

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.

ATTENTION CYCLISTS: Parking spaces are now available for your bikes! Our bike rack comes with chains so you only need to provide the lock. The rack is located in the corner off Quinlan Street near the basketball court.

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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY sign-ups continue in the Cheatham Center today until the Missions Conference Panel this evening. Beginning tomorrow morning, you may go to our website to make your photo reservation at www.rivermont.org/my-repc.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to the Youth Center for game night!

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

RFN: This Wednesday we continue our 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.

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 24 is fried chicken. 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 22.**

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.

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 this Friday dressed as your favorite Reformer or other figure from the 16th century.

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.

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

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO

- Statham Gilliam and family in the death of his father, Leonard "Bill" Statham Gilliam, Jr., who died Monday, October 15. He was from Statesville, North Carolina.
- Cari Jantomaso and family in the death of her mother, Lucie Perdue, who died Thursday, October 18 in Tampa, Florida.
- Don Lee and family in the death of his father, Donald Lee, Sr., who died Wednesday, October 17. The graveside service will be tomorrow at 12:00 pm in Fort Hill Memorial Park.
- Donna Phelps and family in the death of her mother, Carol Koffel, who died Tuesday, October 9 in Gautier, Mississippi.
- Vance Pickard and family in the death of his father, Jerry Pickard, who died Thursday, October 18. He was from Arlington, Texas.

General Fund as of September 30, 2018

Budget to date:	\$460,204
Budget shortfall:	\$(95,660)
Year-to-date contributions:	\$364,544
Year-to-date expenses:	\$406,501
Contributions under Expenses:	\$(41,957)

Calendar

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)

Monday, October 22
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 10:30 am Caregivers' Group Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, October 23
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Girls' 636 (Panera)
 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 24
 9:00 am Preschool
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)

Wednesday, October 24 (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)
 5:30 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 7:45 pm Brass Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25
 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

Friday, October 26
 6:00 pm Club 56 FNL - Reformation Party (Youth Center)

Sunday, October 28
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade SNE (Johnson Home)
 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Whelan Home)

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 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



OUR MISSION

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

October 21, 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: **Praise Ringers**
"He's Got the Whole World" arr. Valerie W. Stephenson
"Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Anna Laura Page

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Almighty God, You have poured on us the new light of Your Incarnate Word: May that same light burn in our hearts and shine in our lives; and may that light be evident this morning and obvious as we gather to worship You in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Ron Cox**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 33 (responsively)**
Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous.
Give thanks to the Lord; for the word of the Lord is upright,
and all His work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)**
"For the Cause" Keith Getty

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE: Psalm 130:3-4

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

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs 1, 3)

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

***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:

Chapel Choir

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Charles McCartha

Lori Flowers – Director; Rebecca Edmiston – Accompanist

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: John 3:16 (page 888)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "God Loves the World"

Josiah Bancroft

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 Patri"

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:

Ashlyn*

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

"Who But the Lord?"

Craig Courtney

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,
Can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"?
Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,
Brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?
Who but the Lord?
O shine on us the brightness of Your face,
To earth's remotest end, every people, every race.
O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us.
Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but 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):

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: #585**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

HENDON

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Franklin Ritter

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

SERMON NOTES

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. Orders arrive around December 12. You may also donate oranges to the Blue Ridge Food Bank. Look for order forms in the Cheatham Center today! For questions, contact Jane Henderson at 434-841-0271.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 252; 11:00 service: 325; Total: 577.
Sunday School: 264. Mission Conference Evening Service: 60.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: Head Deacon: Michele Dameron
Assistant Deacon: Evan Harris Morning Only: Jeff Griffith
8:30 am: Sheree Britton, Pheby Dameron, Dave Young, Ginny Young
11:00 am: John Blanks, Statham Gilliam, Sam Rose, Brad Weaver

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Ashlyn* (last name withheld for security)
Ashlyn joined Rivermont EPC as a college student four years ago following her conversion to Christ through the ministry of Campus Outreach. Through the spiritual growth she has experienced since that time, Ashlyn has felt called to the global mission field and has been accepted by Serge to serve in North Africa. Beginning in March, Ashlyn will leave the U.S. for a two-year apprenticeship with fellow REPC missionaries, Tom and Jane*. Because of the sensitive nature of her work, we withhold her last name in all printed and web communications. You are invited to hear more about Ashlyn's ministry at 6:00 tonight during our mission conference evening program. We will also commission Ashlyn to the mission field.

**SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT
MISSION CONFERENCE PANEL
TONIGHT at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
followed by International Dessert Tasting
in the Cheatham Center**