

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Circle 4 to the glory of God and in honor of Maggie Wells for her faithful leadership for seventeen years.

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: Tonight all 9th to 12th grade students are invited to Sunday Night Live! We will meet at the Eskridge home from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Dinner will be provided.

636: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! The boys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am. See you there!

SNE: All 7th and 8th grade boys are invited to the Caldwell home this Saturday for a special night of food, fun, and fellowship! We'll meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Please Note: The date has changed from Sunday, September 23 to Saturday, September 29.**

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 26 is Sloppy Joes. 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 must be made by noon on **Monday, September 24.**

CIRCLE 4 will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 10:30 am in Country Gardens. Sandy Davis will continue teaching from the book of Philippians.

COUPLES' LOW COUNTRY BOIL: All Rivermont couples are invited to a Low Country Boil Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 pm. Meeting on the back terrace of the church, Pastor David Weber and his wife April 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.

SAVE THE DATE:
Truck or Treat will be on Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Invitations will also be extended to our community, so please join us in welcoming these families and showing our love for the Lord. REPC members, monetary and candy contributions are greatly appreciated; please mark your gift to **REPC Fall Festival**. Volunteers are also needed. Please sign up in the Cheatham Center today to let us know where you are able serve!

Annual Thanksgiving Community Outreach: Join members from other No Walls partner churches for a joint worship service and dinner at All Nations Community Church on Sunday, November 11 at 5:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed to assist with providing food or with set-up and take-down.

Church Photo Directory: The time has finally come to update our membership directory! Please save the dates of when we will be photographing (November 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, December 1, 3, 4, 5) in the Cheatham Center. Our directory will not be complete without you! Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive: Mark your calendar now for our annual blood drive which will be held on Tuesday, November 13 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm right here at REPC! To volunteer, please contact Alisha Meador at alisha.meador@gmail.com or call 434-426-0787.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Lucy Harris

RECUPERATING: David Wiseman

IN APPRECIATION: *We appreciate all of the prayers and concerns of the Rivermont Community on David's behalf. He returned home this past Monday and continues to recover well with Blessings to you all, David and Marjorie Wiseman*

General Fund as of August 31, 2018	
Budget to date:	\$306,803
Budget shortfall:	\$(42,291)
Year-to-date contributions:	\$264,512
Year-to-date expenses:	\$262,262
Contributions over Expenses:	\$2,250

Calendar

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)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
 11:00 am Worship
 7:00 pm Twenty Somethings (Country Gardens)

Monday, September 24
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 10:30 am Care Givers' Meeting (Library)
 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Eskridge Home)

Tuesday, September 25
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Boys 636 (Biscuitville)
 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 26
 9:00 am Preschool
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)

Wednesday, September 26 (continued)
 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 27
 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

Friday, September 28
 Presbytery - Huntersville, NC

Saturday, September 29
 Presbytery - Huntersville, NC
 6:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Boys' SNE (Caldwell Home)

Sunday, September 30
 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)
 10:00 am Choir Charter Bus Departure
 11:00 am Worship
 3:00 pm Sanctuary Choir at Washington National Cathedral (D.C.)
 6:00 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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

MINISTRY STAFF
 David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
 Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF
 Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION
 Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
 Shane Whelan | PASTOR OF STUDENT FAMILIES
 Peggy Bettcher | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY
 Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
 Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES
 Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH
 Julia Sansone | DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS AND ACCOMPANIST
 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 23, 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: *"Prelude No. 1 in C Major"* J. S. Bach
"Prelude No. 6 in D Minor" J. S. Bach
"Prelude No. 8 in E-flat Minor" J. S. Bach

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Most holy God, Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence, we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us, Your people. This we pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Dr. David Weber**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 145 (responsively)**
I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53**
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:31-33**

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

SERMON NOTES

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 3) BEFORE THE THRONE

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.

***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: Ephesians 1:3-6 (page 976)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Chosen for His Glory" Pastor Ron Cox

THE PRAYER FOR THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***THE GLORIA:**

"Gloria Patria" 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:

*"O Love" The Sanctuary Choir
Elaine Hagenberg*

O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

***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):**

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. May all that we are and all that we have be consecrated for Your service and Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #529**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Alleluia from 'Exultate, Jubilate' " W. A. Mozart

*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. The Blessings of Election

2. The Purposes of Election

3. The Joys of Election

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 346; 11:00 service: 294; Total: 640.
Sunday School: 440.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: Head Deacon: Evan Harris
Assistant Deacon: Mark Smith **Morning Only:** Wayne Melancon
8:30 am: Warner Hall, Ron Meng, Brian Nash, Lyn Nash
11:00 am: Charlie Mitchell, Drew Neiderer, Jim Petrey, Simeon Purvis

NEW HARPSICHORD: Rivermont is most grateful to God for the acquisition of the beautiful harpsichord that is being featured in this morning’s prelude. The instrument will be a significant asset to our music ministry since we will no longer require a rental or electronic version for pieces requiring a harpsichord. The instrument, built by Peter Watchorn, is a 1995 French double (two keyboards) copy of instruments made by Pascal Taskin (1769). Mr. Watchorn is an Australian-born virtuoso harpsichordist with practical experience in the construction of harpsichords copied from original instruments of the 17th and 18th centuries. Interior paintings on the soundboard were added by Sheridan Germann, an acclaimed scholar and practitioner in the field of harpsichord decoration. Funds for the purchase of this instrument were given to the glory of God by a generous supporter of REPC’s music ministry.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Steve and Joan Tinsley
Steve and Joan Tinsley, after serving with Kontaktmission in Orenburg, Russia for several years, transitioned to Member Care ministry with the same organization. Though this summer provided a break in travel, their schedule remained full with an active hospitality ministry at their home in Maine. They hosted the Director of Kontaktmission USA and his wife, welcomed REPC’s own George and Linda Paulson, and enjoyed extended visits from family. Currently, they are sponsoring a Russian woman who is immigrating to the US. Steve will speak twice at our Missions Conference in October and Joan looks forward to singing with her beloved REPC Sanctuary Choir.