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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*

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 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



## ATTENTION ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 2005 RECEPTION SCHEDULE

As is the custom at River Road Church, adult Sunday School classes host the after-church receptions this summer. Our responsibilities begin July 3 and last until August 28, a total of 9 Sundays. Listed below is the schedule. Please announce and prepare for your assigned Sunday. Any questions regarding your assigned date should be directed to **Bob Dibble**; questions concerning your responsibilities for the reception should be directed to **George Davis**, both at 288-1131.

July 17	Fellowship
July 24	Robert Smart
July 31	Journey
August 7	Discussion
August 14	Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study
August 21	Phoenix, Explorers, Life
August 28	TwentySomethings, Seekers

# Children's Ministry News



## 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**.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PICNIC:** On Friday, July 15, the last day of Bible School, families are invited to eat lunch with their child (by reservation). We will collect items at this time for Freedom House, which provides shelter for homeless men and women. We are asking children/families to bring the following items on Friday of Vacation Bible School to give to Freedom House: paper towels, multiple pack bathroom tissue, disinfectant cleaner, Tilex, cleansers (Comet, Ajax), laundry detergent, bleach, large trash bags (39-55 gallon), rubber gloves.

**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 tents; 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

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## SUMMERTIME SUMMERTIME STRESS SLOWING YOU DOWN?

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time--emotionally, spiritually, or relationally--you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's all confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: **Robert Dibble, Joan Hines, and Don Powell**.



Friday—8<sup>th</sup>

Jim Blanton  
Ann Sledge

Saturday—9<sup>th</sup>

Stephanie Baldwin  
Warner Blunt  
Grace Flournoy  
Jeanette Gholston  
Barbara Harvie  
Anne Leake  
Ryan Nichols  
Lisa Tuck

Sunday—10<sup>th</sup>

Alex Brand  
Carroll Staples  
Jerry VanAusdall  
Robbie Williams

Tuesday—12<sup>th</sup>

Melanie Gray  
Clifton Marrow  
John Marsh  
Carole Patterson

Wednesday—13<sup>th</sup>

Liz Arnold  
Sarah Drummond  
Brandon Martin  
Betty Rose McGee  
John Pearson  
Bo Phillips  
Jane Terry  
Evelyn Thornton

Thursday—14<sup>th</sup>

John Gordon  
Gruen Loman



Saturday—9<sup>th</sup>

Russ and Margaret Collins—39 years

Sunday—10<sup>th</sup>

Brendon and Amy Cunningham—6 years  
Bob and Julia Tyler—7 years

Tuesday—12<sup>th</sup>

Sam and Betty Balentine—25 years

Wednesday—13<sup>th</sup>

John and Doris Curtis—37 years  
Barry and Linda Harmon—37 years

**AT HOME:** Paul Brandt, Carolyn Camden

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

**IN HOSPITAL:** Dan Alexander, Chippenham

**IN REHABILITATION:** Jeanette Gholston, Westport



A **WARM WELCOME** is extended to **Brent and Michelle Kimlick** (pictured here with their daughters Madalyn, Wesleigh, and Helene) who united with River Road Church on July 3. Beginning September 1, Brent will be our new pastoral intern.



# Student Ministry News

## UPCOMING DATES:

- Sunday, July 10 **Leave for Passport**—8:30 a.m., meet in church parking lot between 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 20 **Summer Supper Series**—6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's a Karaoke theme!

## MISSION TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Thank you to everyone who participated on our Mission Tour to Farmville, Virginia. We had a wonderful time working, worshipping, and fellowshiping together. Our team of 22 youth and 10 adults did an outstanding amount of work with exceptional quality. Here are some interesting statistics:

- we applied 93 gallons of primer and paint to the house
- our electrical team installed over 204 outlets, switches, lights, exit signs and smoke detectors
- we put up over 250 square feet of green board in the basement

Together, we worked a total of 1024 hours. This was truly an experience in ministry. The work that we accomplished during the week for the Developmental Disabilities Home will serve many people for years to come. Thank you and God bless you all.

## PASSPORT PARTICIPANTS

Please be sure to bring your notarized medical forms to the church before Sunday, July 10. Also, all remaining balances are due by our departure date. If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Mann**.

## Sunday Responsibilities

**Acolyte:** Joseph Fields-Johnson

**Flower Distribution:** Bev Evans, Peggy Stevens

**Greeters:** Janet Bagby, Craig Carlock, Ann Marie Geisler, Danny Holly, Charlie Sorrell

**Sound:** Ed Pruden

**Tellers:** Vara Bottoms, Jean Cauble, Carol Decker, Dean Decker, Pat Dickinson, Holly Smith

**Ushers:** Jule Bolio, John Gray, Skip King, Andy Mann, Don Thomson, Jon Williams

## Minister On Call

Weekend: July 9-10

Robert Dibble  
965-0647

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 *The Church on Mission*. Each week a different text illustrates one of the four features in the mandate given by the risen Christ to his apostles: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We will follow the progression of the church on mission from its first base of operations in Jerusalem, to the countryside in Judea, on to Samaria, and to the rest of the world. Then, we will explore how Christians today might take this mandate and adapt it to their own situation, wherever they might live. The lesson Acts 1:8, and the various supporting texts, is that we must simultaneously carry out Christ's mandate: at home, in our region, in what have been our blind spots, and around the world. Only when we see the world as a whole, along with its neglected niches awaiting ministry from missionaries like you and me, will we have the mind of Christ for the work of spreading the gospel. This week's lesson, entitled *Your Jerusalem*, is based on Acts 1:1-11, and is studied in the following classes:

**Fellowship Class** will be taught by **Vivian Clingenpeel**.

**Lydia Class** will be taught by **Emily Tuck**.

**Robert Smart Class** will be taught by **Cliff** and **DeAnne Shelton**. 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**—The class will discuss the *Sermon on the Mount*.

**Friendship Class**—The class will meet with the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study class.

**Journey Class**—**Scott Leake** will continue a discussion of "In the Beginning God: Thirteen Lessons in Genesis."

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

**Phoenix Class**—The class will continue its summer discussion series.

**Reuben Alley Class**—The class will meet with the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study class.

**Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class**—The class will launch its annual Catacombs Lectures this Sunday. **Chris Lindbloom** will present *Hymnology 101—Everything on the page*.

## Missions

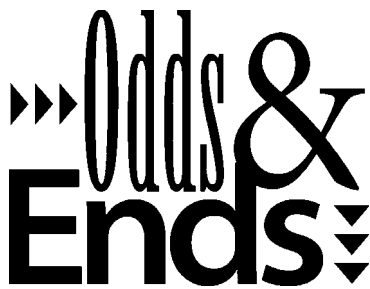
### ISH SCHOOL SUPPLIES CAMPAIGN SET FOR JULY 15-AUGUST 15

This year's school supplies campaign on behalf of Interfaith Services of Henrico (ISH) is set for July 15-August 15. Our emphasis again this year as in past years will focus on such essential needs as #2 pencils, ball point pens, wide-rule notebook paper, wide-rule spiral notebooks, crayons, washable markers, large pink erasers, safety scissors, wooden rulers, large glue sticks, bottles of glue, 3 X 5 index cards, yellow highlighters, looseleaf binders, composition books, pencil boxes, colored pencils, and large boxes of tissues. Contributions may be brought to the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class on Sunday mornings or to the church office during the week. If you would like to shop, but are unable to because of work responsibilities or physical hardships, you may call **Charlotte** and **Bill Simpson** at 285-3185 and they will shop for you.

# July

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, July 10     **Passport**, depart from north parking lot at 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, July 11    **Circle G Ranch—Vacation Bible School Begins—through July 15**
- Wednesday, July 13 **Music Committee**, 7:00 p.m., Church Parlor  
**Volleyball**, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, July 14    **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Reception Room
- Wednesday, July 20 **Summer Supper Series**, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, July 21    **Morning Bridge**, 10:00 a.m., Reception Room



## MORNING BRIDGE GAME

The next game will be played on **Thursday morning July 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Room.** Alice Wilkey, 784-0289, is hosting.

## FIXERS

(Frequently Ingenious, eXtremely Efficient, Righteous Servants)

The next breakfast meeting for the FIXERS will be **Thursday, July 14, 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.

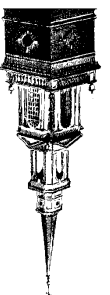
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