

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in humble gratitude for the blessing of our pastors: David Weber, Ron Cox, Brett Eubank, Mike Palombo, and Shane Whelan. In 2 Chronicles 2:11, Hiram the king of Tyre said in a letter to Solomon, "Because the Lord loves His people, He has made you king over them." Similarly we can say, "Because the Lord loves His people at Rivermont, He has made these men leaders over us!" We are also grateful for our pastors' families. Check the Welcome Table in the Narthex for resources on praying for our pastors and their families.

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.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Support our Preschool through the Community Rewards program with your Kroger Plus card! Register online using our account **RY489** at kroger-communityrewards.com. Your participation will not affect your food and gas points.

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS will not meet tonight but will instead join others for the Mission Conference Panel. Contact Pastor Mike (mike@rivermont.org) with any questions.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, all 9th to 12th grade students are invited to the Youth Center for food, fun, and fellowship! A meal 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.

RFN: This Wednesday all 7th to 12th grade students are invited to join the plenary session of this week's Triennial World Mission Conference. We will not hold a separate youth RFN.

SNE: This event has been moved from today to Sunday, October 28. All 7th to 8th grade boys and girls are invited to the Johnson home for dinner and games.

SIXTY PLUS OR MINUS LUNCHEON is this Wednesday 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 tomorrow, October 15.

CROSS-CULTURAL DINNER will be this Wednesday at 5:30 pm for our mission conference. Mediterranean eatery Tahini's Grill will cater the meal. (Hot dogs and chips will be available for children.) Cost is \$5 per person (9 and older), \$3 for children (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. To make reservations, visit our website, email or call the church office, or fill out a reservation card for the offering plate. The dinner will be followed by a 6:30 pm plenary session featuring Dr. Amy Sherman.

CLUB 56 NEWS:
RFN: For our mission conference, all 5th and 6th grade students will meet in the Club 56 room at 6:30 pm this Wednesday to receive a special message from Rivermont missionaries.

FNL: This month all 5th and 6th grade students are invited to celebrate our annual Reformation party! Join us from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Youth Center next Friday, October 26 dressed as a reformer for food and games.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Join members from our No Walls partner churches for a joint worship service and dinner at All Nations Community Church on Sunday, November 4 at 5:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed to assist with providing food, childcare for special needs children, or set-up and take-down. Please sign up during Sunday School or at Wednesday RFNs.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Paul Lass

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 294; 11:00 service: 240; Total: 534. Sunday School: 387.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY sign-ups have begun! Make your reservation now as slots are filling fast. Sign up in the Cheatham Center after both services today or online after 1:00 pm at www.rivermont.org/my-repc.

Calendar

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 (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm Mission Conference Panel, followed by Ice Cream Social (Sanctuary, Cheatham)

Monday, October 15
 TRIENNIAL WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Tuesday, October 16
 TRIENNIAL WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
 6:30 am Men's Missions Breakfast (Rivermont A)
 6:36 am Boys' 636 (Biscuitville)
 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, October 17
 TRIENNIAL WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
 9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 17 (continued)
 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)
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
 5:15 pm New Song Choir (301)
 5:30 pm Cross-Cultural Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Conference Plenary Session, featuring Dr. Amy Sherman (Sanctuary)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 18
 TRIENNIAL WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
 9:30 am Women's Missions Luncheon, featuring Dr. Amy Sherman (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 21
 TRIENNIAL WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School with Missionary Speakers
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm Mission Conference Panel, followed by International Dessert Tasting (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 14, 2018 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

PRELUDE: *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* Kendrick, arr. P. Bettcher
 Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining.
 Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
 Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Almighty and eternal God, Who sent Your only-begotten Son to be the Savior of the world: Make Your salvation known to the ends of the earth, that in every place Your name may be worshiped and glorified. By the light of Your Incarnate Word, illumine and make glad the hearts of all who serve You in Your church. Grant us, and all Your people in Christ, the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; comfort us all by the presence of Him who is Immanuel, God with us; that we may faithfully serve You, following Christ our Savior, all our days; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Brett Eubank

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67:1-5 (responsively)**
May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us;
May Your ways be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations!
May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You!
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For You rule the peoples justly, and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise You!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)**
"May the Peoples Praise You" Keith Getty

THE CALL TO CONFESSION: from Isaiah 53 and 55 (responsively)
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned- every one- to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND TRANSFORMATION:

based on Psalm 51 (in unison)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise; through Jesus Christ the holy and righteous One. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE: Ephesians 1:7

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

*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

(11:00) Cherub Choir Amy Hall – Director "Jesus Bids Us Shine/Jesus Loves the Little Children" Excell/Root

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: Mark 1:14-20 (page 836)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "An Invitation to the Missio Dei" Robert Hamd

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!

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: Hattie Eshleman

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

"Let Your Light Shine" (Based on Matthew 5:13-16) Craig Courtney

You are the light of the world! Let your light shine before all people, let your light shine in all the earth. Let your light shine before all people that they might see your good works And glorify your Father in heaven. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. A lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see.

Heidi Terry – piano

*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):

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: #263 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" arr. James Denton

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

SERMON NOTES

WORLD MISSION 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.

FALL FRUIT SALE: Our local partner, Churches for Urban Ministry, hosts an annual fruit sale fundraiser for their work in mentoring, tutoring, and serving College Hill neighborhood families, as well as to support summer Camp Timothy. This year, orders for red grapefruit, navel oranges, and clementines may be placed until October 31. Fruit arrives around December 12. There is also an option to donate oranges to the Blue Ridge Food Bank. Look for order forms in the Cheatham Center and at the Conference Ministry Fair this Wednesday. Please contact Jane Henderson at 434-841-0271 with any questions.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21: Head Deacon: Paul Lass Assistant Deacon: Kelly Crawford Morning Only: Mark Smith 8:30 am: Josh Alley, Clay Atkins, Massie Ware, Jeff Widmeyer 11:00 am: Danny Boyers, David Head, Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson Jr.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Hattie Eshleman

In January 2019, Rivermont member Hattie Eshleman will join her Adventure in Mission teammates for an eleven-month mission trip called "The World Race." She will serve with one ministry for a month in eleven different countries on three different continents. Pray for Hattie as she trusts the Lord to provide the prayer and financial support she needs to begin this trip. Pray that God will give her a grander vision for His kingdom and clarify what her role in His kingdom work can be. You can hear more about Hattie's trip tonight at 6:00 as part of our Mission Conference evening program in the Sanctuary. We will also be commissioning her as she prepares to leave.