

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given in loving memory of the parents of Rod and Mackie Smith, Howard and Kathleen Smith and Mack and Shyrl Trent.

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 6th to 8th grade students are invited to join Josh for game night! We will meet in the Youth Center from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

636: All high school boys and girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! 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.

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.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

Preschool Night at Mi Patron is this Tuesday from 5:00 to 9:00 pm! Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Preschool.

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 account RY489.

SIXTY PLUS OR MINUS LUNCHEON is next Wednesday, October 17 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lynchburg resident and film actress, producer, and writer Rebecca Rogers Nelson will share about writing the screenplay for the upcoming film *Shoeless Wonders*. Reserve your spot by signing up on the bulletin board beside the Library or calling the church office. Reservations must be made by noon on Monday, October 15.

CLUB 56 NEWS:

RFN: Our study of the book of Mark continues this Wednesday! By diving into the key themes of the book's "docudrama," 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.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our midweek gathering for 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 10 is Pork Barbecue. 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 8.**

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS will not meet on October 14 but will instead join others for the Mission Conference Panel. Please contact Pastor Mike (mike@rivermont.org) if you have questions about this community.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Steve Beaver, Ruth Stinespring

CONGRATULATIONS to Sherwood and Joey Day in the birth of their grandson, Charles Shepherd Nowlin IV, on Saturday, September 29. Proud parents are Westray and Shep Nowlin.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 267; 11:00 service: 272; Total: 539. Sunday School: 353.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: We need your family! Please sign up now to reserve a slot for your family photo to be taken for our church membership directory. To sign up, go to www.rivermont.org/my-repc.

Calendar

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)

Monday, October 8
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 4:30 pm VBS Council Meeting (303)
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 9
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Boys' and Girls' 636 (Bojangles)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Circle #1 (Library)
 12:30 pm Preschool Teachers' Meeting (204)
 5:00 pm Preschool Night at Mi Patron
 5:30 pm MSC
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 10
 9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)

Wednesday, October 10 (continued)
 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, October 11
 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
 5:30 pm Administrative Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Saturday, October 13
 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Hunton-Randolph Community Center)
 5:30 pm Youth Fall Fest (Matney Home)

Sunday, October 14
 TRIENNIAL WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:45 am HS and Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary)
 9:45 am Infant to 8th Grade Regular Classes
 11:00 am Worship Service
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service
 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Whelan Home)
 6:00 pm Missions Conference Panel, followed by Ice Cream Social (Sanctuary, Cheatham)

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OUR MISSION

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

October 7, 2018 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

PRELUDE: **Rivermont Ringers**
"Joy and Elation" Cynthia Dobrinski

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: 1 Peter 1:3-6 (responsively)**
And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked; But God, being rich in mercy, made us alive together with Christ. - by grace you have been saved - And raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #523 "My Hope Is in the Lord"** WAKEFIELD

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**
"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (vs. 1) HYFRYDOL
Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior makes me whole. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

"What a Beautiful Name"

New Song

arr. David Wise

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God, the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.
What a beautiful name it is! What a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful name it is! Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.
You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?
What a wonderful name it is! What a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful name it is! Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.
Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You.
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.
You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the Kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the name above all names!
What a powerful name it is!

Rebecca Edmiston – piano

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: Luke 19:1-10 (page 878)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Conversion of Zacchaeus" Pastor Brett Eubank

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"**
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!

REGENT SQUARE

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"The Meditations of My Heart"

The Sanctuary Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

(Based on Psalm 19:14)

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord,
O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

***THE COMMUNION HYMN: #500**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. Contact the church office to setup a meeting with the pastors after reviewing the communion packet with your child. The packet is at www.Rivermont.org under Ministries/Children/Communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

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

"May the Peoples Praise You"

Keith Getty

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Te Deum"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

*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 Conversion (vv. 1-5)

2. The Nature of Conversion (vv. 6-7)

3. The Fruit of Conversion (vv. 8-10)

2018 TRIENNIAL MISSION CONFERENCE

Connecting Missions from Sunday to Monday

We are excited to announce our Triennial Mission Conference begins a week from today, running 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!

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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: Robby and Joyce*

Robby has served as a cross-cultural worker, pastor, and educator since 1994 in Jordan, France and Lebanon. He currently serves as executive director of The Philemon Project, a joint ministry project with the Resurrection Church Beirut and EPC World Outreach. He served for many years as pastor for the international congregation of the National Evangelical Church of Beirut, the oldest protestant congregation in the Middle East (f. 1823). His wife Joyce is an educator and has taught in a variety of international school settings.

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