

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be from June 24 to 28 this year. Volunteers are needed to help with the different stations and to shepherd the children throughout the church. Please sign up at the VBS table in the Cheatham Center today or online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events867ccf>.

COLLEGE LUNCH AND A WALK: Today from 1:30 to 4:30, college students are invited to join the Weber family at their home for a simple lunch and then a walk on the Blackwater Creek Trail. RSVP by text to April at (864) 804-8421 so that we can make sure to have plenty of food on hand. And don't forget to wear good walking shoes!

YOUTH NEWS:
SNE: Tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, all 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to the Manns' home for dinner and fellowship!

SNL: Tonight all 9th to 12th grade students are invited to a night of dinner and fellowship. We will meet at the Whelans' from 6:00 to 8:00 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 the Old Forest Road Bojangles at 6:36 am.

Dinner and a Movie: All 7th to 12th grade students are invited this Friday evening 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.

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS (for ages 22 to 30s, single or married with no children) will meet tonight at 7:00 in Country Gardens (house behind church). Bring a friend and come on out!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR: Make plans to attend one of two information meetings in the John Knox Room about our summer mission trip (July 4-11). The first meeting will take place tomorrow from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and the second will be next Sunday following the 11:00 am worship service.

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 25.** 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 Fried Chicken.

LENT WORSHIP SERVICE: We will gather for a Lent Worship Service in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, 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 infants to 6th grade, while 7th grade to adults join in worship.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 314; 11:00 service: 323; Total: 637. Sunday School: 390.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3: **Head Deacon:** MaryByrd Denham
Assistant Deacon: Treasa Plude **Morning Only:** Todd Scruggs
8:30: Ben Reeves, Chuck Spruill, Mike Straw, Massie Ware
11:00: Billy Giles, Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson Jr., Jim Petrey

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Britney Plude, Becky White

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO

- Carey Roberts and family in the death of his brother, Gordon Roberts, who died Friday, February 15. He was from Petal, Mississippi.
- Erika Matney and family in the death of her mother, Delores "Dee" Jewett, who died Monday, February 18. She was from Johnson City, Tennessee.

General Fund as of January 31, 2019	
Budget to date:	\$1,073,810
Behind Budget:	(\$18,946)
Contributions to date:	\$1,054,864
Expenses to date:	\$1,011,007
Contributions over expenses:	\$43,857

Calendar

Sunday, February 24

- 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
- 1:30 pm College Lunch and a Walk (Weber Home)
- 5:30 pm 7th to 8th Grade Girls' SNE (Mann Home)
- 6:00 pm High School SNL (Whelan Home)
- 7:00 pm 20-Somethings (Country Gardens)

Monday, February 25

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (204)
- 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm Summer Mission Trip Info Meeting (John Knox)

Tuesday, February 26

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
- 6:36 am Girls' and Boys' 636 (Bojangles)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 27

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)

Wednesday, February 27 (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 (301)
- 5:45 pm RFN Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 28

- 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
- 6:00 pm Men's Brunswick Stew (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 1

Youth Dinner and a Movie (Regal Cinemas)

Sunday, March 3

- 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 Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
- 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
- 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
- 12:00 pm Summer Mission Trip Info Meeting (John Knox)
- 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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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 MINISTRY
 Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES
 Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH
 Heidi Terry | SANCTUARY CHOIR ACCOMPANIST
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OUR MISSION

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

February 24, 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: **Rivermont Ringers**
"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Michael Helmen
 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we humbly pray that, by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit, You would reform Your church and renew our lives. May Your Word be proclaimed boldly and be received with joyful faith. May Your Spirit awaken our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our souls. May the light of Your gospel dispel the darkness of unbelief. Protect us, preserve us, and persevere within us, that we may continue to love and serve You, from generation to generation, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Mike Palombo**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121:1-2 (responsively)**
I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL**

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Galatians 4:4-5**

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

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vs. 1)

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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***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 1:14-17 (page 1014)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "To Grow in Holiness" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***THE GLORIA: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs.3)**

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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:

"Living Waters"

New Song
Cash, Getty, arr. Hamilton

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken; rest beside these living waters.
Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone; rise up in these living waters.
There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.
Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline; life is in these living waters.
Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless; Christ, He is our living waters.
Maryah Haley - Accompanist; Gabe Quintero - guitar

***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):**

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. 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: "Trumpet Tune"**

Georg Philipp Telemann

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

1. Know your heavenly Father. (14a)

2. Obey your heavenly Father. (14b)

3. Imitate your heavenly Father. (15-16)

4. Fear your heavenly Father. (17)

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: Allen and Prue Miller
Young Life of Central Virginia**

The area lost leaders in December to graduations and transfers, but they were blessed to add a fine group of new leaders. Spring is busy for teens (sports, theater, music), so our 65 leaders spread out over eleven ministries will be spending time supporting students at various events. Pray they could remain consistent and have conversations about life and the Lord. Because they would love to bring on a second full-time staff member, let's pray that the Adult Committee could make good contacts with people/churches/companies with a heart for teens. Pray for sponsors for the May 17 Golf Tournament which often provides about 20 percent of their needed revenue for the year. And praise God for the safe delivery of Phil and Sarah's daughter, Anne Radcliff Weston!

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.