

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by John and Gracie Lewis to the glory of God and in honor of our pastors for their tireless dedication to doing the Lord's work.

FLOWER CALENDAR: For those who wish to donate flowers for the Sanctuary, please sign up on the bulletin board beside the Library. If you have a special date in mind, be sure to place your name by your preferred date while it is available!

FOR OUR GUESTS: We invite you to visit our Welcome Table today in the Narthex (Lobby) for information about the life and ministries of Rivermont. A member of our Hospitality Team will be there to greet you and answer your questions.

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: All 6th-8th grade students are invited to join Shane in the Youth Center for game night from 6:00 - 7:30 pm tonight, April 8th. Come out for a time of fun and fellowship!

6:36: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, April 10th. The guys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

Modgnik: 9th - 12th grade students will leave this Friday, April 13th, for Modgnik at Rockbridge Young Life Camp! Be in prayer for safety and for the Word of God to take root in the hearts of the students. Parents, watch your email for details from Shane!

FNL: All 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to the Phelps' home next Sunday, April 15th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for a night of fun and fellowship! Please let Josh know by email if your daughter would like to attend!

O & A NIGHT: Next Wednesday, April 18th, all 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers about God, the Bible, and life! The event will take place at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. A pizza dinner will be provided. You won't want to miss this night!

MISSIONARY LUNCHEON: REPC missionaries, Joe and Duncan Maye (daughter of Kell and Gina Gay) will be attending Rivermont worship services on April 15th. They will speak on their church planting work in Winston Salem. Following the 11:00 am service, there will be a covered dish luncheon for the Maye family in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us to hear more details of their work. Please bring a side or a dessert to share. If you are able to attend, please email Janet at janet@rivermont.org. The Maye's will also report during the Mission First Service that evening at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

VBS PRAYERS NEEDED: Please lift up the Royal Court, otherwise known as the VBS Council, as they make plans and preparations for our Bible School. The Council consists of the coordinators and team leaders for each area of VBS – Bible lessons, memory verse station, music, crafts, skits, nursery, t-shirts, registration, snacks, recreation, first aid, hospitality, sound, technology, decorations, photography and commencement. The next Council meeting is Monday, April 9, at 4:00 pm in room #204.

CIRCLE 1: Please join us for Circle 1 on Tuesday, April 10th, in the Library from 10:00 am until noon. We will review lesson 7 with text from Acts 4:32-5:11, which gives us the account about Sapphira.

LET'S GUAC AND ROLL: Preschool Night at Chipotle, Fresh Market Shopping Center, Old Forest Road, **Tuesday, April 10, 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** To ensure that 50 percent of your purchase is donated to the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Plan to have a night of fun, fellowship and good food!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR: Matt and Julia Bradner are hosting their marriage enrichment seminar, "Nourish & Cherish" at REPC on Friday, April 13 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 am until noon. It will provide practical and inspirational content that will shape the relational culture of your marriage. For more information, email matt.bradner@gmail.com or search "Nourish & Cherish Marriage Retreat" on Facebook.

60 PLUS/MINUS: Come join us for the next 60 +/- luncheon on Wednesday, April 18 at Noon for a fascinating program! Julia Sansone and her sister, Charity Drewry, will present a piano recital featuring the works of Bach, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Chopin. The recital will take place in the choir rehearsal room, then, we will move over to the Fellowship Hall for our meal (on the same level). Please remember to **sign up by noon on Monday, April 16** on the sign-up sheet by the Library, or by calling the church office, at 846-3441.

Concerns of the Church

ATTENDANCE: Maundy Thursday: 137; Good Friday: 140.
ATTENDANCE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1: Garden Service: 71
 Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 558; 11:00 service: 495. Total: 1,124. No Sunday School

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15: **Head Deacon:** Mark Smith
Assistant Deacon: Ken Dunn **Morning Only:** Jeff Griffith
8:30 Guild Members: Beth Dunn, Marina Guenther, Mikhail Guenther, Larry Shackleton
11:00 Guild Members: Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr., Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell

Calendar

Sunday, April 8:
 8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am College Hour
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
 11:00 am Worship
 4:30 pm El Salvador Team Meeting (204)
 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm SNL 6th - 8th graders (Youth Center)
 7:00 pm 20-Somethings Class (Country Gardens)

Monday, April 9
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)
 4:00 pm VBS Council Meeting (204)
 5:30 pm Personnel Com. Mtg. (Ron's Office)

Tuesday, April 10
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Boys (Biscuitville)
 9:00 am Preschool
 9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
 10:00 am Circle #1 (Library)
 2:00 pm Preschool Night (Chipotle - Old Forest Road)
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Young Life (Q)

Wednesday, April 11
 9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers

Wednesday, April 11 (Continued)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes
 5:15 pm Carillon
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir
 5:15 pm New Song
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 12
 9:30 am CBS
 9:30 am OASIS
 5:30 pm Admin. Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)

Friday, April 13
 6:00 pm Marriage Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 14
 9:00 am Marriage Conference (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 am MLK, Jr. Event & Lunch (Mosaic Church)

Sunday, April 15
 Newsletter Deadline
 8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am College Hour
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Mission Luncheon for Duncan & Joe Maye (Fellowship Hall)
 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm FNL 7th & 8th graders (Phelps' home)
 6:00 pm Mission First Service with Duncan & Joe Maye (Chapel)

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 David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE *RENEWING* OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S *COMPELLING* LOVE IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

First Sunday in Eastertide | April 8, 2018 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to spiritually prepare to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

PRELUDE: **Praise Ringers**
"Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes, arr. Bettcher
 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You. Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me. King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor. I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

THE SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION:
 ALMIGHTY GOD, nothing is too difficult for You! Renew our minds by the power of Your Spirit with the truth of Your Word! Fill our hearts with love for You, zeal for Your kingdom, and a fervent desire to serve You. Grant us the grace now to worship You in spirit and in truth. Replace our apathy with passion, fear with faith, and despair with hope. And to Your great Name be all the honor and glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Eubank**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP, Matthew 11:28-30 (responsively)**
Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, And I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me. For I am gentle and lowly in heart, And you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #181**
"We Come, O Christ, To You" DARWALL

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Before the Throne of God Above" Vs. 3 Cooke and Bancroft

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Bethany and Eric Harrison present their son Austin Eldridge Harrison for baptism.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chapel Choir

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Lori Flowers - Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

THE INTERLUDE

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.

8:30: Pre-K thru First Grade meet in the ORANGE room, #115

11:00: Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114; First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115;

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 12:1-16 (Pages 120-121)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Merciful Meekness"

Pastor Cox

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE COLOSSIAN CREED from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

***THE GLORIA:**

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end! A—men, A—men!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Praise Ringers

"This Is Amazing Grace" Riddle, Farro, Wickham, arr. Bettcher

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger:
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder:
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!
This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love:
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You lay down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!
Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter:
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance:
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** (in unison):

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; for the glory of Your Name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #188**

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

TRANQUILLITY

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN** (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:**

"The Trumpet Shall Sound"

G. F. Handel

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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SERMON NOTES

1. Sibling Rivalry

2. Swift Judgment

3. Impassioned Pleas

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: MURLI & USHA MENON

Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Culture Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders and cares for underprivileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders and children in group homes.

Prayer Usher Ministry - Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members.