



THE CUPOLA

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Communicating the LIFE and MINISTRY of Rivermont EPC

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF STRING PLAYERS!

We are planning for our Rivermont youth string players to participate in a special prelude and postlude at our Hanging of the Greens service that will take place on Sunday evening, December 3. Ginger Paris will be leading the group. If you are the parent of a youth who plays the violin, viola, or cello, and are interested in participating, please contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org. All ages and levels are welcome!

FOOD DRIVE

We are having a food drive for the month of September to replenish the food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items (with expiration date of one year or less) and place them in the bins located in the Church near the Library or downstairs near the Fellowship Hall. The following items are needed: peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna or canned chicken, crackers, cereal, pasta sauce, snacks for children such as fruit cups, small bags of chips, etc.



Music Ministry Opportunities

YOU ARE INVITED
to participate in one or more of our Music Ministry opportunities!

Where can you and your family members best serve with your musical gifts?

Sanctuary Choir – Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

High School and older – Choir Room

Youth Choirs – Wednesdays 5:15-5:45 pm
beginning September 13

Cherub Choir – Age 4-Grade 2
Whitney Palombo, Director, Room 308

Chapel Choir – Grades 3-6

Lori Flowers, Director, Choir Room

New Song – Grades 7-12

Julia Sansone, Director, Room 301

Handbell Choirs – Wednesdays
beginning September 13

Rivermont Chimes – Grades 3 thru 5
4:30-5:10 pm – John Knox

Rivermont Ringers – Grades 5 thru 8
3:45-4:25 pm – Room #206

Praise Ringers – Grades 8 thru 12
4:30-5:10 pm - Room #206

Carillon – Adults

5:15-6:00 pm Room #206

Please contact Peggy Bettcher for more info:
pbettcher@rivermont.org or 846-3441.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday – Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 3 – Open House -

On **September 3**, parents of Pre-K through 4th grade should take your children to their Sunday School classroom to meet their new teachers! The children will not stay in their classes, so you are welcome to visit anytime during the Sunday School hour.

This year, you can fill out the Information/Dismissal form online on the Church's website, under the Ministries tab/Children/Sunday School-scroll down to the bottom of the page. <http://rivermont.org/sunday-school> The teachers will have hard copies of the form.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Kroger Community Rewards program

You can support our preschool every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus card!

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- After you sign in, register your card with our organization. You can either type in our school's name or use our NPO account #91109.

PRESCHOOL NIGHTS

- **MayLynn's Creamery:** September 12th, 5 until 9 pm. Everyone's invited to come enjoy some delicious ice cream and fellowship with our church and preschool families. 10% of all proceeds will be donated our Preschool.
- **Preschool Night at Mi Patron:** October 10th, 5 until 9 pm. Taco Tuesday, Enchilada Tuesday, Burrito Tuesday, whatever kind of Tuesday you want. Come join us at Mi Patron!

PLAYGROUND

We are so grateful for our wonderful playground. We are glad so many enjoy playing there. For safety reasons, we remind you that the equipment is designed for children 6 years and younger. Also, when the Preschool children are outside Monday thru Wednesday mornings 9 until 12 and Tuesday afternoons until 1, we ask that they be the only ones on the playground. The playground is for the Preschool use only during those times.

Nursery News

Nursery Volunteer Fall Schedule: is ready for pick-up in the Cheatham Center and Nursery Commons Area.

Volunteers: are needed as we anticipate a very busy fall. You will be asked to serve one or two Sundays a quarter. Please see Toni Termotto or call 907-2006 for more details.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER LIST

One Year Olds/Starfish	: Kathy Pickard
Two Year Olds/Ducklings	: Susan and Chris Burch
Three Year Olds/Bumblebees:	Anne and Eric Kistler
Four Year Olds/Pre-K Yeoman	: Pat Hylton and Tasha
Red Room #114	
Kindergarten	: Abi Lovell, TBD
Orange room #115	
First Grade/Room #301	: Jerusha and Jake Caldwell, And Ben Hoisington
Second Grade:	Team 1: Sacha Layman, TBD
Room #302	Team 2: Cari and Marc Jantomaso
Third Grade	: Robin Hancock and
Room #308	Angie Myers
Fourth Grade	: Marilyn Kirshberger and
Room #304	Phyllis Westenbarger

RFN:

1st/4th Boys/Room #301: Brian Nash and John Nagy
1st/4th Girls/Room #302: Paige Darden and Kaye Moomaw

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We welcome our 4 year old children to begin attending Children's Church on **September 3rd**. Our **Second Graders** will begin worshipping in the sanctuary with their families.

For 8:30 program, children ages **Pre-K through First Grade** will meet in the **ORANGE** room, #115.

For the 11:00 program, we will be offering two classes.

First Graders will meet in the **ORANGE** room, #115. This Children's Church program mirrors sanctuary worship in an age appropriate manner.

Pre-K/K will meet in the **RED** room #114. The lessons will introduce one Catechism each week. We use the Kid's Quest Catechism Club literature.

Summer Sunday School

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this summer a very special time of learning and fun in the Children's Ministry.

Weekday Preschool

School began August 28!

The hallways and classrooms are full of happy faces and fun activities. We still have a few openings available. Call Ann Knight at the church (846-3441) for more information about our excellent program of age-appropriate, developmental activities and happy play for children ages one through Pre-K.

STUDENT MINISTRY AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The school year is underway and a new year of student ministry has begun too. This year is particularly exciting with the addition of Josh Dempsey, Director of Middle School Ministries, to our staff. Josh and I desire to serve and love our student families well and present opportunities for students to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is what we have scheduled for September and look forward to our time together with our students.

Fall Sunday School Classes

7th Grade: Basic Christian Beliefs, will be held in Room #320 (Josh and Ciera Dempsey) Using Wayne Grudem's Christian Beliefs as a guide. Students will examine and study the essentials of Christian theology. Students will learn about the characteristics of God, being created in the image of God, what God has done for us in Christ, the purpose of the church, and much more.

8th Grade: How to Study the Bible, will be held in Room #321 (Jen Watson and Erika Matney) What does spending time with God look like? Where do we begin when we want to read the Bible? This class will help students answer those questions and more. Students will use and apply what they learned the first quarter in their study of the book of Philippians.

9th-10th Grade: Survey of Genesis and Exodus, will be held in Room #324 (Vance Pickard, Earl Weaver, Moose and Carrie Pierce). Students will study creation, the flood, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, the Ten Commandments, and so much more! The first two books of the Bible are packed with reminders of God's glory, kindness, faithfulness, justice, and holiness. Students will explore these foundational books and learn about an amazing God who is committed to His people and His glory.

11th-12th Grade: Covenant Theology, will be held in Room #322 (Shane and Laura Whelan). How do we make sense of the Bible? Is there a certain structure that God uses throughout Scripture? Students will learn that God's way with his people is through covenants. The covenant of the Old and New Testaments are central to everything in God's Word and are all tied together and ultimately focus on Jesus Christ.

Rivermont Fellowship Night: Study of Elijah and Elisha: "People Just Like Us". Elijah and Elisha burst into Israel's history at a time of idolatry and evil, and God used them to confront and expose Israel. But these men, just like us, also knew weakness and failure. Not so much as mighty men, but as men serving the mighty God. In God's grace, Elijah and Elisha persevered, and revealed God's mighty sovereignty, grace, power, justice, and salvation. We face the same pressures that Elijah and Elisha experienced. There ups and downs speak to us too. RFN begins Wednesday, September 13.

Sunday Night Live

SNL is a relational time of snacks, fun, and games. The schedule for September is as follows:

6th-8th grade : September 3 6:00-7:30 pm at the church
9th-12th grade: September 10 6:00-8:00 pm at the Whelan home
7th-12th grade: September 24 5:30-7:00 pm at Peaks View Park

STUDENT MINISTRY AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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A time for high school students to connect during the week from 6:36-7:16 am. The boys meet at Biscuitville and the girls meet at Panera on Old Forest Rd. This month the boys will meet September 5th and 19th and the girls will meet September 12th and 26th.

High School Sharp Top Mountain Hike

On Saturday, September 16th, the 9th – 12th grade students will hike Sharp Top Mountain. The exact time and more details will be provided in the next couple days.

8th Grade Boys Friday Night Lights

On Friday, September 22, from 6:30-8:30 pm the 8th grade boys are invited to the home of Todd and Adrienne Scruggs for food, games, and fellowship.

CLUB 56

Sunday School: For the fall and winter semesters, Club 56 Sunday School will take students on a journey through the Old Testament, discovering how each book is unique, how it all fits together, and how it speaks of Jesus throughout!

Rivermont Fellowship Night: Celebrating 500 years of the Reformation, Club 56 will discover the “Five Solas of the Reformation” and the lasting impact they have had throughout the centuries. Students will also hear about five important reformers. (men whom the Lord used to turn hearts back to the truth of the gospel). Come and learn about the foundation of our faith!

Reformation Party: Our study of the Reformation will culminate in a day celebration on Saturday, October 28. Students will be invited to enjoy a variety of Reformation-themed games and snacks. Please see Josh Dempsey if you are a parent and have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out!

RIVERMONT ON MISSION

SERVING God's MISSION Around The WORLD & Down The BLOCK

REVIVING THE HEART OF IRELAND

REPC missionaries, Charlie and Jean Driscoll, will be returning to Ireland for three weeks in September as they labor with Community Bible Study International. Their ministry centers around connecting with church leaders there to establish Community Bible Studies that would get people excited and committed to studying God's Word. The church is very small in Ireland and God's Word is hardly known. Pray that the Driscolls would be led to the right contacts and churches and that God's Word would be received.



"DEATH STEALS ONE FROM US"

Pray for North African missionaries, Tom and Jane, as they travel to France to be with their Nigerian "daughter" Efi, whose husband, Igbo, was tragically killed in a car accident. Igbo leaves behind not only Efi but their children as well. Pray for Tom and Jane as they minister to Efi and help support her as she looks to the future without her husband.

PHIL THRASH LEADING UK/GERMAN TEAM

Phil will be traveling to the UK, October 3-11 to lead a group of EPC church leaders to connect and pray with Asaph and Lynn, our EPC Engage 2025 missionaries who work among Punjabis in South Asia. In addition Phil will travel to his former team church planting site in Berlin, Germany from October 11-16 to minister to their friends. Some are saved and some not. To some he is a pastor; to some he is an evangelist; to others he is a fellow missionary and to others he is a friend. Pray for his travels and for fruitful ministry.



GLORY THROUGH TRAGEDY IN ECUADOR

In April 2016, Ecuador was hit with a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. A reported 668 people lost their lives and 16,600 were injured. Many gave to Jesus Film Project to provide humanitarian aid and 12 sets of film equipment which was sent to teams and partner ministries caring for the people of Ecuador. Many lives were touched including a young man named Jonathan.

Jonathan had a drug problem and for that reason was ashamed to go to church. But one day a youth leader invited him to a movie dinner at the event room. Because it was not being held in the church, he agreed to go. Jonathan seemed to be enjoying the dinner a lot. He also really liked the movie, "JESUS." At the end, moved by the film, Jonathan made a decision to receive Christ. He left his shame aside and decided to take different steps with his life. After accepting Christ, he asked the youth leader if he could be part of the church.

Here's a summary of the larger impact of the film showing equipment and humanitarian aid that was sent:

- More than 5,000 have come to faith in Christ
- 2,000 new small group fellowships have been formed.
- 196 new churches or missional communities have been established.

MISSION FIRST SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER

Please join us in the Chapel on September 17th at 6:00pm for our next Mission First Worship Service. As always, we'll gather to celebrate and pray for God's faithful work through our missionaries who carry out His mission in Lynchburg and around the world. That evening, we'll welcome our long-time missionary partner, Murli Menon, as he brings a message and an update from his ministry in India. You won't want to miss it.



THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR CITY

Many thanks to those Rivermont folks who came out for our second annual **Serve The Burg**. Over 60 of you spent your morning serving our ministry partners (see the photos on the next page). The Rush Homes team relandscaped two duplexes. The Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center team prepped and painted a corridor as well as their waiting room. The No Walls Ministry team delivered firewood to a widow and beautified Tulip Street. The Free Clinic team disinfected/cleaned surfaces as well as prepped and painted an office and part of a corridor. Two hundred hours were invested in helping these ministries better fulfill their mission.

Thanks also goes out to those who brought school supplies to benefit the children of **No Walls Ministry**. As usual, Rivermont folks were extremely generous and we collected \$150 in cash as well as a large tub of school supplies, which went directly to our children. Because of you, these children were ready for their first day of class.

PHILEMON PROJECT GROW CENTER GRADUATES NEXT CLASS

Recently the GROW Center Preschool held a graduation ceremony for 28 four year olds who are transitioning into elementary school this fall. The ceremony was well attended by family and friends of the children. The teachers worked together to present a slide show and video of the kids and various things they have learned, such as their numbers, colors, shapes, etc. The children performed several songs for the guests: "This is the Day" in both English and Arabic was a big hit! The ceremony concluded with the kids receiving their diplomas and all sharing refreshments. The 28 children graduating from this Early Childhood Development program have been mentored, educated, and loved. Pray that the seeds planted will produce a harvest in God's time.



Graduation Day for GROW Center

THE TINSLEYS CARING FOR MISSIONARIES IN EUROPE

REPC members, Steve and Joan Tinsley, continue to care for the missionaries serving with Kontaktmission around the world. Through phone calls, email and personal visits, they provide much-needed encouragement and support for missionaries in their context. Be in prayer for the Tinsleys as they make member care visits to the Czech Republic, Lithuania and the UK from September 2nd through the 25th.



The Tinsleys with Russian friends from Orenburg

PRAY FOR ANDREW BRUNSON

EPC Pastor Andrew Brunson continues to be imprisoned for being a member of an "armed terrorist organization" in Turkey. Additional charges have been added recently. Pray not only that justice would be done in securing his release but that his witness might further the gospel in Turkey and the world. Get the latest news: www.epc.org/forgottenamericaninturkey

Thank You

**TO THOSE WHO
SERVED THE BURG
- SUMMER 2017**



RUSH HOMES HOUSE - BEFORE



RUSH HOMES HOUSE - AFTER



FREE CLINIC GOT A PAINT JOB



NO WALLS HOUSE ON TULIP STREET RECOVERED A BEAUTIFUL STONE WALKWAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Coming Up at



SEPTEMBER

- 3**
- 8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 - 8:30 am Worship With The Lord's Supper
 - 9:45 am College Hour (No Sunday School)
 - 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
 - 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 - 11:00 am Worship With The Lord's Supper
 - 3:30 pm CWMC
 - 4:45 pm Rivermont International Ministries Meeting (Library)
 - 6:00 pm Youth SNL (6th-8th graders)

4 Labor Day (Office Closed)

- 5**
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 - 9:00 am Preschool
 - 10:30 am Circle #4 (Country Gardens)
 - 4:00 pm Shepherd and Care Meeting (204)
 - 5:30 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting (Conference Room)
 - 6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations Community Church)

- 6**
- 9:00 am Preschool
 - 4:15 pm GriefShare (202)
 - 5:00 pm B & G Meeting (Conference Room)
 - 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

- 7**
- 8:00 am CBS 1st Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 - 9:00 am Oasis (Discipleship Wing)
 - 5:30 pm ERC (Library)

8 7th – 8th Grade Retreat
Officers Retreat

9 7th – 8th Grade Retreat

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8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am GTKR Class
9:45 am Sunday School (Semester Begins)
10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Youth SNL (9th-12th graders) (Whelans' home)

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9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Ron's Office)
6:00 pm Leadership Training Class (John Knox)
6:30 pm Preschool Council Meeting (204)

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6:30 am Dawn Patrol
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
10:00 am Circle #1 (Library)
5:00 pm Preschool Night at MayLynn's
5:30 pm MSC
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm YL (Q)

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9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
4:15 pm GriefShare
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes
5:15 pm Carillon
5:15 pm Chapel Choir
5:15 pm Cherub Choir
5:15 pm New Song
5:30 pm RFN Begins (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

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8:00 am CBS
9:00 am Oasis
5:30 pm Administrative Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

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5:00 pm Officers' Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

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8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship / MFM with Murli Menon
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am GTKR Class
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
11:00 am Worship / MFM with Murli Menon
12:00 pm Luncheon with Murli Menon (TBD)
6:00 pm Mission Service with Murli Menon (Chapel)

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9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

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6:30 am Dawn Patrol
9:00 am Preschool
6:15 pm Deacon's Meeting (John Knox)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:00 pm YL Meeting (Q)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

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9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm 60 Plus Lunch (Rivermont Room)
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
4:15 pm GriefShare
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes
5:15 pm Carillon
5:15 pm Chapel Choir
5:15 pm Cherub Choir
5:15 pm New Song
5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

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8:00 am CBS
9:00 am Oasis

24

8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am GTKR Class
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)

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Continued

11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm: Youth SNL (7th – 12th graders) (Peaks View Park)

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9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
10:30 am Care Givers Group Meeting (Library)

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6:30 am Dawn Patrol
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
6:30 am Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm YL Meeting (Q)

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5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

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8:00am CBS
9:00 am OASIS
