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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:

Michael J. Clingenpeel
Pastor

E. Carl Freeman
Music

Robert L. Dibble
Adults

Barbara J. Massey
Children

Mary R. Mann
Students

George S. Davis
Church Administrator

Margaret S. Collins
Preschool Director

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 3, 2005

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sanctuary

Sermon by Dr. Michael J. Clingenpeel
Anthems by the Chancel Choir

Reception in the Fellowship Hall following the
worship service hosted by the deacons.



WEDNESDAY DINNER PROGRAMS

April 6, 2005

5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program

“Isaiah Speaks To Us About Life and Death: Homelessness and Our Response”

Dr. Isam Ballenger and Sheila Marsh

The Pastor’s Forum welcomes Dr. Isam Ballenger and River Road Church member, Sheila Marsh. Dr. Ballenger and Ms. Marsh will talk with us about the causes of homelessness in Richmond and the work of the Daily Planet, a homeless service provider supported by River Road Church. Dr. Ballenger served twenty-eight years with the Foreign Mission Board, and most recently as Professor of Christian Missions and World Religions at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He presently is a participant with the Development Committee of the Daily Planet. Ms. Marsh is a member of River Road Church, a practicing attorney, and a member of the Board of the Daily Planet.

River Road Church, Baptist
Fifteenth Annual

Founders Cup

Open Golf Tournament

The Crossings Golf Club

Saturday, April 30, 2005

“Captain’s Choice”

Starting Times begin at 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$75.00

**Cost includes Box Lunch & Drink, Greens Fee, Cart,
Range Balls, Complimentary Gift and Prize Fee**

**Prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
will be awarded on Tournament Day**

Annual Award of the *Founders Cup* to the First Place Team

Complete this entry form and submit it to the River Road Church, Baptist “golf professional” in the church office along with your **\$75.00 entry fee no later than Friday, April 22, 2005**. No refunds are possible after this Guarantee Date. Guests are welcomed and will be paired with their host/ess. Guest’s entry fee(s) should be submitted with this entry form. All checks should be payable to River Road Church, Baptist. Any questions should be directed to the “golf professional” in the church office, 288-1131.

Name:	Phone:
Guest:	Phone:
Guest:	Phone:
Guest:	Phone:

Sunday Responsibilities

Acolyte: Gregg Cothran

Flower Distribution: Byrd Latham, Beth Wilson

Deacons Coffee: Audrey Harris, Sam Measell, Lee Perkins, Charlie Sorrell

Greeters: Martha Lou Green, John Hays, Danny Holly, Tom Ligon, Bill Rusher

Sound: Barry Harmon

Tellers: Elsie Fusco, Jody Gordon, Jack Harvie, Bertie O'Neal, Carole Royall, Robbie Williams

Ushers: Carl Collier, Rob Collier, Sid Hays, Jack Heisler, Ken Lantz

Minister On Call

Weekend: April 2-3

Carl Freeman
360-5848

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 begins a four-week unit of study entitled "Voices from the Early Church." One of the challenges of written correspondence is saying all you want in as few words as possible. Sometimes the most meaningful and personal letters are the ones with only a few heartfelt words. The same is true for the New Testament letters we will explore in this unit. Although short in length, Philemon, Titus, Jude, and 2 Timothy communicate large ideas. Their appeals to the early Christian church echo beyond the text and into our lives as Christians. In the next four sessions, we listen to voices from the early church that speak of transforming faith, complete commitment, outward actions, and persecution. In Philemon, Paul confronts the church with a new way of thinking that ultimately transforms the whole community. Second Timothy speaks of commitment, even in a world of persecution. Our third session from Titus focuses on the persecuted church in Crete. In Jude, persecution continues for the people of faith. Although we can never understand the extent to which the community of faith faced persecution, the voices of the early church still speak to our own struggles and difficulties as we seek to follow God. Even more, their words summon us to respond. This week's lesson, entitled "Speaking of Challenge," is based on Philemon 8-16, and is studied in the following classes:

Fellowship Class will be taught by **Doris Curtis**.

Friendship Class will be taught by **Connie Showalter**.

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

Reuben Alley Class will be taught by **Lynn Dickerson**.

Robert Smart Class will be taught by **Bob Shoemake**. First Missions/Social Event of 2005—Friday, April 1. Join the class for a night of service, fellowship, and fun! You are invited to participate in all or part of the activities scheduled for this evening. **Missions:** Our class is preparing and serving dinner at the Hull Street Shelter. **Social:** The entire class is invited to meet for dinner at 7:00 p.m. Depending on the response, we will either be dining at Edo's Squid 411 North Harrison Street or at Cabo's Corner Bistro 2053 West Broad Street. Please *RSVP* for dinner to **Lisa Cipolletti** (527-2828 or lisacip@cavtel.net). *Join us on April 1 to serve others and strengthen friendships with class members. It is also a wonderful opportunity to reach out to those who have visited our class. So, mark your calendars and support our first class event of the year!*

Seekers Class will be taught by **Linda Schreiner**. The Spring Class Social will be held at the home of **Bob and Toney Fitzgerald** on Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.

TwentySomethings Class will be taught by **Paul Felts**.

Discussion Class—**Barbara Kinsey** will show and discuss the video, "The History of God."

Explorers Class—The class will continue the Marcus J. Borg lectures.

Journey Class—The class will begin a "Reel to Real" series with a discussion of the film "Pleasantville" led by **Bill Gray**.

Life Class—The class will begin a four-part series the "Resurrection and You." This week's lesson will be led by **Ken Lantz**.

Phoenix Class—**Henry McGee** will continue a class discussion of the book, *In Defense of Sin*.

Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class—The class will continue its study of 1 Samuel, beginning at chapter 21, verse 1. **Bob Shepherd** will teach the class. The class will celebrate its spring social in the church courtyard on Sunday morning, April 10, from 9:15-10:40.

Adult Orientation

The spring edition of Adult Orientation begins Sunday, April 10, and will run through Sunday, May 1, at 9:45 a.m., in the Chapel. Adult Orientation is aimed at all **new** and **prospective** members of River Road Church. The complete schedule is as follows:

April 10	Finding Out About Our Church Mr. and Mrs. Jim Paxton
April 17	Finding Our Own Identity Dr. Michael J. Clingenpeel
April 24	Finding A Small Group Experience Dr. Robert L. Dibble
May 1	Finding A Personal Ministry Diane Shoemake, Gordon Thomson, Letty Wood and Don Powell

IN THE HOSPITAL: Joan Hines, Henrico Doctors' Parham,
B. J. Seymour, Henrico Doctors' Forest

AT HOME: Mary Pankey

IN ASSISTED LIVING: Isabel Hamilton, Spring Arbor

CONGRATULATIONS to **Susan Rucker** who was elected chair of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.



Friday—1st

Clarice Dibble
Lawrence Heisler
Brian Lyne

Saturday—2nd

Blake Bryan
Helen Rusher

Sunday—3rd

Nash Hays

Monday—4th

Carolyn Briggs
Allan Cruickshanks
Katherine Hall
Kelly Mercer

Bill Pollard

David Stevens
Martha Taylor

Tuesday—5th

Janet Booher
Gordon Thurston
Byron Wolford

Wednesday—6th

Ka'thy Chappell
David Davis
Anson Matthews
Liz Morley
Sarah Phillips

Thursday—7th

Bob Lyne
Carolyn Thomas
Cathy Whitty



Monday—4th

William and Eleanor Nurney—13 years

Tuesday—5th

Bill and Marge Rusher—19 years
Jim and Ann Wilson—30 years

Thursday—7th

Russ and Felicia Mollenauer—4 years

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT SIN:

IS IT ALWAYS BAD?

DOES IT CHANGE WITH TIME?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IT AND MORAL DIVERSITY?



These and other questions will be explored when the **Modern Theologians Discussion Group** continues its discussion of the book, *In Defense of Sin*, at its next meeting on **Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor**. This provocative book challenges the reader to consider what he or she thinks is right or wrong. Even if you have not had a chance to read the book, come join in this always lively discussion. Visitors are most welcome! Call **George Davis** at the church, 288-1131, for more information.

Children's Ministry News

GET YOUR KITE out and ready to participate in our **Kite Flying Event** on Saturday, April 23. Watch for details.

COMING IN MAY—A visit to **Morefield Gem Mine**, May 14, for grades 1-5.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL —JULY 11-15. This will be a week of fun at the “Circle G Ranch.” If you want to teach in Vacation Bible School this summer, call **Barbara Massey**, 288-1131. We have a place for you!

Student Ministry News

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday, April 3

Snack Supper, 5:30 p.m., dinner provided by **Cathy Michiels**

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Youth Gathering—6:30 p.m.

APRIL PARENT VOLUNTEER: Nancy Gary

JUST AROUND THE CORNER. . .YOUTH SUNDAY IS APRIL 17, 2005. This week parts will be assigned for both worship and Sunday School responsibilities. Please contact **Mary Mann** if you are interested in a particular assignment. If you want to participate, but have no particular part in mind, I will call you with an assignment.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CROSSOVER CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

5K + Family, Friends, and Fun

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on April 23

At University of Richmond's Millhiser Green

Please plan to join us for the first-ever CrossOver Challenge, a day featuring a competitive 5K run and a family-friendly 3K walk as well as other sports-related contests and family activities. Both participants and volunteers are needed to make the day a success!

CrossOver Ministry is Virginia's largest Free Clinic. The faith-based, non-profit organization provides compassionate health care to low-income, uninsured individuals at four locations in the Richmond area. A fifth clinic is planned for western Henrico County, and proceeds from the day's activities will support that effort.

An early bird registration fee of \$15 for the run or the walk is in effect through April 9. After that and on event day, the fee will be \$20. Tickets for the day's other activities can be purchased on-site the day of the event. A registration form and details about the day's events can be found online at www.crossoverministry.org. For more information or to volunteer, contact Charlotte Flowers at 262-8535, ext. 107 or cflowers@crossoverministry.org

ISH EASTER BASKET CAMPAIGN IS A SUCCESS—150 BASKETS: River Road Church families contributed 150 Easter baskets to the month-long March campaign. Volunteers at the delivery site almost broke into a round of applause when the church bus pulled up with its load of baskets. Thanks everyone for another major local missions success!



WMU WOMEN ON MISSION DAY GROUP: The Day Group will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Room. **Vivian Clingenpeel** will speak about ministering to senior citizens. Members are reminded to bring canned goods and nonperishable food items for the Baptist centers' food pantries. If you are interested in missions and good fellowship, please join us!

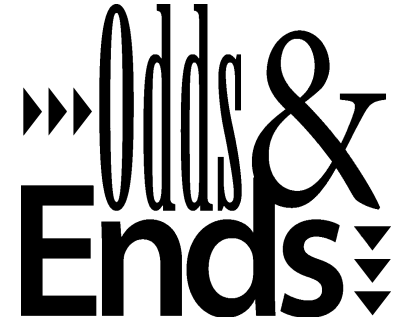
WMU WOMEN ON MISSION EVENING GROUP: The Evening Group will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Clarice Dibble**. A program about the Brazilian mission trip will be presented. Members are reminded to bring canned goods and nonperishable food items for the Baptist centers' food pantries. Visitors are welcome! Contact Clarice Dibble at 965-0647 for more information.

EASTER OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS: The purpose of CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) Global Missions is to share the love Jesus Christ with the most neglected people "in a world without borders." Please consider a generous contribution to the Easter Offering for Global Missions. One hundred percent of your gift goes to meet human need. Envelopes can be found in the sanctuary pew racks.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD SHARE: Mark your calendars for the next First Sunday Food Share on **Sunday, April 3**. Suggested foods for donation include: canned applesauce, fruits, and vegetables, rice, macaroni and pasta products, peanut butter, tuna, salmon, meats, soups, stews, and cereals. Please remember that canned and nonperishable food items can be brought to the church office at any time.

THE MORNING BRIDGE GAME WINNER was **Carolyn Wilkes**. The next game will be played on Thursday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m., in the Reception Room. **Alyne Kennedy**, 740-8629, will be hosting.

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN? EVENING BRIDGE IS THE PLACE TO BE! We're always looking for more singles or couples who like to have a good time playing bridge. The next gathering will be on **Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., in the Reception Room**. Call **George** and **Kitty Davis** at 285-9782 or **David** and **Mary Lou Sims** at 360-2891.



THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY COUNCIL will have its first meeting for 2005 on Wednesday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the Tellers Room (note new location).

SPRING EXHIBIT: Religious Art for Easter is the theme of the current exhibit in the breakfront used for display. This lovely piece of furniture is located at the entry of the Lower Commons. The exhibit contains items from personal collections of River Road members and reflects on the theme of Easter. This exhibit will be displayed through Easter and Pentecost.

THANK YOU: The Chancel and Flower Committees would like to thank the following individuals for the beautiful decorations in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday: **Betsy Robinson, Miller Alvis, Julia Bouck, Jean Cauble, Eunice Wolford, Jan Taylor, Peggy Pruden, Bonnie Livick, Pam Hughes, Sarah Drummond, Margaret Almond, Chuck Ursiny, Raymond Street, and Mary Mosley**.

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU FOR APRIL 6: The adults will have pork loin, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, salad bar, rolls, and apple cobbler with ice cream. The children will have tacos, potato chips, salad bar, ice cream.

April

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 3	Adult Bible Study , 6:00 p.m., Journey Classroom Board of Missions , 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room
Monday, April 4	Board of Deacons' Dinner , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 5	Evening Bridge , 7:30 p.m., Reception Room
Wednesday, April 6	Building and Property Council , 4:30 p.m., Tellers Room Stephen Ministry Supervision , 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor
Friday, April 8	Stephen Ministry Retreat , 6:00 p.m., Church Parlor
Sunday, April 10	Stephen Ministry Retreat , 9:00 a.m., Church Parlor Nominating Committee , 5:00 p.m., Church Parlor Recreation Committee , 5:00 p.m., Archives Room Adult Bible Study , 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room Board of Christian Education , 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room
Monday, April 11	Publicity Committee , 6:30 p.m., Archives Room Basketball , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall Civil War Forum , 7:00 p.m., Journey Classroom
Tuesday, April 12	WMU Day Group , 10:00 a.m., Reception Room WMU Evening Group , 7:00 p.m., home of Clarice Dibble
Thursday, April 14	Theologians Discussion Group , 7:30 p.m., Church Parlor

CONCERT COMMEMORATING V-E DAY

"IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME . . ."

WITH THE RIVER ROADSTERS—SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005



"It's Been a Long, Long Time . . ." is a special concert commemorating V-E Day and the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945. The concert features the String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra playing the music made famous by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and many others. Featured vocalists include Michael Ryan, the former soloist for "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, along with acclaimed singer Maureen Ribble. The concert takes place at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall at the College of William and Mary. Before the matinee show, travel to Gloucester Point, Virginia, for a delicious lunch at River's Inn Restaurant. The dining room at River's Inn enjoys views of Sarah Creek, the York River and Gloucester Point. We will depart from the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$76.00 per person and includes round-trip transportation, lunch, and the matinee. **Reservations must be made to Eunice Wolford, 794-4651, no later than April 15.**

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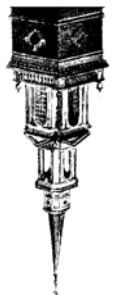
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