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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YOUTH SUNDAY

April 17, 2005
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sanctuary

Sermon by Miss Ann Wyatt Heisler
Anthems by the Youth Choir
Organist-Director, David P. Gulick

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



WEDNESDAY DINNER PROGRAMS

April 20, 2005
5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Programs

Church Business Meeting

As required by our Constitution and By-Laws, there will be a regular business meeting of the church. The meeting will follow dinner and precede the scheduled program of the evening. The meeting will include a report of the church nominating committee, a vote on a resolution by the Personnel Committee and the Board of Administration, and election of any messengers to the spring meeting of the Richmond Baptist Association. Members desiring to represent River Road at the associational meeting should contact **Pam Hughes** in the church office, 288-1131.

“THE TALE OF THE THREE TREES”

Music by Allen Pote
Lyrics and Narration by Tom S. Long

Spring Music Program to be Presented by the Carol and Crusader Choirs

6:45 p.m. following the Church Business Meeting

Open to All

YOUTH WEEK

“FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD”

PSALM 23, JOHN 10:1-10, ACTS 2:42-27

The following youth will assume leadership roles on Youth Sunday:

Senior Pastor	Ann Wyatt Heisler
Minister of Music	Catherine Carlock
Minster to Children	Sarah Pruden
Minister to Students	Gregg Cothran
Minister to Adults	Emily Phillips

Deacons

Chair of Board of Deacons: Bailey Thomson

Ellen Broen	Sam Hays
Geoff Burnett	Emily Mathews
George Berry	Anne McGraw
Emily Cothran	Frank McGraw
Stephen Cox	Sydney Schreiner
Britney Fitzgerald	Amy Spicer
Grace Fitzgerald	Suzanne Spicer
Deanna Gulick	

Sunday School Teachers

Lydia	Catherine Carlock, Sarah Pruden
Friendship	Bobby Gary, Suzanne Spicer
Fellowship	George Berry, David Newsome
Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study	Britney Fitzgerald, Kathryn Fitzgerald
Seekers	Deanna Gulick, Sydney Schreiner
Robert Smart	Emily Cothran, Gregg Cothran
Twenty-Something's	Stephen Cox, Frank McGraw

Youth Choir

George Berry	Shelley Lantz
Graeme Biddle	David Newsome
Ellen Broen	Emily Phillips
Geoff Burnett	Sarah Pruden
Catherine Carlock	Sydney Schreiner
Emily Cothran	Amy Spicer
Gregg Cothran	Suzanne Spicer
Deanna Gulick	Bailey Thomson
Dexter Gulick	Nathan Thomson
Sam Hays	

Instrumentalists

Karen Brown, viola; Kathryn Fitzgerald, cello; Dexter Gulick, piano

Sunday Responsibilities

Acolyte: Ryan Nelson

Flower Distribution: Byrd Latham, Beth Wilson

Deacons Coffee: Janet Bagby, Merle Showalter, Cathy Whitty, John Zukowsky

Greeters: Melanie Butterworth, Martha Lou Green, John Hays, Beth Hooker, Bob Porter

Sound: Bill Gray

Tellers: Lovell Glasco, John Pearson, Hob Sigmon, Sallie Sparks, Peggy Stevens, Marjorie Yount

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

Minister On Call

Weekend: April 16-17

Mary Mann
347-5768

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 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 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 Public Behavior*,” is based on Titus 3:1-11, and is studied in the following classes:

Fellowship Class will be taught by **George Berry** and **David Newsome**.

Lydia Class will be taught by **Catherine Carlock** and **Sarah Pruden**.

Reuben Alley Class will be taught by **Gene Damon**.

Robert Smart Class will be taught by **Emily Cothran** and **Gregg Cothran**.

Seekers Class will be taught by **Deanna Gulick** and **Sydney 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 **Stephen Cox** and **Frank McGraw**.

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.

Friendship Class—The class will be taught by **Bobby Gary** and **Suzanne Spicer**.

Journey Class—The class will continue a “Reel to Real” series with a discussion of the film “Titanic” led by **Harper Alford**.

Life Class—The class continues its Eastertide series “The Resurrection and You.” **Ken Lantz** will lead this week’s lesson “Hope Resurrected,” based on Luke 24:13-35.

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

Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class—The class is delighted to be participating in Youth Sunday. The lesson will be taught by **Britney Fitzgerald** and **Kathryn Fitzgerald**.

Adult Orientation

The spring edition of Adult Orientation began 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 remaining schedule is as follows:

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, John Hays,
Letty Wood and Don Powell

AT HOME: Isabel Hamilton, Joan Hines

IN HOSPITAL: Mildred Donohue, St. Mary's

IN REHABILITATION: B. J. Seymour, Spring Arbor

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to **Kathryn Lowery** and family upon the death of her grandfather, **George S. Harding**, on April 8.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Kris and Glenn Spencer** upon the birth of their daughter, Hope Caroline, on April 8.

A WARM WELCOME is extended to **Carter Moore** who united with River Road on March 20 and to **Lee Mayo** who united with River Road on April 10.



Carter Moore



Lee Mayo



Friday—15th
Helen Davis
Charles Drummond
John Sexton

Saturday—16th
Opal Bristow
Richie Martin
Kathryn Norman

Sunday—17th
Tim Campbell
Martha Caruso
Kay Livick
Dennis O'Neal
Lu Rogers
Betty Woolcott

Monday—18th
Austin Lee
Helen Monteith

Tuesday—19th
Sally Grigsby
Harold Martin

Wednesday—20th
Courtney Bunn
Jay Clark
Ashley Foster

Thursday—21st
Lauren Brown
Deborah Cassidy
Lewis Garrett
Sheralyn Jackson
Carl Sizemore
Phil Thomson
Jessica Vaughan



Friday—15th
Brian and Rachel Nalls—5 years

Saturday—16th
Danny and Lynn Holly—17 years
Bill and Kathryn Sperry—11 years

Sunday—17th
Chris and Madge Wyatt—23 years

Monday—18th
Craig and Maria Bashinski—7 years
Tom and LaDona Smart—7 years

Tuesday—19th
Tom and Betsy Heggie—25 years
Bill and Charlotte Simpson—36 years

Wednesday—20th
Brian and Anne Ezzelle—14 years

THE BOOK LOVERS' GROUP has selected Tim Farrington's *The Monk Downstairs* to read for the month of April. This *New York Times* Notable Book of 2002 revolves around a classic story of unlikely lovers: Rebecca, a 38-year-old single mom who has lost her faith in men; and Mike, formerly Brother Jerome, a disillusioned monk who has lost his faith in God and has left his order after twenty years. Now renting the apartment downstairs and flipping burgers at McDonald's, Mike wrestles with his crisis of faith through letters to the abbey brothers. He grapples with the question—Can we serve God better through a life devoted to prayer or a life devoted to creating a loving relationship? Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion of the book on **Thursday evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reception Room.** For more information, call **Kitty Davis, 285-9782.**



**Discussion
Groups**

Children's Ministry News

COME FLY YOUR KITE—for first through fifth grades. Bring a KITE and a PARENT (or other adult) and meet us on the back parking lot of the church, **April 23, 10:00**. We will go together to our kite-flying destination. We'll fly kites from 10:00-12:00. Please call **Barbara Massey**, 288-1131, for a reservation. (If you are planning to participate in the CrossOver Challenge day below, you can still fly your kite and go to the CrossOver Challenge as well. We will be flying kites nearby, so travel will be minimal.)

CROSSOVER CHALLENGE—APRIL 23, 2005: A fun, family day at University of Richmond's Soccer/Track Complex, 9:00-2:00, to support CrossOver Ministry, Virginia's largest Free Clinic.

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 17
Saturday, April 23

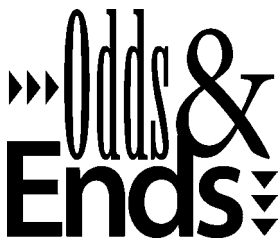
Youth Sunday—No Evening Programs

CrossOver Challenge—5K Run, 9:00 a.m. at the University of Richmond Campus—Soccer/Track Complex

APRIL PARENT VOLUNTEER: Nancy Gary

CROSSOVER CHALLENGE—APRIL 23, 2005: Dr. Clingenpeel has given a challenge to the youth of River Road. On Saturday morning, April 23, at the University of Richmond, you are invited to participate in a fundraising activity for the CrossOver Ministry. Dr. Clingenpeel has challenged the youth to run with him in the 5K that morning at 9:00 a.m. Our pastor will donate \$10.00 to CrossOver for every student that finishes the 5K before him. If he finishes before you . . . you will donate \$10.00. If you are interested in participating, please see **Mary Mann** for a registration form. The early bird fee is \$15.00, to be paid by April 9. If you are not a runner, this still promises to be a fun event. Come cheer for your fellow students and our pastor!

SUMMER MISSION TOUR 2005—JUNE 26 – JULY 2: We will be working in Farmville, Virginia, in cooperation with the Virginia Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. Our team is in need of some **adult chaperones/workers** to travel with us for the week. If you would be interested in ministering with us this summer, please contact **Mary Mann**.



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

OUTREACH LUNCH MEETING: There will be a meeting of all Age-Level Outreach Leaders/Sunday School Class Outreach Leaders on Sunday, April 24 at 12:15. Lunch will be served and we will meet in the Chapel Hall of the Chapel House.

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU FOR APRIL 20: The adults and children will have spaghetti with meat sauce, apple sauce, green beans, salad bar, rolls/garlic bread, and cherry cobbler with ice cream.

CONCERT COMMEMORATING V-E DAY

“IT’S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME . . .”

WITH THE RIVER ROADSTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

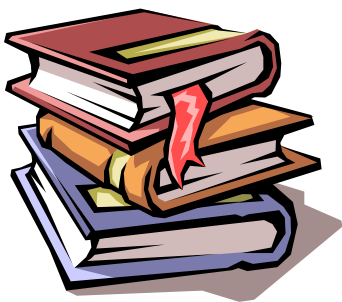


“It’s Been a Long, Long Time . . .” is a special concert commemorating V-E Day and the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945. The concert features the String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra playing the music made famous by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and many 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. Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael Ryan, USMC Retired was only the second vocalist in the U.S. Marine Bands 200-year history. He has entertained every U.S. President since Lyndon Johnson. Over the course of his 33-year career, Ryan has performed in more than 2,000 Marine Band concerts and has been a frequent soloist at White House State Dinners. Maureen Ribble, a Washington, D.C. mainstay for years, has entertained for every President since Jimmy Carter. She has appeared at exclusive performances at the White House, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the National Theatre and Arena stage.

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 the 300-plus sailboats and motor yachts which call Gloucester Point home. The décor is reminiscent of the interior of a classic yacht with custom-made wainscoating trimmed in mahogany. Lunch consists of She Crab Soup or Soup of the Day and a choice of one of the following: Virginia Ham and Crabmeat Combo, Pan-Fried Crabcakes with Virginia Ham, Grilled Fresh Chicken or Fresh Fish of the Day. Includes coffee, tea or soda and Warm Apple Pie a la Mode or Grilled Pound Cake with vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce and whipped cream for dessert.

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, the matinee, tax and gratuities, and refreshments aboard the motorcoach. **Reservations must be made to Eunice Wolford, 794-4651, no later than April 15.**



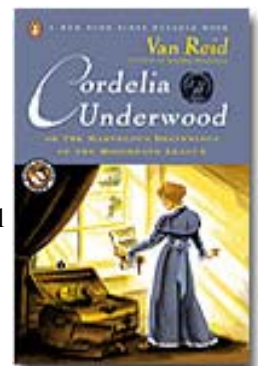
CELEBRATE SPRING WITH THE MOOSEPATH BOOK CLUB

As we read Van Reid’s books you will see how he brings the message of faith to life in his characters. “What sets these tales apart from much of modern writing is the absolute good nature of their protagonists. The very elements that make life worth living—laughter and romance, as well as mystery and adventure—thrive harmoniously in the large-hearted company of the Moosepath League.”

We begin with Mr. Reid’s first book, *Cordelia Underwood*, described by the New York Times as “An amiable, richly populated first novel . . . The should soothe even the twitchiest reader . . . Diffuse and leisurely, the novel seems designed for long afternoons in a hammock . . . Reid’s gazillion characters sparkle.”

Meeting the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month, we’ll follow our characters in a series of books. You can jump in for one or all. However, don’t miss book one. It is a treat. You’ll feel the warm breezes of summer as you turn the pages.

The Book Club meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Books are available at the meeting for a nominal fee. For more information, contact **Betsy Heggie**, 285-5715, or tbchebbie@comcast.net or **Robert Dibble**, 288-1131.



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:

April

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 17	Stephen Ministry Training , 9:00 a.m., Church Parlor Nominating Committee , 5:00 p.m., Church Parlor No Evening Youth Programs Adult Bible Study , 6:00 p.m., Journey Classroom Board of Administration , 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Monday, April 18	Endowment Board , 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor Music Drama Dress Rehearsal for Carol and Crusader Choirs , 6:00-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 19	Softball , 6:30 p.m., Short Pump
Wednesday, April 20	Moosepath League , 10:00 a.m., Church Parlor Stephen Ministry Supervision , 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor Chancel Bell Choir will not meet for rehearsal Church Business Meeting , 6:30 p.m., preceding the children's music drama
Thursday, April 21	Morning Bridge , 10:00 a.m., Reception Room
Saturday, April 23	CrossOver Challenge , 9:00 a.m., Millhiser Green Kite Flying , 10:00 a.m., meet in north parking lot
Sunday, April 24	Stephen Ministry Training , 9:00 a.m., Church Parlor Adult Bible Study , 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Monday, April 25	Basketball , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 26	Softball , 6:30 p.m., Short Pump
Wednesday, April 27	Vacation Bible School Meeting , 6:00 p.m., Church Parlor
Thursday, April 28	Book Lovers' Group , 7:30 p.m., Reception Room



CROSSOVER CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT HEALTHCARE 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. CrossOver Ministry is Virginia's largest Free Clinic. The faith-based, nonprofit 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. A registration form and details about the day's events can be found online at www.crossoverministry.org.

Visit us on the web at www.riverroadchurchbaptist.org

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