but please have your car parked and decorated between 3:30-3:45 p.m. Other volunteer opportunities include: Set-up, parking, clean-up, games attendants and food attendants. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sandy Rooney (804-288-1131).

ONLINE SIGN UP:
rrcb.org/trunkortreat

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Thoughtful Faith Community

Wednesday Night Volunteer Opportunities

Two dishwashers are needed beginning in October. Dishwashers volunteer once per month and are typically done by 7:00. Contact Betty Damon at badamon25@gmail.com if you are interested. One more lock up volunteer is needed to lock up once each month. Lockup takes about 20 minutes following TFC. Contact Daniel Ingram at danielingram@rrcb.org if you are interested.

Wednesday, October 2

- **4:30-5:15: River Road Camerata**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:15-6:15: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:15: TFC-Kids**: Games & Snacks, Chapel Hall
- **6:00-7:00: TFC-Youth**: Games & Dessert, Youth Area
- **6:15-7:00: TFC-Adults**, Assembly Room
Introduction to "Soul Feast" with Anna Miller
- **6:15-7:00: Children's Choirs**
 - Crusader Choir (3rd-5th grades), Main Rehearsal Room
 - Carol Choir (1st & 2nd grades), Youth Rehearsal Room
 - Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten), UC #232 (6:45 end)

Wednesday, October 9

- **4:30-5:15: River Road Camerata**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:15-6:15: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:15: TFC-Kids**: Missions Education
 - Pre-K to 1st grades, UC #232
 - 2nd-5th grades, UC #228
- **6:00-7:00: TFC-Youth**: Games & Dessert, Youth Area
- **6:15-7:00: TFC-Adults**, Assembly Room
Doctors Without Borders (Medecins San Frontieres) with Dr. David Elliott
- **6:15-7:00: Children's Choirs**
 - Crusader Choir (3rd-5th grades), Main Rehearsal Room
 - Carol Choir (1st & 2nd grades), Youth Rehearsal Room
 - Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten), UC #232 (6:45 end)

Wednesday, October 16

- **4:30-5:15: River Road Camerata**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:15-6:15: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:15: TFC-Kids**: Missions Education
 - Pre-K to 1st grades, UC #232
 - 2nd-5th grades, UC #228
- **6:00-7:00: TFC-Youth**: Games & Dessert, Youth Area
- **6:15-7:00: TFC-Adults**, Assembly Room
Blessings and Gifts with Don Campbell and Eddie Stratton from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV)
- **6:15-7:00: Children's Choirs**
 - Crusader Choir (3rd-5th grades), Main Rehearsal Room
 - Carol Choir (1st & 2nd grades), Youth Rehearsal Room
 - Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten), UC #232 (6:45 end)

Wednesday, October 23

- **4:30-5:15: River Road Camerata**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:15-6:15: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45-6:15: TFC-Kids**: Games & Snacks, Chapel Hall
- **6:00-7:00: TFC-Youth**: Games & Dessert, Youth Area
- **6:15-7:00: TFC-Adults**, Assembly Room
Blessings and Gifts with Don Campbell and Eddie Stratton from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV)
- **6:15-7:00: Children's Choirs**
 - Crusader Choir (3rd-5th grades), Main Rehearsal Room
 - Carol Choir (1st & 2nd grades), Youth Rehearsal Room
 - Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten), UC #232 (6:45 end)

Wednesday, October 30

- **4:30-5:15: River Road Camerata**, Main Rehearsal Room
- **5:15-6:15: Dinner**, Fellowship Hall
- **6:15-7:00: TFC-Churchwide**, Fellowship Hall
A churchwide expression of thanks to the Lord, with Marnie Fisher-Ingram, Anna Miller, and Sandy Rooney
- **6:15-7:00: Children's Choirs**
 - Crusader Choir (3rd-5th grades), Main Rehearsal Room
 - Carol Choir (1st & 2nd grades), Youth Rehearsal Room
 - Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten), UC #232 (6:45 end)

Choir Registration

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join our choirs for the 2019-2020 season! Sign up online at rrcb.org/choirreg

Children's Choirs

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

- Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten) directed Ken Wilson with Kathy Wilson and Rose Browning
- Carol Choir (Grades 1 & 2) directed by Suzanne Spicer
- Crusader Choir (Grades 3-5) directed by Bob Gallagher

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00-5:45 p.m.

- Youth Choir (Grades 6-12) directed by Bob Gallagher

Chancel Choir (Adults)

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

Directed by Bob Gallagher

Happy Birthday!

October 2

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
Tim Norman

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

Gregg Cothran
Maggie Beth Miller
Jackson Savedge

October 14

David Breckenridge
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—40 years

October 7

Pam & Mike Grady—24 years
Shirley and Dave Wagner—19 Years

October 9

Becky & Rich Jante—41 years
Greta & Shawn Van Tiem—20 years

October 11

Cindy & Mike Mistretta—22 years
Carolyn & Bill Paulette—50 years

October 12

Beth Robinson & Scott Womack—17 years

October 14

Susan & Bob Halloran—19 years

October 17

Ann Marie & Ron Geisler—27 years
Lucille & Dick Strauss—66 years

October 21

Karen & Doug Glasco—30 years

October 22

Sandy & Scott Rooney—25 years

October 23

Frances & Richard Cloe—54 years
Carol & Lou Moelchert—54 years

October 25

Myra & Neal Gauldin—34 years

October 29

Christie & Steve Lessels—42 years