



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

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explorer

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

It was William Shakespeare who said (or wrote) in Romeo and Juliet, "What's in a name?"

This famous quote came to mind when we were redesigning the River Road Preschool logo this year. For me, the answer, is quite a lot! The symbol you see below is more than just a circle of friends standing firmly on the foundation that was created by and is daily supported by River Road Church. The pictures you see illustrate the developmental curriculum offered by River Road Preschool.



RIVER ROAD CHURCH
PRESCHOOL

*Developmental Education
for the Whole Child*



The book represents the love of learning we work to instill in each child. Cognitive development goes far past the letters and numbers, and into the world of sparking critical thinking skills, reasoning, and introducing the abstract thoughts that make up our world—like why is our sky such a beautiful blue? We work to help each child discover a joy for learning that will motivate them throughout their journey in education.



Healthy habits are introduced at an early age. Going beyond making good choices in what we eat, to self-help skills, and personal habits (ex. cover your nose when you

sneeze). Rest is important for both our bodies and minds, and fresh air and outside time are experienced daily.



This stand-alone crayon shows our little artists think outside the box. They experiment and create with a wide variety of media, enjoying the process without the requirement of a replicated product. Students enjoy sensory materials and tubs, dramatic play, and the sense of accomplishment of independent creation and discovery.



Coordinated movement isn't just inherent, it's taught! The crawling pattern of a pre-toddler leads to a preschool child putting one foot in front of the other on a balance beam. The fine motor skills of dropping pom poms into a jar with tweezers merges into the correct pencil grip. Gross and fine motor skills are focused on daily at River Road Preschool.



Life Skills are centered on the social and emotional skills we build on—you must first be a friend to have friends in your life. From caring and sharing, self-confidence in expressing emotions, and making good choices in life, many life lessons are learned on the "Buddy Bench."

Our first day of school at River Road Preschool is September 4. Please take a moment on this morning to think about our name and add River Road Preschool to your prayer list. Please ask God to hold each teacher in God's hand as they guide each of our children that day and every day.

BY DANIELLE SIMONE
RIVER ROAD PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Choir Registration

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join our choirs for the upcoming 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)
Pre-K: Must Turn 4 by September 30, 2019 [ends at 6:45 p.m.]
- Carol Choir (Grades 1 & 2)
- Crusader Choir (Grades 3-5)

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00-5:45 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.

First Sunday Food Share

Sunday, September 1

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

Celebration Sunday

Sunday, September 8

Sunday School, Worship, & Picnic

As we begin to look ahead at where God is leading this gathered community of faith called River Road, we will celebrate the past summer as well as the beginning of a new season, expressing our gratitude for all that makes us the people of God in this time and place.

Sunday Morning

- 9:40-10:00: Open House for Preschool and Children's Sunday School
- 9:45-10:45: Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00-12:00: Worship with Gratitude Celebration

Parents, bring your children to Sunday School early so you can meet their teachers. Adults, invite those you haven't seen during the summer months to join you in your Sunday School class that day.

Be present in worship as we pray for and celebrate all those who learn and teach in our community, as well as those who support our educational, missional, and worship ministries at our church.

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”

Sunday, September 1

9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

- September 1: *Singing Love in a Culture of Hate*

Thank you to Dr. Hawn for leading the Holland Lectures for a second year. Dr. 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.

“Tell me what you sing and I'll tell you who you are.”

— Albert van den Heuvel (*World Council of Churches, 1966*)

Sunday Evening

- 5:00-5:15: Gather for potluck picnic
- 5:15-6:15: Mealtime
- 6:15-7:00: Summer Presentations

Return to the church in the early evening for a church-wide picnic. The picnic will include the deacons providing fried chicken and the rest of us providing sides and desserts. Then we will hear from our church family about their summer experiences and adventures.

During the Celebration Sunday picnic, we'll hear from our youth about their experiences at PASSPORTmissions Camp and in Lumberton, NC; our children about their time at PASSPORTkids Camp and Vacation Bible School; our Nickelsville mission team about serving in Southwest Virginia; and our Pilgrimage Choir about their trip to the west of England.

Potluck side dishes:

- A-J: bring a dessert
- K-S: bring a salad
- T-Z: bring a starchy side

Sign up for the potluck online at rrcb.org/picnic or call the church office at 804-288-1131 by noon on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

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.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, September 10

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.

The Comma Club Luncheon & Program

Interview with Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Tuesday, September 10

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Dr. Fred Anderson will interview our Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge. Please make your reservations by Friday, September 6 by calling the Church Office, or filling out the form online rrcb.org/seniors. Lunch is \$12 per person. *The group is primarily made up of senior adults, though it is not a requirement; anyone interested in a program is invited.*

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, September 10

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, September 12 & 26

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.)

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

Friday, September 13

12:00 p.m., Lola's Farmhouse Bistro

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

Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland Mission Trip

September 15-22

Men and women are invited on this special mission trip to serve the people in Bland County, VA! The trip cost is \$75 per person, payable to RRCB. Please put "Bland Mission Trip" in memo line. The fee covers the cost of food. For more information and to sign up, please contact Steve Lowery (twodukes@hotmail.com) or 804-330-0134).

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, will begin its fall session on Philip Yancey's book, *What's So Amazing about Grace?* Books will be available at the first session, and the cost is \$8.50. For more information, call Kitty Davis, 804-285-9782.

WMU Connectors

Friends Helping Friends

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 p.m., Reception Room

Interested in helping others in our Richmond Community? Being an active friend in helping to feed the homeless at Oregon Hill Baptist Center? Want to hear about missions' efforts and needs from those who are in the field and walk the walk?

The WMU Connectors gathers on the third Tuesday during the months of September thru April with programs and speakers that will expand your knowledge of needs in the area.

Our first meeting will be September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at our church. We'll have a potluck dinner together and hear Rev. Wesley Grant from the South Richmond Baptist Center speak on their missions' efforts. Connectors is open to all women and you're invited. Bring a friend! RSVP to Ray Nelson at rayzor846@gmail.com.

Friends helping friends by doing the Lord's work together.

Book Lovers Group

Thursday, September 26

7:30 p.m., LC #102

Book: *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover
An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Shelley Barker will lead the discussion. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

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

Thursdays, September 5 & 12

Mondays, September 16, 23, & 30

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.

Children & Youth Events

- September 13: Middle School Cookout, Fisher-Ingram Home
- September 15: Children's Parents Meeting, Reception Room
- September 27: Youth Fifth Quarter
- September 28: Preschool Fun Morning

Youth Sunday Nights

September 15

- 4:45: River Road Camerata
- 5:00: Youth Choir
- 5:45: Youth Kick Off

September 22

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

September 29

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

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.

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. 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 *eSpire* newsletter and other timely announcements, please visit rrcb.org/emailnews to sign up and choose the notifications you would like to receive.

TFC

Wednesday, September 11

- **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**, Fellowship Hall
A Time of Remembering 9/11 with Jim Slatton
- **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, September 18

- **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
The Value of Liberal Arts in Higher Education with Dr. Mark Biddle
- **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, September 25

- **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
"This is Us, RRCB" with the Breckenridge Family
- **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 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.

Happy Birthday!

September 1

Taylor Bostic
Nancy Bullock
Mike Clingenpeel
Robert King, Jr.

September 2

Kendall Collins
Mary Anne Deane-Sullivan
Millie Gray
Alyne Kennedy
Scott Leake
Jake Nurney

September 3

Penn Clark
Spencer Mang
Jack Moss, Jr.
Noralee Stephenson
Barbara Updike
Jeanne Waller

September 4

Nancy Brown
Catherine Burkett
John Gray, III
Susan Mathers
Audrey Thomson Lynch
Ann Tilley

September 5

Madison Gilmore
Carol Smith
Elizabeth Thorne

September 7

Jane Leake

September 8

Mary Haydon

September 9

James Howe
Matthew Howe
Alyson Stoakley

September 10

Ellis West

September 11

Casey Hawthorne

September 12

Seth Breckenridge
Cameron Coyle
Allie Johnson
Henry McGee
Neal Short

September 13

Ann Hays
Virginia Smith
Sue Strother

September 14

Claire Early
Sharon Seward

September 16

Phyllis West

September 17

Margie Davis

September 18

Susan Gordon
Dotsie Williams

September 19

Cindy Davis
Norton Howe Jr.
Cathryn Paul
Eleanor Roberts
Nathan Taylor

September 20

Mollie Ingram

September 22

Jean Eubank
Ava Hare
Scott Street
Harrison Wester

September 23

Karen Luper
Mary Katherine West

September 25

Bob Halloran
Skip King

September 26

Griz Dixon
Bill Paulette
Anita Tamagni
Shirley Wagner

September 27

Ron Benton
Katherine Farmer
William Gray
Ella Lea Jante
Anthony Morgan

September 29

Alisa Parris

September 30

Maxine Redford

Happy Anniversary!

September 1

John and Tracy McGuire – 12 years
Eleanor and Sam Phillips – 70 years

September 2

Peter and Jeffra Schowalter – 58 years

September 4

Robert and Audrey Harris – 59 years

September 6

Mike and Margie Davis – 33 years

September 7

Raj and Briar Chatterjea – 34 years
John and Susan Gordon – 56 years

September 8

Mike and Susan Rucker – 40 years

September 9

Charles and Susan Phillips – 41 years

September 10

Mark and Lucy Mathews – 31 years

September 11

Charles and Bertie O'Neal – 59 years

September 12

Jay and Beth Howe – 21 years

September 13

Dick and Lee Schaffer – 61 years

September 14

Whit and Debbie Stoddard – 23 years

September 16

David and Catherine Both – 19 years
Richard and Donna Bower – 41 years

September 18

Ronnie and Mary Iva Jones – 54 years

September 19

Hill and Julie Almond – 21 years

September 20

J. R. and Michelle Pruden – 11 years

September 22

Peter and Louise Mason – 29 years

September 24

Curtis and Diane Linderman – 36 years

September 27

James and Pamela Hughes – 50 years
Ken and Alisa Parris – 39 years

September 28

John and Mary Anne Dean Sullivan – 23 years