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River Road Church, Baptist

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MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Every member of River Road Church, Baptist, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry:

Cecil E. Sherman
Interim Pastor

E. Carl Freeman
Music

Robert L. Dibble
Adults

Chester L. Phelps, Jr.
Students

Barbara J. Massey
Children

Mary R. Mann
Students

George S. Davis
Church Administrator

Margaret S. Collins
Preschool Director

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2004

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sanctuary

Sermon by Dr. Cecil E. Sherman
David McCormick, organist
Kara Charise Harman, soloist

Reception in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service hosted by the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study and Discussion classes.



SUMMER SUPPER SERIES

Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m. Program

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

**Children's Health Fair
Wednesday, August 18**

Join us for this participatory children's health fair provided by the staff of Chippenham, Johnston-Willis hospital.

The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and drinks. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The cost of dinner will be \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child (age 11 and under). Dinner reservations can be made by filling out the reservation card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office, 288-1131, no later than noon on Tuesday, August 17. The standing reservation list will not be used for the Summer Supper Series.

Childcare for infants through three years will be provided that evening by advance reservation only!
For reservations, contact the Minister to Children at 288-1131.



The
RRRCB Follies

Opening September 8, 2004

On the Fellowship Hall Stage

"Your Name"

Do you have a talent?
Want to see your name in lights?

(Well, maybe not lights, just *The Spire*)

Announcing
The RRRCB Follies

to be held during the Annual New-Church-Year Picnic
Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Whatever your age, come share your talent!
If interested, contact George Davis in the church office, 288-1131,
no later than Sunday, August 15, 2004!

IN REHABILITATION: Evaline Flow, Morningside
Ellett Pollard, Henrico Doctors' Parham

IN HEALTHCARE: Mary Lib Grizzard, Westminster Canterbury

CONGRATULATIONS to **Derek** and **Pam Painter** upon the birth of their daughter, Olivia Nicole, on August 2, in North Carolina.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Lovell** and **Clyde Glasco** who will celebrate 54 years of marriage on August 11.

IN THE NEWS: A showing of 64 miniature finger paintings by **Mary Ann Brandt**, featured in an exhibit in the Center for Education and Outreach Gallery at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, has been extended until September 24, 2004.



Student Ministry News

Just A Few Reminders . . .

WorshipCare Volunteers: All youth who would like to serve as WorshipCare Volunteers this year need to fill out the form provided below and return it to **Barbara Massey** as soon as possible.

Attention Middle-Schoolers: The Middle School Weekend at Eagle Eyrie will be in October this year, however, registration is in August. I would like to get an approximate number of students interested in attending before I register. Please call **Mary Mann**, 288-1131, if you are interested.

Children's Ministry News

WORSHIPCARE VOLUNTEER: September and a new church year are rapidly approaching. We are in the process of making our WorshipCare schedule. We need your help! If you are willing to serve in WorshipCare, please **fill out the form below**. We depend on volunteers. Thank you for your help in making WorshipCare a pleasant experience for our preschoolers! Youth who want to volunteer must also fill out a form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

I am willing to volunteer:

_____ once a month _____ once a quarter _____ as often as you need me

Place the form in the envelope on the office door of the Minister to Children or give the form to **Barbara Massey**.

Sunday Responsibilities

Acolyte: Lawrence Heisler

Flower Distribution: Nancy Anderson, Carol Decker

Greeters: Don Cruickshanks, Sam Measell, Bob Porter, Barbara Robertson, Bill Rusher

Sound: Bill Gray

Tellers: Lovell Glasco, Barbara Robertson, Don Robertson, Hob Sigmon, Peggy Stevens, Marjorie Yount

Ushers: Will Carter, Chris Gobble, Gene Harris, Charlie Sorrell

Minister On Call

Weekend: August 14-15

Barbara Massey
673-9156

If you are unable to reach this minister immediately, please leave a message on the church office voicemail at 288-1131. The voicemail will be monitored by the on-call minister.

Adult Sunday School News

Formations Sunday School literature continues a five-lesson unit of study entitled “*Is God Calling?*” We have all been called! Some of us may need to respond to the call. Some of us may misunderstand the call. Some of us may still be listening for God’s call or searching for the appropriate response. Regardless, God has gifted us all and called us into service. The following Bible studies bear witness to the reality of God’s call. Sarah thought God’s call to motherhood was impossible. Samuel was confused by the whispered call of God. Elijah’s call was affirmed and validated in many ways. Matthew was clearly called by Jesus even though the religious leaders disagreed. Paul’s call drastically changed his life and the face of Christianity. These are exciting stories of call and response. Yet, these are no more exciting or dramatic or important than your call. In studying these call experiences, perhaps you can clarify your call experiences. Witness the varying forms of God’s call, the variety of people called, and the variety of responses. Perhaps God’s call to you will become clearer. Hopefully, God’s call will become definitive for your life. As you study, pay attention . . . God is calling, and the call is for you! This week’s lesson, entitled “*God Calls Elijah*,” is based on 1 Kings 18:30-40, and is studied in the following classes:

Fellowship Class will be taught by **Martha Lou Green**.

Lydia Class will be taught by **Jane Vaughn**.

Robert Smart Class will be taught by **Bob Shoemake**.

Seekers Class will be taught by **Tim Norman**.

College Class will be taught by **Carl Collier**.

Discussion Class will join the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study class.

Explorers Class will join the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study class.

Friendship Class—**Connie Showalter** will discuss Clayton Sullivan’s “Rescuing Jesus from the Christians.”

Journey Class and Life Class—The classes will continue with the Proverbs series. **Art McGraw** will teach the lesson this week.

Phoenix Class will join the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study class.

Reuben Alley Class will join the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study class.

Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class will welcome **Dr. Isam Ballenger** as the fourth speaker in its annual summer series, the Catacombs Lectures. Dr. Ballenger will present the third of a three-week series on liberation theology.

TwentySomethings Class—**Sarah Lantz** and **Rob Collier** will lead a discussion on “Judaism.”

Update On Contributions

As of July 31, 2004

Collections are holding up fairly well, but as shown below, they are still below budgeted contributions. Please help us by paying your pledge on a current basis so that we can avoid a cash flow problem during the summer months.

Contributions budgeted \$770,508

Contributions received* \$635,397

Current ratio of received to budgeted contributions 82.5%

*Received contributions included pro rata collections paid prior to January 1, 2004.

August

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 13 **The Czech Republic Mission Tour Begins**
 Tuesday, August 17 **Youth Movie Night**, Short Pump Theater
 Wednesday, August 18 **Summer Supper Series**, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
 Board of Missions, 6:45 p.m., Assembly Room
 Personnel Committee, 7:30 p.m., Church Parlor
 Thursday, August 19 **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Reception Room
 Saturday, August 21 **Youth Rafting Trip**, 12:15 p.m., meet in the north parking lot

FIXERS

FIXERS (Frequently Ingenious, eXtremely Efficient, Righteous Servants): The next breakfast meeting for the FIXERS will be **Thursday, August 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the Reception Room**. If you can help out around the church for just a couple of hours that morning, contact **George Davis**, 288-1131, for more information.



SOUNDING THE CALL FOR HOMEBOUND MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in sharing some time with a member of our congregation who is homebound? Would you like to brighten someone's day and your own? Are you looking for a way to make a difference in our church community? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then here's an idea for you. The Homebound Ministry Committee is seeking volunteers willing to contact a homebound church member on a monthly basis. The time commitment is small and the rewards are great. If you are interested in more information, contact **Letty Wood** at 740-1776 or email her at rlw@comcast.net by August 31.



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