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.

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.

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YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: Tonight all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to a time of fun and fellowship with Josh for games in the Youth Center from 6:00 to 7:30.

636: All high school boys and girls are invited to early morning fellowship this Tuesday! The students will join Shane and Ciera at Bojangles on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

RFN: This Wednesday we continue 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 this Saturday. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm, traveling together to enjoy a threecourse meal at different host homes. Come out for good food and fellowship!

60 PLUS OR MINUS: From September to May, join us for a luncheon and special speaker presentation on the third Wednesday of each month. Though these luncheons are planned with those 60 years and older in mind, they are open to all ages. This Wednesday, our BBQ luncheon will be in the Rivermont A at noon. Please make your reservation by Monday, September 17 on the sign-up sheet beside the Library.

CLUB 56 NEWS:

RFN: Our study of the book of Mark continues this Wednesday! By diving into the key themes of the book's "docu-drama," Josh and his team will help students understand the character of Jesus. 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.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our midweek gathering where we enjoy fellowship and experience growth in Christ. Cost for the meal is \$5 per person (9 and older), \$3 for children (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. The menu for September 19th is Teriyaki Chicken. Make your reservations online at www.rivermont.org, fill out the reservation card and place it in the offering plate, email ciera@rivermont.org, or call the church office: 846-3441. Reservations are mandatory and should be made by noon on Monday, September 17th.

COUPLES' LOW COUNTRY BOIL: All Rivermont couples are invited to a Low Country Boil Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 pm. Meeting on the back terrace of the church, Pastor David Weber will share a message after dinner to encourage couples in their life together. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP on our website at www.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!

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: David Wiseman

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 295; 11:00 service: 289; Total: 584. Sunday School: 421.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: Head Deacon: Patrick Yeatts

Assistant Deacon: Alan Pettigrew Morning Only: Todd Matthews 8:30 am: Mark Faulconer, Warner Hall, Jay Hutt, Keith Mascher 11:00 am: Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr., Daniel Lass, Steve McCann

Calendar

Sunday, September 16

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (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: Humberto Alferez

(Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm 6-8 Grade SNL (Youth Center) 6:00 pm Mission First Service (Chapel)

Monday, September 17

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10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room) 4:30 pm Preschool Council Meeting (204)

Tuesday, September 18

6:30 am Dawn Patrol

6:36 am HS Boys and Girls' 636 (Bojangles)

9:00 am Preschool

6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)

7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)

7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, September 19

9:00 am Preschool

12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (Rivermont A) 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)

Wednesday, September 19 (continued)

4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)

4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)

5:15 pm Carillon (206)

5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308) 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)

5:15 pm New Song Choir (301)

5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 20

9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)

9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

Friday, September 21

5:00 pm Officers' Retreat (Sweet Briar) 6:00 pm Club 56 FNL (Youth Center)

Saturday, September 22

5:30 pm Youth Progressive Dinner

Sunday, September 23

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)

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Monday - Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Saturday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

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Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR

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- OUR MISSION -

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

September 16, 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: Heidi Terry, soloist

"Consecration"

John Ness Beck

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let it sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading! O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BETHE GLORY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 119:76-77

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: "There Is a Redeemer" (vs. 2) Melody Green

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

*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

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 35 (pages 143-144)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "A Land of Life" 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: "Praise and Glory to the Father" REGENT SQUARE
Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: Humberto Alferez
Sports Outreach

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

"Know My Heart"

Benjamin Harlan

(Adapted from Psalm 139)

Lord, You have searched me, You know ev'rything I do.
When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.
Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.
O know my heart, O God. If I ascend into heaven, You are there
On the wings of the morning or in my deepest despair.
His hand shall lead me, His right hand will guide me,
Though darkness should cover me, light shall surround me.
And I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord,

*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):

I will praise Him with my whole heart!

O Lord, our gracious God, out of gratitude for Your grace to us in Jesus Christ, we give ourselves to You: all we have, all we are, all we hope to be. We pray that You will use these offerings; and that You will use us — our talents, our energies, our time, and our possessions — for Your glory, for the strengthening of Your church, and for carrying forth Your mission at home and around the world. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"In Christ Alone"

 ${\sf Getty} \ {\sf and} \ {\sf Townend}$

*THE BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE:

The Sanctuary Choir

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter C. Lutkin

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE:

"Festive Gloria"

Aaron David Miller

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

1. We must be careful with life.

SERMON NOTES

2. We must be just with judgments.

3. We must be fitting with punishments.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Humberto Alferez with Sports Outreach

Humberto has made Sports Outreach his life's work as he and his team recruit, equip, and deploy young leaders in El Salvador and Honduras. Humberto and his team use sports ministry to share the gospel and alleviate human suffering. Through our partnership with Sports Outreach El Salvador, Rivermont is helping transform the Thomas Rodriguez neighborhood into a restored community. Please join us today after the 11:00 am service for a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, as well as the Mission First Service tonight at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. Humberto will share a ministry report and an exciting ministry opportunity coming up.

<u>Prayer Usher Ministry</u> - 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.