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River Road Church, Baptist

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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:

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*

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19, 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.



## SUMMER MUSIC CAMP AND RECREATION JULY 5-8, 2005

For children who have completed first through fifth grades

Music Camp	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Lunch	12:30-1:00 p.m.
Recreation	1:00-3:00 p.m.

Singing, Handbells, Choir Chimes, ORFF Instruments, Creative Movement.

Recreational activities each afternoon.

To enroll, complete the registration form available in the church office or on the River Road Church website ([www.rrcb.org](http://www.rrcb.org)) no later than June 27.

Fees: \$20.00 per student for music camp  
and \$30.00 per student for recreation



## "News the Day After"

The six-month trial of pop music star Michael Jackson is over. Yesterday a California jury acquitted MJ on all counts of child molestation and conspiracy in what many observers called "the trial of the decade." Jurors said the prosecution failed to present a case against Jackson that was beyond reasonable doubt, so he is free to return to Neverland.

One Jackson fan exclaimed: "It's victory. God is alive and well." Had I known God's vitality was on trial, I would have watched more closely.

On a scale of 1 to 10, my interest in the Jackson trial was about 0.3,

though if you can still fog a mirror you could not escape news of the outcome. It is commentary about our culture that news organizations devoted so much attention to the trial. It is infotainment at its worst.

This morning, the day after MJ, I glanced at news from the area of religion.

A coalition of religious groups, Christian and otherwise, announced in Washington that they had a plan to reduce the tragedy of hunger across the world. The ambitious move to alleviate hunger is called "Hunger No More," and brought together leaders from disparate groups like the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Alliance of Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dioceses of the Catholic Church in the United States so far have paid out over \$1 billion to settle all the claims against it following a series of allegations of clergy sexual abuse several years ago. The money has gone to victims, legal fees and counseling.

The State Board of Education in Kansas, now comprised of a majority

who opposes evolution, opened hearings on the high school biology curriculum that could lead to new guidelines for teaching evolution and creationism in the upcoming school term.

Kenneth Taylor, author of *The Living Bible*, a popular paraphrase that has sold over 40 million copies and has been translated into 100 languages, died at the age of 88. His paraphrase gave rise to Tyndale House Publishing Company, an evangelical press that more recently published the *Left Behind* series.

Today marks the end of Shavuot, the Jewish festival that commemorates the gift of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai.

There is much more.

Our world is big and complex. These stories affect as many, if not more, lives than MJ's woes. Pay attention to what's happening around you. Some of the most interesting and important stories do not lead on Fox News or appear on the *T-D* front page.

Blessings,  
Mike

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# Student Ministry News

## UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday, June 19 **Mission Tour Chaperone Meeting**—12:00 p.m. in the Youth Area

Sunday, June 26 **Summer Mission Tour Commissioning Service**—11:00 a.m.

**Lunch**—12:15 p.m. in the Chapel Hall

**Leave for Farmville, VA**—2:00 p.m.

## MISSION TOUR PARTICIPANTS, INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

—It's time to start our individual interviews.

Starting Sunday, June 12, Mary will meet with all students participating on Tour for 10-minute interviews to talk about what your tour preparations have meant to you. She can meet with youth during the week or on Sundays after church.

Please call Mary Mann, 288-1131, to set up an appointment. These are the names of students who have scheduled meetings so far. If your name is not included in this list, please contact **Mary Mann** as soon as possible to set a time:

**Geoff Burnett, Emily Cothran, Gregg Cothran, Amy Spicer, Suzanne Spicer, and Nathan Thomson.**

**SUMMER MISSION TOUR CHAPERONES**—We will have a very brief meeting this Sunday, June 19, in the Youth Area. Please contact Mary Mann if you are unable to attend.

If you have not done so already, please remember to turn in your medical release forms and Mission Tour fees before June 26. You may mail them to the church or bring them to **Mary Mann**.

## Sunday Responsibilities

**Acolyte:** Ryan Nelson

**Deacons Coffee:** Patsy Barr,  
Mark Simonton, Cathy Whitty

**Flower Distribution:** Karen  
Collier, Vivian Mathews

**Greeters:** Barry Harmon,  
Cindy McGuire, Sam Measell,  
Barbara Robertson, Ann  
Wilson

**Sound:** Harper Alford

**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: June 18-19

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-week unit of study entitled *Challenges of the Christian Life*. A unit entitled *Challenges of the Christian Life* should not be easy to read, teach, learn—or write. One of the truths underlying each of these sessions is that God is at work in us. Because we are not complete, we have the capacity to grow toward Christ and to move away from Christ. We live with some degree of misplaced loyalty, confusion, and temptation. The way of the cross is difficult, and taking Jesus seriously means looking honestly at how we fall short of God's grace. If your experience in struggling with one-word topics and the texts for each of these sessions is like mine, these Scriptures will also be a challenge in themselves. The first session, *Submission*, looks at the task of making God the subject of our lives. Session two, *Purpose*, examines what God does with our lives when God becomes the subject. In *Wisdom*, our third session, we consider how God changes the way we think. *Humility* is an attribute we claim more often than we demonstrate. *Prayer* can become the encounter that God uses to shape our lives. This week's lesson, entitled *Wisdom*, is based on I Corinthians 1:18-25, and is studied in the following classes:

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

**Friendship Class** will be taught by a guest teacher.

**Lydia Class** will be taught by **Edy Price**.

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

**Robert Smart Class** will be taught by **Shawn Ryan**. Mark your calendars for our July Social on Saturday, July 16th. We'll enjoy a Family Cookout at **Cliff and DeAnne Shelton's** home from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Details to follow.

**Seekers Class** will be taught by **Linda Schreiner**.

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

**Discussion Class—Jan Taylor** will conclude the discussion/video of *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

**Explorers Class**—The class will begin part two of the PBS program *The Question of God*, a dialogue between Freud and C. S. Lewis regarding the existence and nature of God.

**Journey Class—Ka'thy Gore-Chappell** will continue a discussion of "In the Beginning God: Thirteen Lessons in Genesis." Please read Genesis 6:11-22 and 9:1-17. Last chance to sign-up for the Richmond Braves game June 24.

**Life Class**—The class will meet with the Journey class through August.

**Phoenix Class**—The class will start their summer discussion series.

**Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class**—The class will begin its examination of II Samuel this Sunday, beginning with chapter 1, verse 1. **Bob Shepherd** teaches the class.

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## MEMBER DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

In an effort to provide up-to-date information on our members, membership directories will be made available twice a year, in January and June. The June 2005 edition is now available. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office, 288-1131, to arrange pick up.



Friday—17<sup>th</sup>  
Sherrill Judd  
Macky McCabe  
Stephen Paulette

Saturday—18<sup>th</sup>  
Miller Alvis  
Lynn Holly

Sunday—19<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Gundlach  
Julia Nixon  
Sydney Schreiner  
Betty Rose Sexton

Monday—20<sup>th</sup>  
Kitty Alvis  
Anne Cruickshanks  
Michelle McGrath  
Felicia Mollenauer

Tuesday—21<sup>st</sup>  
Mary Ann Brandt  
Melvin Cary  
Bill Gray  
Mike Morley

Wednesday—22<sup>nd</sup>  
Beth Holt

Thursday—23<sup>rd</sup>  
Vara Bottoms  
Kris DeLong  
David Hoover  
Warren Johnson  
Ty Smith

**AT HOME:** Paul Brandt, Margarett Pendleton

**IN HOSPITAL:** Margaret Robbins, Henrico Doctors'  
Parham

**IN NURSING HOME:** Maxine Rogers, Laurels of Willow  
Creek

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Christopher W. Williams**, son of **Stuart** and **Jane Williams**, upon his graduation from Douglas S. Freeman.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **G. C.** and **Leah Robinson** upon the birth of their daughter, Ava Claire, on June 7. **Grover** and **Betsy Robinson** are her grandparents. **Ann Welsh** is her great-grandmother.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Robert** and **Elizabeth Wood** who were married on June 11. Elizabeth is the daughter of **Susan Cartwright**.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Laurie** and **Ronnie Milligan** who were married on June 11. Ronnie is the son of **Nancy** and **Norman Milligan**.



**A WARM WELCOME** is extended to **Steve** and **Betsy Lowery** and **Sara Lowery**, who united with River Road Church on June 12.

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## SUMMER SUPPER SERIES

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

**“I Believe in Music”**  
**Wednesday, July 20**

Did you ever stop to listen to some of the lyrics of popular songs as you were growing up? Does remembering them bring pain or pleasure? Regardless of the decade of your “coming of age,” there will be at least one song that will bring back memories for you at our first Karaoke Night. The identity of the performers, including you, will be kept under wraps until that night to protect against cold feet.

Each Summer Supper evening 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 in the offering plate. You may also call the church office, 288-1131, no later than noon on the Tuesday preceding the dinner. The standing reservation list will not be used for the Summer Supper Series. **Childcare for infants through three years will be provided each evening by advance reservation only!** For reservations, contact the Minister to Children at 288-1131.

# Children's Ministry News

**PASSPORTKIDS!—JUNE 22-JUNE 25**—Twelve children who have completed third through fifth grades and four adult chaperones will attend *PASSPORTkids!* at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg, Virginia.

**MUSIC CAMP AND RECREATION—JULY 5-8**—For children who have completed first through fifth grades. Registration forms have been mailed. However, if you need one, it is available on the River Road web site as well as at the church office. In order for us to complete plans for this fun week, we need to know as soon as possible if your child will attend.

**TEACHERS NEEDED**—Statistics show that, for most people, a person's spiritual life is determined by the first 13 years of life. We are currently enlisting teachers to teach in the preschool and elementary area. Prayerfully consider your part in this very important, and yes, lifelong, life-changing ministry.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 11-15

We are making final preparation for Vacation Bible School. The "Circle G Ranch" still has room available. You may still register by completing the form on the River Road web site and bringing or mailing it to **Barbara Massey**.

**"WANT LIST" FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** *small* plastic containers with lids (examples are peanut cans or lemonade containers); scrap blue denim or old bandannas. Please bring these items to **Barbara Massey's** office. Thanks!

**RANCH PROPS:** needed (to borrow only) for Vacation Bible School for the "Circle G Ranch." If you can loan us any of these items for the week of July 11-15, please bring them to **Barbara Massey's** office: saddles; canteens; ropes; empty barrels; cowboy hats, boots, chaps; lanterns; wagon wheels; empty feed sacks or burlap bags; hay or straw bales; canvas material to make tent; old quilts and western-style blankets; chuck wagon cooking utensils—tin cups, iron skillet, tin plates.

## WORSHIPCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you will volunteer your time at least once a month to be with preschoolers during the worship hour on Sunday, please complete this WorshipCare form and return to **Barbara Massey**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to volunteer:

\_\_\_\_\_ once a month \_\_\_\_\_ as often as you need me



Friday—17<sup>th</sup>

**Rob and Sue Baldwin**—38 years  
**Chester and Margaret Phelps**—38 years

Sunday—19<sup>th</sup>

**Ben and Catherine Burkett**—6 years  
**Norvel and Carolyn Camden**—52 years  
**Ed and Peggy Pruden**—34 years  
**Dale and Lei Robinson**—1 year

Monday—20<sup>th</sup>

**Sonny and Betsy Edwards**—52 years  
**Sam and Katherine Hall**—7 years  
**Norvell and Alice Langhorne**—61 years  
**Michael and Theresa Price**—13 years  
**Bill and Virginia Smith**—46 years

Tuesday—21<sup>st</sup>

**Don and Karen Farmer**—30 years

Wednesday—22<sup>nd</sup>

**Jeffery and Renee Caudill**—20 years  
**Ted and Laura Lee Chandler**—31 years  
**Mitch and Lee Johnson**—14 years  
**Wayne and Cynthia McCalla**—9 years

Thursday—23<sup>rd</sup>

**John and Wyatt Heisler**—26 years  
**Olen and Ann Stewart**—43 years

# June

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, June 19      **Mission Tour Meeting (Chaperones Only)**, 12:00 p.m., Youth Lounge
- Tuesday, June 21    **Movin' & Groovin'**, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Softball**, 6:30 p.m., Short Pump
- Wednesday, June 22   **PassportKids Departs**, 8:00 a.m., meet in north parking lot
- Stewardship Committee**, 7:00 p.m., Archives Room
- Sunday, June 26      **Mission Tour Commissioning**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- Mission Tour Departs**, 2:00 p.m., meet north parking lot
- Tuesday, June 28     **Softball**, 8:00 p.m., Short Pump

## MOVIN' AND GROOVIN'

Next **Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00**, for anyone 8 years old and up, we will be Movin' & Groovin' in the Fellowship Hall. So get your exercise/"movement" clothes on and meet us there because you will have a "moving" experience like you've never had before. If you missed last week's *The Spire* and you have questions about what this is or what you will be doing, please contact the church office or call **Cabell Jones** directly at 741-1902 for more details. Remember this is about exercise, but it's just as much about fellowship, fun, and giggles. Basically, it's about having fun in motion. So bring your spouse, your kids, your friends, or come by yourself and get to know someone else in a most unique way. *Those that play together stay together!!!*

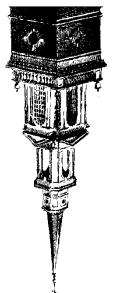
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