

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard E. Ruble by his wife Pam and their family. *"Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me into glory." Psalm 73:24*

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 7th to 12th grade students are invited to a special Sunday Night Live! We will meet in the Youth Center from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

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

Fall Fest: All 7th to 12th grade students are invited to a time of fun and fellowship at the Matneys' home from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 13! Dinner will be provided.

Missions Conference: 7th to 12th grade students are needed to carry national flags into Sunday worship services during the Triennial World Mission Conference. Please sign up at the youth Information Table for either October 14 or 21 at the 8:30 and/or 11:00 am service.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our midweek gathering of fellowship and growth in Christ. For dinner, the cost is \$5 per person (9 and older), \$3 for children (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. The entrée for October 3 is Baked Ziti. To make your dinner reservations, visit our website, email or call the church office, or fill out a reservation card for the offering plate. **Reservations must be made by noon on Monday, October 1.**

CIRCLE 4 will meet on this Tuesday 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 this Thursday 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.

PRESCHOOL NIGHT AT MI PATRON is Tuesday, October 9 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm! Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Preschool.

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 financial gifts to **REPC Fall Festival**; candy contributions can be placed in the bin next to the event table in the Cheatham Center. 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 in the Cheatham Center from 2:00 to 9:00 pm (November 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, December 1, 3, 4, 5). Sign-ups will begin October 7 online and in the Cheatham. To volunteer, contact Kristen Shaddock at kmsaddock@gmail.com. Our directory will not be complete without you!

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Lucy Harris, Barbara Schwan

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 323; 11:00 service: 311; Total: 634. Sunday School: 412.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO

- Jack Weymouth and family in the death of his wife, Peggy, who died Thursday, September 20. The visitation will be today at Tharp Funeral Home from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. The funeral service will be tomorrow at 12:00 pm with interment to follow at Fort Hill Memorial Park.
- Pastor David Weber and family in the death of his grandmother, Jean Sowders, who died Sunday, September 23. She was from Washington State.

Calendar

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)

Monday, October 1
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Tuesday, October 2
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Girls' 636 (Old Forest Panera)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:30 am Circle #4 (Country Gardens)
 12:30 pm Preschool Teachers' Meeting (204)
 4:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting (204)
 5:00 pm RDC Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations Community Church)

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

Wednesday, October 3 (continued)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
 5:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 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, October 4
 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
 5:00 pm Couples' Low Country Boil

Sunday, October 7
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
 3:30 pm CWMC (Library)
 4:45 pm RIMC (Library)
 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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 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 30, 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:

"Rondo"

Whitney Cairns, harp

Francois Couperin, arr. Deborah Friou
 arr. W. Cairns

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
 Save that Thou art – Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
 O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 Ron Cox

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-6 (responsively)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this we rejoice.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #164**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vs. 1, 4) 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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Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

***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 2:1-7 (page 976)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The New Birth" 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:** "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:

"Humbly I Adore Thee"

Whitney Cairns, harp

ADORO DEVOTE, arr. W. Cairns

Humbly I adore Thee, Verity unseen,
Who Thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows mean;
Lo, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds Thee, shrined within the cloud.
Jesus, Whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
What my soul doth long for, that Thy Word foretold;
Face to face Thy splendor, I at last shall see,
In the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of Thee.

***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 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 have and all that we are be consecrated for Your service and Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #308 "Jesus Paid It All" ALL TO CHRIST**

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** Elizabeth Wilkerson, organ

"Toccata in B Minor" Eugene Gigout

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

1. The Need for New Birth (vv. 1-3)

2. The Cause of New Birth (vv. 4-5)

3. The Results of New Birth (vv. 6-7)

2018 TRIENNIAL MISSION CONFERENCE

Connecting Missions from Sunday to Monday

We are excited to announce our Triennial Mission Conference will be next month, from Sunday, October 14 to Sunday, October 21. This year's theme, "Connecting Missions from Sunday to Monday," will help us better understand the missional call God has placed on each of our lives. We have invited nationally known speakers Josiah Bancroft and Dr. Amy Sherman to present at the conference. Our longtime missionary partners Steve and Joan Tinsley, Robby and Joyce*, and Ray and Kay Baker will also speak during the week, as well as one of our newest missionary partners, Drs. Priscila and Dan Cummings. You can find more information about our speakers and the conference on our website at www.rivermont.org/tmc2018. You will also find a page for registration which we ask each family to fill out. We look forward to seeing you there!

**last name withheld for security purposes*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have several opportunities for you to serve the Rivermont family during the Mission Conference. We need help with providing international desserts, clean up and take down, food service, and more. You will find a complete list of service opportunities on our website at www.rivermont.org/tmc2018.

CONFERENCE OFFERING

The Mission Conference Offering is designed to enhance and grow the ministry effectiveness of one or more of our global ministry partners. The recipient of our mission conference offering this year is Sports Outreach El Salvador. In the last four years, Rivermont EPC has formed a special relationship with Sports Outreach El Salvador, having sent three mission teams to help serve in El Salvador. Due to their growth and need for permanent ministry spaces, Rivermont has partnered with Director Humberto Alferez to build a second story onto their ministry center. This will also allow for ministry expansion into the community. We have set a goal of \$25,000 to raise in support of that building project. If you would like to contribute to this vital need, please make your check payable to REPC with the notation "Mission Conference Offering" in the memo. You can mail your check to the church office or drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 30. You can also securely donate on our website under the "Give" tab.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Ray and Kay Baker, Greater Europe Mission

Ray - Christian apologist, writer, and itinerant teacher - and Kay - regional leader of Northern Europe for Greater Europe Mission - are currently based in Stockholm, Sweden. Ray recently helped develop and is leading an Apologetics course that now has 45 students enrolled. Please pray they will gain a stronger faith and a bold witness through the course. Please pray for the salvation of Abbas, a 19-year-old refugee living in the Bakers' home in Stockholm. Pray also for safety as the Bakers have an intense travel schedule while in the US this fall. They will take part in our upcoming Mission Conference.