

Announcements

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to join Josh in the Youth Center for games and fellowship.

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

Dinner and a Movie: All 7th to 12th grade students are invited next Friday evening, March 1 to see *How to Train Your Dragon 3* at Regal Cinemas. We will eat dinner together before the movie at the River Ridge Mall food court. Times and cost TBD.

SIXTY PLUS OR MINUS: Join us this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall as Pastor David teaches during our monthly luncheon! Make your reservation by noon tomorrow, February 18 on the sign-up sheet by the Library or by calling the church office.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT, which is our midweek gathering for fellowship and growth in Christ, continues this Wednesday. For dinner, the cost is \$5 per adult (9 and older), \$3 per child (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. College students may eat for free if they show their college ID. **All those wishing to attend dinner this week must make a reservation by noon tomorrow, February 18.** To make your reservation, visit our website, email or call the church office, or fill out a reservation card for the offering plate. The entrée this week will be Pork Barbecue.

CLUB 56 JUMPFEST: This Saturday at 10:30 am, all 5th and 6th grade students are invited to join Josh for a trampoline spree at Jump Lynchburg! Pick-up will be after lunch at Cicis at 12:45 pm. Contact Josh, or see his email, for further details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this year will be from June 24 to 28, with Commencement on that Friday. Themed "Summer Seaquest: Come Aboard with Jonah," the lessons take our children deep into the adventure-filled book of Jonah to meet the Sovereign God Who saves! Volunteer sign-up begins next Sunday, February 24 at the VBS table in the Cheatham Center. Student registration will begin April 24.

LENT WORSHIP SERVICE: We will gather for a Lent Worship Service in the Sanctuary on March 6 at 6:30 pm after our regular RFN meal at 5:45 pm. The season of Lent prepares our hearts for Easter. According to Luke 9:51, as the day drew near for Christ to be taken up, He set His face toward Jerusalem. During Lent we set our hearts toward the cross with humble repentance for sin and hopeful expectation of Christ’s cross and resurrection. We will have regular RFN for infant to 6th grade, while 7th grade to adults join in worship.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 312; 11:00 service: 321; Total: 633.
Sunday School: 377.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24: **Head Deacon:** Michele Dameron
Assistant Deacon: Todd Matthews **Morning Only:** Judy Aylor
8:30: Brian Nash, Lyn Nash, Rosemary Sulc, Alec Terrell
11:00: Ray Ganthner, Statham Gilliam, Scooter Harris, David Head

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Julia Clingenpeel

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO the family of Mary Jane Sydnor, who died Tuesday, February 12. A celebration of her life was held in the our Sanctuary yesterday afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Tasha Yeoman on the birth of their son, Henry Patterson, who was born Saturday, February 9. The proud siblings are Weston, Stella, and Ruthie.

Calendar

Sunday, February 17 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203) 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A) 11:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CWMC (Library) 4:45 pm RIMC (Library) 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center) 6:00 pm Mission First Service (Chapel)	Wednesday, February 20 (continued) 5:15 pm Carillon (206) 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308) 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room) 5:15 pm New Song (301) 5:45 pm RFN Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
Monday, February 18 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)	Thursday, February 21 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
Tuesday, February 19 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am Girls' 636 (Panera) 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)	Friday, February 22 7:00 pm Father-Daughter Dance (Cheatham Center)
Wednesday, February 20 9:00 am Preschool 12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206) 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox) 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)	Saturday, February 23 10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Club 56 Jumpfest (Jump Lynchburg)
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OUR MISSION

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

February 17, 2019 | 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 of Praise"
(Medley of - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
"To God Be the Glory")
"Blessed Assurance" with *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

Carillon Handbells
arr. Michael Helmen
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Holy Father, Whose only-begotten Son endured the cross for our salvation: grant us grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that we in true faith might take up our cross daily and follow Him. In this hour of worship, replenish our souls, renew our minds, and refresh our spirits, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us. And not to us, O Lord, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Brett Eubank

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively)**
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew 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.
O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #44 "How Great Thou Art"** O STORE GUD

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 130:3-4**
(Before turning the page, please receive the Assurance of Pardon.)

*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, to 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 to the orange room, #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:13 (page 1014)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "A Focused Hope" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A 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"* REGENT SQUARE
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!

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: Ann Knight

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: Sanctuary Choir
"Search Me, O God" Bobby Huguley
O Lord, You've made me and You know me well,
You are familiar with my ways.
You hear my words long before they're spoken,
You know my deepest thoughts and dreams all my days.
Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me and know my thoughts, I pray.
Hear my confession, purge my transgression,
Restore the joy that comes from following Your way.
Move in my life, O Father, teach me to do Your will.
Lead me to places where You are working, use me Your purpose to fulfill,
Help me do Your will.
O Lord, You are my God, I cannot hide from You.
You always want the best, Your love is always true!

*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):
Eternal God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - we praise You for Your providence above, around, beneath, and within our lives! We thank You for every good and perfect gift which we have received from Your all-gracious hand. We rejoice in Your unfailing faithfulness and unchanging goodness. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May Your kingdom increase in our lives, in Your church, and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)
"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" Helmsley

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: *"Toccata in A Minor"* Jan Pieter Sweelinck

*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.

SERMON NOTES

1. A focused hope is decluttered.

2. A focused hope is sober.

3. A focused hope is directed.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Members of the congregation can utilize the boxes in the Cheatham Center and Locke Commons to provide names to the committee. You may also provide names directly to the members of the committee (Norman Darden, Jacob Caldwell, Lori Flowers, Becky Griffith, Ben Moomaw, Blair Nelligan, and Treasa Plude). Finally, you may fill out the online form by visiting rivermont.org/nominations.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Paul and R. G. Sydnor
International Association for Refugees in Lille, France

Refugee ministry for Paul includes providing tents, throwing parties, attending leadership events, and studying the Scriptures. R. G.'s Trigeminal Neuralgia is improving, but she still needs prayer. Tessa will earn her MA in Religious Studies at Gordon-Conwell and is raising support to teach at the Black Forest Academy in Germany. Noah will finish nursing school in December, and Luke is taking online college classes and writing and producing music. Let's support them in prayer in these areas and in the loss of Paul's mother, Mary Jane Sydnor.

SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT
MISSION FIRST SERVICE
TONIGHT at 6:00 in the Chapel
(No Nursery Provided)
Debby Hallgren presenting on Mission Trip to Thailand
Eric Vess and Pastor Brett presenting on Mission Trip to Myanmar and Nepal