

Announcements

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:

Prayer Box: Students, Shane and Josh are praying for you as you begin the school year! Drop a request in the prayer box on the youth Information Table if you have any prayer needs.

Back-to-School Bash: Our Back-to-School Bash will take place in the form of our annual youth families’ picnic today, August 26, at 5:30 pm. All 7th-12th graders and their families are invited to Peak’s View Park for fellowship and fun! We’ll meet at the “barn entrance” off Ardmore Drive. Each family is asked to bring their own meal and may bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Parents Meeting: During the Sunday School hour next Sunday, September 2, there will be a youth parent meeting at 10:15 am in the Quinlan room (the youth auditorium). We will be making fall announcements and handing out the semester’s youth calendar.

TWENTY SOMETHINGS will meet tonight, August 26, at 7:00 pm in Country Gardens (house behind the church). We will explore seeking and seeing God’s goodness in our adversity as we study Psalm 34.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: We welcome our 4 year old children to begin attending Children’s Church on September 2. Also on that Sunday, our second graders will begin worshipping in the sanctuary with their families. For 8:30 and 11:00 programs, children ages Pre-K through first grade will meet in the ORANGE room, #115.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Infant through 4th grade parents, on September 2, be sure to take your children to their Sunday School room to meet their new teachers!

This year you can fill out the Information/Dismissal form online on the church’s website, under the Ministries/Children/Sunday School [http://rivermont.org/ssregform]. If you don’t have a chance to fill out the information sheet online, the teacher will have a hard copy of the form ready.

CIRCLE 4 will meet on Tuesday, September 4, at 10:30 am in the Family Room. Sandy Davis will be teaching from the book of Philippians.

GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT will begin September 9th. From 9:45 am to 10:40 am in Room #203 (during the Sunday School hour), Pastor Brett and Pastor Ron will host an eight-week introductory class about the life, mission, and ministry of Rivermont EPC. This class is designed for the curious, as well as for those desiring to pursue formal membership at Rivermont EPC. Please call Janet at the church office (846-3441) for more information or to register. You can also register online at http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr-registration.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

Kroger Community Rewards program. You can support our Preschool every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus card! Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register with our organization after you sign in. You can either type in our school's name or use our NPO account #91109.

Preschool Night at Mister Goodies. On September 11, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, everyone is invited to come enjoy some delicious ice cream and fellowsip with our church and pre-school families. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Preschool.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION – COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN:

Former Rivermont Senior Pastor John Mabray and the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Monroe, Louisiana invite you to celebrate with them in the dedication of their new sanctuary on September 30 at 5:00 pm. Pastor Emeritus Lowell Sykes will be preaching this worship service. As “a family of Christian faith, growing in God’s grace, from generation to generation,” Covenant Presbyterian praises God for His ongoing faithfulness and the prayerful support of REPC.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Cliff Thomas

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Lisa Alty and family in the death of her mother, Doris Trevey, who died Monday, August 20. She was from Richmond, Virginia.
- Judy George and family in the death of her husband, John George, who died Wednesday, August 22. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Visitation with a reception will follow in the Cheatham Center.

IN APPRECIATION:

I sincerely appreciate all who helped in my recent move. I am grateful to those who helped with cleaning and preparing my apartment, moving my things, and with lodging. I am grateful to God for all that you have done and are doing for me. Sincerely, George Everson

I thank the Rivermont session for the blessing of being the first REPC pastor to enjoy a regularly scheduled Sabbatical. The LORD used this time to refresh my soul and encourage me in His profound love. Elke, Daniel, and I cherish our Rivermont family and look forward to our future together! Sincerely, Pastor Ron Cox

General Fund as of July 31, 2018	
Budget to date:	\$153,401
Budget shortfall:	\$(16,387)
Year-to-date contributions:	\$137,014
Year-to-date expenses:	\$131,827
Contributions over Expenses:	\$5,187

Calendar

Sunday, August 26
 8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 11:00 am Worship
 12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon: Tessa Sydnor (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30 pm Youth Families Picnic (Peaks View Park)

Monday, August 27
 9:00 am First Day of Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30 am Care Givers Group Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 28
 4:30 pm VBS Council Meeting (Room 303)
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 29
 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 30
 11:30 am CBS Training Day

Sunday, September 2
 8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
 9:45 am Sunday School Open House
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
 3:30 pm CVMC (Library)
 4:45 pm RIMC (Library)
 6:00 pm Youth SNL 6-8 grade (Youth Center)

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OUR MISSION

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

August 26, 2018 | 8:30 AM ☞ 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to prepare spiritually 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: **"Amazing Grace"** arr. Hal H. Hopson
 Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 We beseech You, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and as You have enlightened us with the knowledge of Your truth, so enable us to walk as children of the light, and to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; that bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit, in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, we may be ever under Your divine protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Ron Cox**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 65:1-4 (responsively)**
Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,
and to You shall vows be performed.
O You Who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come
When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.
Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #363 "We Gather Together"** KREMSE

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:4**

(Before turning the page, please receive the Assurance of Pardon.)

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vs. 1) SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Josh and Meredith Rutledge present their daughter Anne Elizabth for baptism.

(11:00) THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30 and 11:00: Children meet in the ORANGE room, #115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 30 (page 138)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Security of a Vow" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THE GLORIA:** "Psalm 117"

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by ev'ry tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His word!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore, Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: Tessa Sydnor

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: The Sanctuary Choir

"It Is Well With My Soul" arr. John Ness Beck

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul.
My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought – my sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" – it is well with my soul.

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDTH

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):

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed. O You Who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:** (See Insert)

"May the Peoples Praise You" Getty

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Grand Choeur" Nicolas Giguault

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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. All prayer requests are confidential.

SERMON NOTES

1. The Nature of a Vow

2. The Occasion of a Vow

3. The Keeping of a Vow

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ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 295; 11:00 service: 288. Total: 583.
Sunday School: 372.
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USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 : Head Deacon: Andy Morse
Assistant Deacon: Mick Ritchie **Morning Only:** Andrea Adams
8:30 am: Nick Adams, Sherwood Day, Dave Dinsmore, Michael Emanuel
11:00 am: John Blanks, Steve Cooper, Brad Weaver, Earl Weaver
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PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ALLEN AND PRUE MILLER
Allen has been the Area Director for Young Life in Central Virginia since 1992. Young Life is an international ministry dedicated to seeing that every teen has the opportunity to hear the gospel from a trained leader who has a sincere and unconditional love for them. Allen's wife, Prue, works alongside Allen and the nearly 70 volunteer leaders who minister to students attending two universities, seven area high schools and four area middle schools. Over the summer, the Young Life team took 80 teens to summer camp; seven of these teens committed their lives to Christ. We thank God for the many young lives that have been transformed by the gospel and pray that God will continue to use Allen, Prue and his staff to reach students for Christ right where they are.