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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

Ka'thy Gore Chappell
College Students

Rachel L. Hoffman
Youth

George S. Davis
Church Administrator

Margaret S. Collins
Preschool Director

COMMITMENT SUNDAY TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 29, 2006

Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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

During the worship service, church members are asked to bring their Stewardship 2007 annual budget pledge cards to be given in a ceremony of dedication to God and the work of this church for the year to come.

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

12:00 noon Fellowship Hall

Full luncheon buffet with special fare will be provided. Childcare for birth-five years will be available in preschool rooms. The celebration concludes with an announcement of the total commitments made to the 2007 stewardship campaign.

Plan to attend both the worship service and the celebration luncheon.

RIVER ROAD CHURCH 2006-2007

CONCERT SERIES

Opening Program
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Music in the Life of Benjamin Franklin
Celebrating the 300th Anniversary
of Franklin's birth



THE PLEDGE MARCH

It is not hyperbole to say that I grew up in a Baptist church. Only two blocks separated our family home from the church which our family attended. We walked to church more often than we rode, and that was often. My parents were Sunday School and worship, Training Union and worship, Wednesday night supper and prayer meeting kinds of members. Next to the preacher's boys, I knew the closets and hideaways, quirks and patterns of the church about as well as any kid there.

Certain rituals were interwoven into the fabric of that community of faith. Thanksgiving morning started with breakfast in the fellowship hall, prepared by the men of the Brotherhood, followed by a worship service made forever sacred because the preacher forsook his customary sermon in favor of testimonies by the laity. The

first blast of summer heat brought out the cardboard fans attached to thin, curved handles, all donated by a local funeral home. Vacation Bible School refreshments consisted of a Dixie cup of cherry Kool-Aid and two butter cookies with a hole in the center so they would conveniently fit around my pinkie.

Only as an adult have I come to understand how familiar behaviors and rituals are infused with meaning and power.

One of the rituals of meaning from my childhood was the pledge march. From time to time (I never stopped to ponder what month it took place or how often) our teachers lined us up, marched us single file to the vestibule of the sanctuary, where we waited. A signal was given to an usher, who opened the door to the sanctuary, and we strode down the center aisle and placed a card on the communion table, then hurried out under the watchful eyes of the big people who filled the pews. In time I joined the people in the pews, and marched forward when it came my turn.

My parents taught me the meaning of that moment at a level I could grasp at the time—God gave us everything we have, and we need to give God some of what we have in return as sort of a thank you. My adult understanding of stewardship is more complex, but not more profound, than this simple lesson from my childhood.

I have no way of knowing what you think of the way we conduct the receipt of our pledges at River Road Church, Baptist. But I hope we never eschew the simple ritual of walking down the slate aisle of our sanctuary and placing a card on our communion table to demonstrate that we understand the simple principle of returning to God a portion of that which God has given us.

This Sunday, October 29, is Commitment Sunday. It is the day we march. I hope to see you in church, commitment card in hand.

Blessings,
Mike

STEWARDSHIP 2007

God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Sunday Responsibilities

Acolyte: Emily Cothran

Flower Distribution: Cathy Carlock, Diane Shoemake

Greeters: Susan Vaughan, anchor; Bob Porter, Peggy Stevens, Cathy Whitty, John Zukowsky

Sound: Mark Mathews

Tellers: Judy Collins, Ellis Cunningham, Ted Gary, Mary Mateer, Evelyn McDuffie

Ushers: Steve Bailey, Ethan Butterworth, Richard Cloe, Chuck Myers

Minister On Call

Weekend: October 28-29

Barbara Massey
673-9156 home
240-4720 cell

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 five-week unit of study entitled *God With Us: Ways to Keep Our Faith Strong*. Faithful living is not easy; it requires commitment and endurance grounded in a relationship with God that is strong enough to provide daily motivation for Christlike behavior. This unit explores how we may find God with us day by day, encouraging us and strengthening our faith. The unit begins with two snapshots from the life of Jesus - the story of the twelve-year old prodigy at the temple and the account of Jesus' baptism at the beginning of his ministry. Then, Paul's comments about idol worship in 1 Corinthians 10:14-17 remind us that we worship Christ alone, not the many pretend gods that pervade our culture and influence our living. Jesus' painful hours in the garden of Gethsemane (the fourth lesson) reflect a struggle of faith and commitment. Finally, Paul's charge to the Colossians challenges us to recognize that they have been called to a new and different kind of life. Experiencing this life calls for a growing awareness of God's presence, a daily commitment to faithful living, and a freedom of spirit that cannot be experienced outside the redemptive relationship we know in Christ. This week's lesson, entitled *Living in the Presence of God*, is based on Luke 2:41-52 and will be studied in the following classes:

Discovery Class will be taught by **Chester** and **Margaret Phelps**. Join us for a day at Chester and Margaret Phelps's farm on Saturday, October 28th. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the north parking lot to carpool. Dress warmly and bring a pumpkin for carving.

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

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

Reuben Alley Class will be taught by **Lee Perkins**.

Robert Smart Class will be taught by **Ashley Evans**. Find your sitters now for November 11th Mars and Venus. More details to follow.

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

Discussion Class—**Sam Nixon** will lead a discussion of *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen

Explorers Class—The class will continue its discussion about *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henry Nouwen. The class will be taught by **Christie Lessels**.

Fellowship Class—Flávio Alvez will speak to the class.

Journey Class—**Bill Gray** will lead the Formations lesson.

Life Class—**Ken Lantz** will lead the discussion on the current study of *Death by Suburb*, Chapter 8.

Phoenix Class—**Henry McGee** will lead the class in a discussion of the book *The Case for a Creator* by Lee Strobel. Can faith and science be reconciled?

Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class—The class continues its study of the Gospel according to Mark, beginning at chapter 2, verse 1. **Bob Shepherd** will teach the lesson.



Don't Forget!
Sunday, October 29, 2:00 a.m.,
is the formal end of Daylight Saving Time



Friday—27th
 Jean Cauble
 Rachel Davis
 Tom Evans
 Sue Hodder

Saturday—28th
 Martha Arrington
 Melissa Huston
 Tom Kirkup
 Elizabeth Musick
 Bette Schwall

Sunday—29th
 Rob Brown
 Scott Collins
 Danyelle Collins
 Kendall Cruickshanks
 Elaine Sharry
 Katie Spruill

Monday—30th
 John McCullen
 Bill Tuck
 Lynn Tuck

Tuesday—31st
 Barry Dorsey
 Cathy Hoover
 Betsy Lowery
 Christy Sutton

Wednesday—1st
 Nancy Bailey
 Kathy Cosby
 Kathy Gorman
 Kenneth Govoruhk
 Bob Robertson
 Beth Robinson

Thursday—2nd
 Paula Mercer
 Andy Taylor
 Jim Wilson




Sunday—29th
 Steve and Christie Lessels—29 years

AT HOME: Lawson Pankey, Edith Scott, Natalie Congdon

IN REHABILITATION: Bea Adkins, Manor Care Health Services; Eleanor Phillips (Mrs. Mack), Healthcare Cedarfield





COME TO THE 1893 WORLD'S FAIR

Join the Book Lovers' Group on Thursday evening, October 26, as they experience Chicago circa 1893 through Erik Larson's award-winning book, *The Devil in the White City*. This spellbinding bestseller is a factual work of history that reads like a mystery novel. In alternating chapters, Larson tells the stories of two men: the architect responsible for the fair's construction, and a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor. "This truth is stranger than fiction."

Barbara Holdren will lead the discussion. The group meets in the Reception Room (Fellowship House) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call **Kitty Davis**, 285-9782.

Book Lovers II (morning group) will have the same program on Thursday, November 2, at 10 o'clock, in the Reception Room.

RRCB Singles Fellowship Reprised

Bring your friends and come join the singles of River Road Church for fun and fellowship. We will gather once a month (see schedule below).

Who: All singles ages 18-"35ish"
When: Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Capital Ale House (Innsbrook)

Oct 26	Capital Ale House (Innsbrook location) 4024-A Cox Road • Glen Allen • 23060 (Cox and West Broad Street)
Nov 16	Dave Edwards @ First Baptist Church, 7 p.m. (Meet at RRCB parking lot at 6:30 p.m. if you want to carpool)
Dec 14	Bottom's Up Pizza (downtown location) 1700 Dock Street • Richmond • 23223 (corner of E. Cary & 17th Streets)
Jan 11	The Tavern 7110 Patterson Ave • Richmond • 23229 (in Triangle Park)

For more information or to RSVP please contact:
 Melanie Gray @ 512-0876 or Luckyirish4@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

PASSPORTkids! 2007! —On **November 1**, we will be able to register for PASSPORTkids! 2007 camp at Eagle Eyrie. The date: June 30-July 3.

PARENTS : If you want to reserve a place for your child, please call **Barbara Massey**, 288-1131. **PASSPORTkids!** is for all children who have completed third through sixth grades.



TRUNK OR TREAT— **Friday, October 27, 6:30-8:00**, back parking lot. Everyone is invited, so come join us for the FUN!

FOOD FOR THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA FOOD BANK— An added feature to this year's "Trunk or Treat" is "**Fill Up the Pick-Up**" for the Central Virginia Food Bank. Whether or not you plan to come to "Trunk or Treat," **YOU** can participate.

Please bring canned goods and drop them off at the church, in **Barbara Massey's** office, or in the designated boxes in the entry areas of the church. We'll add it all to the back of the truck as we "Fill Up the Pick-Up" on Friday evening, October 27, at "Trunk or Treat."

College Sunday A.M. Bible Study



A New Start!

River Road Church, Baptist—Reception Room

- Coffee, juice, & donuts
- Ka'thy Gore Chappell, Teacher

Matthew 5:1-16, scripture of the day w/ small group discussion

Sunday, October 29, 2006
10:00 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time Ends...Get that one hour of sleep back from the spring!

Missions

NEW AND NICE USED WARM WINTER JACKETS? ISH CAN USE THEM IN OCTOBER CHURCH CAMPAIGN:

River Road Church is collecting new and nice used warm winter jackets for Henrico County infants, children and youth, ages 6 months through 17 years, during the month of October. Jackets contributed will be distributed through Interfaith Services of Henrico to clients of the Henrico County Department of Social Services. Contributions may be delivered to the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class on Sunday mornings, or on weekdays to the church office. If you would like to participate, but do not have the time or the transportation to do so, you may call **Charlotte** and **Bill Simpson** at 285-3185 and they will be happy to shop for you.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD SHARE: *THINK THANKSGIVING* — Mark your calendars for the next First Sunday Food Share on **Sunday, November 4**. The Baptist centers like to distribute Thanksgiving food bags during the month of November. Contributions of canned yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes, cake mixes, icings, and pie fillings would be greatly appreciated. The usual suggested foods for donation include canned applesauce, fruits, legumes and vegetables, prepared entrees (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.), peanut butter, tuna, salmon, meats, soups and stews, rice and dried beans, macaroni and pasta products, cereals and instant hot cereals, and dry powdered milk (quart packages). Please remember that canned and nonperishable food items can be brought to the church office at any time. **Special note:** Oregon Hill Baptist Center has asked for food for distribution to the homeless. While many of the homeless receive one hot meal a day at feeding centers, they are hungry during the day and are dropping by the center for something to eat. This special ministry requires foods that need no preparation and that are in easily opened containers. Some possibilities are Vienna sausages, fruit cocktail in pop-open cans, and individually packaged crackers and cookies.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN: Stamps, cards (especially Christmas cards), hair conditioner and hair grease are the focus of this year's Christmas Drive at FCCW. Stamps are especially needed. Inmates are paid \$0.23 per hour for employment, so it takes them almost two full hours of work to earn enough to purchase a single stamp. Hair conditioner must be in a **plastic** container **no larger than 16 ounces**. Hair grease, pomade, and hair wax products in **plastic** containers can be found in the African American hair care section of your grocery or variety store. Please bring your contributions to the church office by **November 10**. Call **Wyatt Heisler** at 741-9320 for more information.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: *SEEING WITH NEW EYES: GOD'S MERCY* is the program theme for the 2006 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. The Baptist Women's Union of Latin America (UFBAL) prepared the program. The focus is on Latin America and breaking down barriers formed by country borders, languages and distances in order to reach the world in the name of Jesus Christ. The RBA WMU celebration of this Baptist World Alliance Women's Department event will be held at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church on **November 6**. Prayer time begins at 11:00 a.m. preceded by a social at 10:30 a.m. Call **Jane Vaughn** at 364-1656 or **Wyatt Heisler** at 741-9320 for more information.

WMU WOM EVENING GROUP: The evening group will serve a snack supper for the "kids on the Hill," the after school program at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center, on Tuesday, November 7. The group will meet at church at 3:30 p.m. and carpool to the center. Following the snack, the group will enjoy a meal at O'Charley's Restaurant. Guests are welcome! If you would like to participate in either of these activities (or both!), please contact **Becky Spicer** at 360-1447.

More *Missions*

Explore Possibilities for River Road Mission Tours 2007

Sunday, October 29, after Stewardship Luncheon, in the Lydia classroom

Come Explore Possibilities for Missions in Brazil

All are Welcome

Meet and dialogue with Regional Missions Director, Flávio Alvez

Flávio has been our partner in missions work in Brazil for two tours. Only in the states for a week, Flávio is making time to talk with us about future mission work in Brazil. All interested in exploring a trip to do mission work in Brazil in 2007 are welcome. Possibilities for medical missions work, as well as other avenues, will be explored.

WEDNESDAY DINNER PROGRAMS

November 1, 2006

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

The Pastor's Forum welcomes members of the Katrina Rebuild Team. This team will give an overview of their trip through a visual presentation as well as personal reports from individuals who traveled to Mississippi to assist in rebuilding in the area devastated by Katrina. A video will be shown of the work that was accomplished through the efforts of this team.

also offered

“If You Can’t Hide It on the Family Tree, Decorate It”

Robert Dibble

This two-part adult elective will build upon family systems theory, which offers a unique perspective on human functioning, especially in the context of our family of origin. Participants will develop and discuss their genograms. A genogram is a diagram of your family. It contains information you would typically find on a multi-generational family tree or genealogy. However, genograms dramatically depict the *emotional* relationships of individuals in your family and the *emotional relationship patterns* of the family system to which you belong. Creating your genogram will help you understand the other members of your family better, but the primary goal is an enhanced understanding of yourself. The class will meet in room 230 (Reuben Alley class). Join us!

RRCB October 24, 2006
Youth News

Sunday School:

Sunday morning schedule
9:45 Fellowship
in the youth lounge
10:00 Sunday School

What are we learning ?
New Testament Basics
October 8-29

Teachers:

Middle School : Paula and Mark Miller
High School : Byron & Brantley Holmes

Wednesday Nights:

Helping Hands: *Reaching out our hands to impact the church & community*

This week we will meet in the youth lounge to write notes & cards for the members of RRCB who are living in retirement homes. Join us as we send words of encouragement to our church community! We will provide all of the cards, pens & postage.

Sunday Nights: We will not be having our normal Sunday Night activities this week due to the youth Halloween Party!

Youth Halloween Party

Sunday Night, October 29, 5:30-7:30



All middle school and high school students are invited to attend the youth Halloween party at the scary Gary estate (Nancy Gary's house/ garage.) Be sure to dress warmly because we will be outside. Come fellowship, cook s'mores, and wear your creepiest costume.

prizes will be awarded for the scariest, funniest and strangest costumes!

@ the scary gary estate

(the home of Nancy Gary)

6307 Erlwood Road
Richmond, VA 23229



Coming soon: locations & dates for our summer trips!

Adults: Interested in leading a small group or teaching youth Sunday School?

Contact Rachel Hoffman @ 288-1131, rhoffman@hotmail.com

October and November

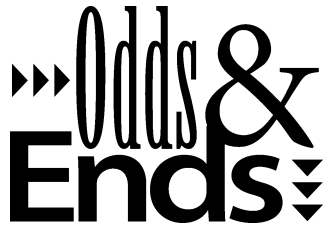
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 29

Commitment Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Celebration Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor
Concert, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Companions in Christ—Adults, 6:00 p.m., Discovery classroom
The Way of the Child, 6:00 p.m., Fifth Grade classroom
Adult Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., Journey classroom, #102
Education for Ministry (EFM), 6:30 p.m., Archives room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor and Archives room

Monday, October 30
 Wednesday, November 1
 Thursday, November 2

Book Lovers II, 10:00 a.m., Reception room
Service of Healing and Hope, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Chapel
Ballroom Dancing, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Volleyball, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall



EVENING BRIDGE

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, November 7, 7:30 p.m., in the Reception Room. Call George and Kitty Davis, 285-9782.



WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

The adults will have baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, greenbeans, salad bar, rolls, and cake. The children will have chicken tenders, applesauce, potato chips, salad bar, and ice cream. For dinner reservations, call the church office at 288-1131. The reservation deadline is Tuesday at noon of each week.

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