

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY and in the Cheatham Center have been given by Judy George's sister, Dr. Ames Curtis and her family to honor the life and memory of Dr. John D. George, Jr.

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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Join us for "College Hour" at 9:45 am in Rivermont A (connected to the downstairs Fellowship Hall). College Hour is a combination of teaching and small group discussion that is facilitated by the Campus Outreach staff. If you are interested in hearing about on-campus opportunities for growth and fellowship, email colynchburg@gmail.com.

TWENTY SOMETHINGS will meet for dinner at Pastor Mike and Whitney Palombo's house tonight at 6:00 pm. We will discuss the priority of seeking the Lord as our helper and keeper in Psalm 121. Please RSVP at Whitney.palombo@gmail.com to confirm your attendance and receive the street address.

YOUTH NEWS:
Modgnik: Pray that God will do a mighty work in the hearts and minds of the 7th to 8th grade students and leaders returning this afternoon from the weekend's Modgnik retreat!

SNL: Tonight all 9th to 12th grade students are invited to the first Sunday Night Live of the new school year! We will meet at the Whelan home from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A meal will be provided. Come out for a time of food, fun, and fellowship!

636: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, September 11. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am. See you there!

RFN: This Wednesday we will begin our RFN study on the book "Alive: Gospel Sexuality for Students." Be encouraged to view sexuality in light of who Jesus is and approach these issues with truth, faith and compassion. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm and the study at 6:30 pm.

Progressive Dinner: All 9th to 12th grade students are invited to enjoy a progressive dinner next Saturday, September 22! We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm and travel together to enjoy a three-course meal at different host homes. Come out for good food and fellowship!

PRESCHOOL NIGHT AT MISTER GOODIES will be this Tuesday from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come enjoy ice cream and fellowship with our church and preschool families. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Preschool.

CIRCLE 1 will meet this Tuesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Library. Our topic will be "A Prayer of Mary," examining Luke 1:39-56.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT begins this Wednesday with a Spaghetti dinner. Please make your reservations by tomorrow, September 10. See insert for details.

CLUB 56 NEWS:
RFN: Our study of the book of Mark begins this Wednesday! By diving into the key themes of the book's "docu-drama," Josh and his team will help students get to know the true Jesus as He intends His people to know Him. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm. For the study, meet in the Club 56 room at 6:30 pm.

FNL: All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to join Josh in the Youth Center for the first ever Club 56 Friday Night Lights! Next Friday, September 21, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, come out for a time of fun and fellowship.

6o PLUS OR MINUS: Join us Wednesday, September 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a BBQ luncheon. Please make your reservation by Monday, September 17 on the sign-up sheet beside the Library.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Jim Meredith, Barbara Schwan

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear Rivermont Family, words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the many ways you have blessed the George family--virtually for this past year. Your generosity and kindnesses of time, meals, bouquets, calls, visits and cards have so encouraged and blessed us! What a wonderful church family we have!*
With love & thanksgiving, Judy and family

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH VOCAL CHOIRS begin rehearsals this Wednesday, September 13th. All choirs rehearse from 5:15 to 5:45 pm each Wednesday. New singers are welcome!
 Cherub Choir (Ages 4-Grade 2) (Room 308)
 Chapel Choir (Grades 3-6) (Choir Room)
 New Song (Grades 7-12) (Room 301)

HANDBELL CHOIRS begin rehearsals this Wednesday. Please see calendar for rehearsal times and locations.

Calendar

Sunday, September 9
 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)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
 11:00 am Worship
 3:30 pm CWMC (Library)
 4:45 pm RIMC (Library)
 6:00 pm 9-12 Grade SNL (Whelans' home)

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

Tuesday, September 11
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Girls' 636 (Old Forest Panera)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Circle #1 (Library)
 5:00 pm Preschool Night at Mister Goodies

Wednesday, September 12
 9:00 am Preschool
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)

Wednesday, September 12 (continued)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)
 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel, New Song Choirs
 5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 13
 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
 5:30 pm ERC (Library)

Sunday, September 16
 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)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
 11:00 am Worship
 12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon: Roberto Alvarez (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm 6-8 Grade SNL (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm Mission Service (Chapel)

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OUR MISSION

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

September 9, 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: **"More Precious Than Silver"** DeShazo, arr. Bettcher
 Lord, You are more precious than silver, Lord, You are more costly than gold;
 Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
 And nothing I desire compares with You.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Mike Palombo

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 19:5-7 (responsively)**
Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!
Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"** ST. ANNE

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:11-13**

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

SERMON NOTES

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vs. 1, 3) LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Frank and Whitney Cairns present their daughters Charlotte Mae and Felicity Grace 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)*

(8:30) 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 33 (pages 141-142)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "An Ebenezer" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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:** "Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs. 3) EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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

"Be Still" Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me
In your hour of need.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.
Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest.
I am present in your pain, and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.
My peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you. Peace.

***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):**

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #457** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):** "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

*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.

1. Remember the Lord's faithfulness.

2. Remember the Lord's forgetfulness.

3. Remember the Lord's guidance.

SANCTUARY CHOIR TO SING AT THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL -

The Sanctuary Choir will share our ministry in song at the Washington National Cathedral in D.C. from 3:25 to 4:00 pm on September 30. We have chartered a coach with a few seats available for \$20.00 each. If you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus, please email Peggy at pbettcher@rivermont.org.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STRING PLAYERS: Our Rivermont youth string players will participate in a special prelude and postlude at our Hanging of the Greens service Sunday evening, December 2, with Ginger Paris leading the group. If you are the parent of a youth who plays the violin, viola, or cello and is interested in participating, please contact Peggy Bettcher. All ages and levels are welcome!

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 287; 11:00 service: 363. Total: 650.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 : Head Deacon: Treasa Plude
Assistant Deacon: Larry Langhans Morning Only: Baxter Gordon
8:30 am: Beth Dunn, Rodney Foster, Dalton Foster, Marina Guenther
11:00 am: Ray Ganthner, Statham Gilliam, David Head, Scooter Harris

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Daniel and Priscila Ribiero-Cummings, Christian Health Services Corps

Kalukembe Hospital (Angola, West Africa) is a 300-bed, 100-year-old district hospital established by Swiss missionaries and now run by a national denomination, IESA. It was without a full-time physician for more than 20 years, with nurses managing the many aspects of patient care. Daniel (emergency medicine) and Priscila (OB/GYN) returned in 2015 to serve the people of this rural area. They worked briefly there before (2012-2013); and they are looking forward to renewing relationships and beginning new ones on the wards and in the nursing, laboratory-technician and Bible schools. Daniel, Priscila and their three children (Zeke, Eliel and Naomi) are in the Philadelphia area until spring 2019, when they hope to return to Angola. Priscila and her family were members of Rivermont in the 2000s and she will be with us for our Triennial Missions Conference in October.