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# The Spire

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## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

The Season of Epiphany, from the Greek word, epiphaneia, meaning an appearance or manifestation, stresses the various ways in which Jesus Christ has made God manifest through his mighty deeds and words. The season begins on January 6, the Epiphany of the Lord, which completes the twelve days of Christmas, and commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The season continues with a recital of the signs and teachings of Jesus, ending with the Transfiguration of the Lord, in which Christ's sonship is reaffirmed. The liturgical color for the season is green, suggesting the renewal which comes through Christ's ministry.

The first Sunday following January 6 is called "Baptism of the Lord" which commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist when Christ's sonship is declared and his ministry is inaugurated. The liturgical color for this Sunday, different from the Season, is white, symbolic of the purity of Christ.

The Revised Common Lectionary readings for the First Sunday after the Epiphany are:

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2007  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sanctuary

Service of New Deacon Installation  
Sermon by Dr. Michael J. Clingenpeel  
Anthems by the Chancel Choir

A reception honoring George Davis and his almost ten years of dedicated service to River Road Church will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service hosted by the deacons and the Social Committee.



## SERVICE OF DEACON ORDINATION

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

The church's ancient practice of setting apart persons by the "laying on of hands" for special ministry will be observed in this annual evening worship service.



## WEDNESDAY DINNER PROGRAM

January 10, 2007  
5:30 p.m. Dinner    6:30 p.m. Program

### Our Work in Zimbabwe: Challenges and Prospects

Dr. Henry Mugabe

The Pastor's Forum is pleased to welcome the return of Dr. Henry Mugabe, Principal of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zimbabwe and Visiting Professor of Theology at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He also teaches at Wake Forest University Divinity School and has also taught at Memphis Theological Seminary. Henry is married to Hermina and they have three children: Grace, Johannes, and Tinashe. Dr. Mugabe received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Africa; his Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.



## When it Snows

The lighted ball dropped in Times Square. It rose in Carytown. Either way, it is 2007. That means it is January...which means it is time for snow.

None of us believe this, of course. It may be snowing in Denver, but in Richmond it is warm and, most days, dry. They call it El Something-or-the-Other.

One day, sooner or later, we will wake up to the white stuff, and you'll wonder if we're going to have church.

The answer is—probably.

Only on the rarest of occasions will we cancel Sunday morning worship. I believe the scriptural promise that where two or more are together, God will be in our midst. On a more practical level, I'm prepared to lead worship, don't live too far from the church and like the challenge of getting out, so we may as well go ahead.

Three things to remember. First, if we cancel our services we will notify local television and radio stations.

If you don't see River Road Church in the list of cancellations, assume we're having worship. To the best of our ability we will try to have the parking lot and walks cleared.

Second, we do not allow the decisions of local schools to dictate our decision about holding worship, though we do pay attention. Schools have to take into account some different factors than churches.

Third, do not place yourself in physical peril by trying to attend. We leave worship attendance to your judgment, so exercise appropriate caution. Broken wrists, hips and noggins are no joke, and I would rather miss seeing you one week than visit you in the hospital.

One other word. If you have to miss church due to inclement weather, send in your offering or bring it the next week. Our expenses continue, increase actually, when it snows.

For the time being my advice is this—use sunscreen.

Blessings,  
Mike

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## COMING EVENTS:

**BOWLING for GRADES 1-2**—Sunday, January 7, following worship. We will meet in the preschool/elementary area and leave together. Bring money for fast-food lunch and bowling. Each child needs at least one parent or other adult to accompany him or her. Siblings are welcome as well.

## JANUARY EVENTS:

**THE WAY OF THE CHILD**—resumes on Sunday evening, January 7, 6:00-7:30.

**BOWLING**—for Grades 3, 4, and 5, Sunday, January 14, following worship. Bring money for fast-food lunch and bowling.

**MOMS' GROUP**—January 17—6:30—An evening of Yoga basics with Yoga and fitness instructor, **Christy Sutton**.

## REHEARSALS RESUME FOR CHOIRS

All choirs begin the new season as follows:

Choir	Grade	Rehearsals Resume	Time
Cherub	Ages 3,4,5	Wednesday, January 3	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Carol	1-2	Wednesday, January 3	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Crusader	3-5	Wednesday, January 3	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Youth	6-12	Sunday, January 7	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Chancel	College and Up	Thursday, January 11	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Chancel Bell	College and Up	Wednesday, January 10	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

All choirs are open to new members. For more information call the Music office, 288-1131.

# Sunday Responsibilities

**January 7:**

**Acolyte:** Dexter Gulick

**Deacon Coffee:**

Kathryn Norman, captain; Griz Dixon, Don Pate, Peggy Stevens

**Flower Distribution:**

Donna Ooghe, Liz Seward

**Greeters:**

Cliff Shelton, anchor; Austin Clark, Tom Ligon, Ed Pruden, Mark Simonton

**Sound:** George Davis

**Tellers:** Bertie O'Neal, chair; Elsie

Fusco, Jody Gordon, Jack Harvie, Clayton and Peggy Marr, Sallie Sparks, Robbie Williams

**Ushers:** Carl and Rob Collier, Sid

Hays, Ken Lantz

## Minister On Call

January 6-7

**Robert Dibble**

965-0647 home

874-2226 cell

## Adult Sunday School News

*Formations* Sunday School literature begins a four-week unit of study entitled *The Servant of the Lord*. After the fall of Jerusalem, the Israelites suffered the loss of their homeland, the destruction of their temple, and separation from their families. Many gave up believing in any possibility of salvation or restoration of their land. In these years of despair, God gave a word of hope, a light to the nations, a word of encouragement to the weary, and righteousness to the sinner. In the last half of Isaiah, the prophet uses four special "Servant Songs" to proclaim this message of hope. Each song gives a different picture of the same servant, the identity of whom scholars still debate. But these songs communicate that God cares about hurting people, God sees our oppression and confusion, and God comforts us in our griefs. The result is God's intervention in our lives through humble servants who bring restoration and encouragement. Today, we are called to be servants who also bring justice to the oppressed, light to the nations, and strength to the weary. This week's lesson, entitled *The Servant as Bringer of Justice*, is based on Isaiah 42:12-4 and will be studied in the following classes:

**College Class** will be taught by **Ka'thy Gore Chappell**.

**Discovery Class** will be taught by **Chester** and **Margaret Phelps**.

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

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

**Journey Class** will be taught by **V. J. Springer**. The class will have its annual venison party at the **Jane** and **Roy Terry's** home on Saturday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. Please **RSVP** to **Laura Lee Chandler** by January 17.

**Life Class**—The class begins its Winter Bible Study, *Surviving the Tensions of Life*, based on 1 & 2 Samuel. **Scott Leake** will lead the first session, *Surviving Political Tension*, from 1 Samuel 8:1-22.

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

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

**Robert Smart Class**—**Mark Pounders** will lead the class discussion.

**Seekers Class** will be taught by **Ken Dibble**.

**Discussion Class** will visit with the Life class.

**Explorers Class**—The class will continue its discussion of Joseph Campbell's *Power of Myth* video. **Mike Price** will facilitate the discussion

**Phoenix Class**—**George Davis** continues the discussion of *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey.

**Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class** will be taught by **Bob Shepherd**. The class continues its examination of the miracles of Jesus this Sunday, beginning with Mark 5:35.

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## BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

The next **Board of Deacons** meeting will be held on **Monday, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room**. All current and new deacons should be in attendance. Outgoing deacons, please bring your care group information and the laminated cards for offering and communion. This will help to facilitate a smooth transition between incoming and outgoing deacons.



Friday—5th  
Jo Ann Cizek

Saturday—6th  
Trudy McManus  
Lindsey Stevens  
Lee Walters

Sunday—7th  
Ward Hamilton  
Carol Nugent  
Eleanor Phillips

Monday—8th  
Robert Dibble  
Jason Farmer  
Mark Measell  
Kelly Moore  
Lynn Neese  
Ricky Scherer

Tuesday—9th  
Logan Davis  
Heather Fonzi  
John Harris

Wednesday—10th  
Julia Brandt  
Sarah Bryant  
Dale Schreiber  
Kathy Seaton  
Alice Wilkey

Thursday—11th  
David Gulick  
Daniel Morris  
Don Robertson  
Bayley Wood



Friday—5th  
Art and Louise Nelson—  
12 years  
Earle and Judy Ware—50 years

Sunday—7th  
John and Joan Robertson—  
46 years

## News of the Church Family

IN HOSPITAL: **Martha Donohue**, Johnston-Willis; **Jay Clark**,  
Henrico Doctors' Forest

AT HOME: **Bea Adkins**, **E. J. Bowen**, **Donald Bunn**, **Helen Clarke**,  
**Izzie Humbert**, **Clayton Marr**, **Bob Shoemake**, **Nancy Gayle Smith**

IN HEALTHCARE: **Edith Scott**, Cedarfield

IN REHABILITATION: **Bill Bingham**, Health South

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to **Jane Morris** upon the death of her father and to **Daniel Morris** upon the death of his grandfather, **Victor E. Creech**, of Richmond, on December 25.

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** There still are open dates on the flower calendar for 2007. Anyone wishing to contribute flowers for any of the remaining dates this year, should contact **Nancy Anderson**, 672-6931. The cost will be \$85.00 per Sunday.

**FIXERS** — (Frequently Ingenious, eXtremely Efficient, Righteous Servants) The next breakfast meeting for the FIXERS will be **Thursday, January 18, 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 the church office, 288-1131, for more information.



The Book Lovers' Group will meet on Thursday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reception Room (Fellowship House). This month's selection is *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult. In this psychological drama with a suspenseful courtroom trial, Ms. Picoult tells the story of a shocking murder in the Pennsylvania Amish country. The contrast between Amish culture and the "English" provides an interesting tension—plus provides information about a way of life based on faith, humility, duty, and honesty. **Vivian Clingenpeel** will moderate the discussion.

Book Lovers II will meet on Thursday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m., in the Reception Room to discuss *March* by Geraldine Brooks. This 2006 winner of the Pulitzer Prize tells of the imaginary Civil War experiences of Mr. March, the absent father in *Little Women*. **Judy Morris** and **Kitty Davis** will review the book. Last summer, Judy was privileged to hear Ms. Brooks talk about the writing of this novel.

For more information, call Kitty Davis, 285-9782. Both groups meet in the Reception Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

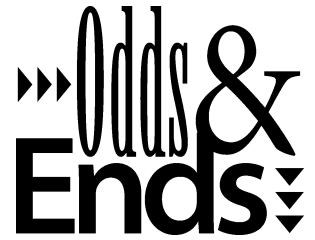
## Exciting News!!! Special Event!!!!

Sharon Baldacci, author of *A Sundog Moment*, has accepted the invitation of the Book Lovers' Group to speak at River Road Church on Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Mark your calendar and look for more details in March (Yes, Sharon is author David Baldacci's sister).



## WEDNESDAY'S DINNER MENU

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





**WMU EVENING GROUP:** The Evening Group will meet **Tuesday, January 16**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Wyatt Heisler**, 9501 Arrowdel Road. The group will be planning its "Connectors' Cookbook Project." Please bring your favorite cookbooks for the discussion. If you like to cook, to eat, or to just have a good time, please come join us! Call Wyatt Heisler at 741-9320, or Peggy Pruden at 282-6434 for more information.

**WMU DAY GROUP:** Our January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m., in the Reception Room. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Donna Brown** who will bring us a presentation, including video, of her several trips to St. Vincent island and her medical missionary work there. We welcome all women of the church, as well as guests!

## **FIRST ISH LOCAL MISSIONS CAMPAIGN OF 2007: Emergency Duffel Bags January 1-31, 2007**

Having emergency duffel bags on hand to assist children who are rescued from abusive families in Henrico County is an ongoing need of Interfaith Services of Henrico (ISH).

Unlike other projects, this project has an urgent and immediate need. When the court orders the rescue of a child from an abusive family—and that happens more often than we might imagine—the child needs an emergency supply of clothes, toiletries, etc. to use until a safe place can be found for the child. A county social worker and a county policeman race for an age-appropriate emergency duffel bag in the ISH storage closet to take to the child. A child is thus provided with basic needs at a critical time from persons unknown whose kindness in itself is a source of care and support.

Beginning Sunday morning, January 1st, and every day in January thereafter, the Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class will offer free duffel bags to any church family who would be willing to supply the necessary items.

In 2007, the campaign will focus on infants and children aged birth to five years. Sadly, that is the age of children who presently seem most likely to be abused. The breakdown will be birth-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months. Also, ages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years. You may choose whichever age child and gender of child you prefer. A list of sizes and items needed for each age boy and girl, and a sign-up list, will also be available. A duffel bag filled with nice, clean clothes from local thrift shops, new underwear and socks, and toiletries from local dollar shops can be completed at a cost of about \$30-40.

If you would like to participate, but don't have the time or energy to shop, you may telephone **Charlotte** and **Bill Simpson** at 285-3185 and they will shop for you.

**FIRST SUNDAY FOOD SHARE:** Mark your calendars for the next First Sunday Food Share on Sunday, January 7. 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 may 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 are in easily opened containers. Some possibilities are Vienna sausages, fruit cocktail in pop-open cans, and individually packaged crackers and cookies.

**We're Hosting CARITAS — February 17-23, 2007:** If you have not signed up to spend a night or help serve, contact **Brantley Holmes** at 754-1579, or by email at holmesby@comcast.net. You also may visit the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, January 7.

# THE RIVER'S EDGE

student ministry at  
river road church, baptist

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- January 3 All new small groups begin
- January 7 **CURRENT** Kick Off  
With a guest worship band!  
Message: Edwin Cothran
- January 10 Small groups
- January 13 **Mission Day, 12:00 -4:00 p.m.**  
Come do construction on the  
Student Center @ VCU!!  
Led by Bill Rusher
- January 14 **Mini-CURRENT**  
Worship: Sam Hays & Dexter Gulick  
Message: Edwin Cothran  
Led by Drew Collier
- January 17 Small groups  
Led by Stacey Rooney

## Where in the world is Rachel Hoffman?

The rumors are true! In just a few days I will be heading to Buenos Aires, Argentina, for a missionary immersion experience with Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. This trip will provide the exciting opportunity for me to see how God is at work in the church in South America. I will be gone from January 11 to January 25. While I am gone our regular youth programs will continue under the supervision of our dedicated youth volunteers.

## High School Spring Retreat April 20-22 @ Lake Anna

With guest speaker/  
worship leader  
Jonathan Davis

Cost: \$80  
\$40 Deposit due  
February 11

## STARTING IN 2007

### SUNDAY NIGHTS: *Current*

Starting in January youth Sunday night youth programs will be changing! Middle and high school students will join together for *Current* youth worship in the chapel. At *Current* students will encounter God through music, Scripture and interactive worship elements.

High school students interested in helping to plan and lead youth worship should contact Rachel ASAP. [rachelhoffman@rrcb.org](mailto:rachelhoffman@rrcb.org)

### JANUARY 7: *Current* Kick-off

#### CHECK OUT THE NEW TIMES

5:00 p.m. Dinner  
5:45 p.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. Choir

January 14 & 21: Mini *Current*

January 28: Rec Night

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: Small groups

Wednesday nights we will be offering two small group Bible studies: one for middle school and one for high school students. This will be a forum for students to discuss Scripture, current events and what is going on in their lives.

### MISSION DAYS

This coming year we will be offering several mission opportunities in the community. Dates are listed below, keep reading the Spire for times and locations!

January 13 12:00- 4:00 p.m.  
Meet at RRCB, wear work clothes  
transportation provided

February 10  
May 12

Rachel Hoffman, minister to youth  
[RachelHoffman@rrcb.org](mailto:RachelHoffman@rrcb.org)

# COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

## College Bible Study



### 10 am Sundays

*rrcb reception room w/ coffee, donuts, & OJ*

#### **RRCB Singles Fellowship**

Bring your friends and come join the singles of River Road Church for fun and fellowship to our next gathering! For more information or to RSVP please contact: **Melanie Gray** @ 512-0876 or [Luckyirish4@hotmail.com](mailto:Luckyirish4@hotmail.com).

**Who:** All singles ages 18-"35ish"  
**When:** Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** The Tavern

Jan 11

**The Tavern**

7110 Patterson Ave • Richmond • 23229 (in Triangle Park)

# **BALLROOM DANCE RETURNS!**

**6 weeks of Social Dance Class only \$60 per person  
Be surprised at how much you CAN learn!**

**Starts Thursday, January 4, 2007  
6:30 to 7:30 pm — 1 hour each session**

**Instructor: Gwendolyn Glenn**



**SIGN UP NOW! GROUP SIZE LIMITED!**

**Fox Trot  
Swing - Waltz  
Rumba - Cha Cha  
Merengue & More...**

**RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST  
8000 River Road, Richmond 288-1131  
Fellowship Hall**

**Learn to dance to slow, medium & fast tempos.  
Get ready for our Valentine's Dinner & Dance!**

## ADULT ORIENTATION OFFERED

**ADULT ORIENTATION**, hosted by **Jim and Tuckie Paxton**, will be offered on Friday, January 19, at 5:30 p.m., in the Reception Room (adjacent to the kitchen in Fellowship House). This is a new format for **ADULT ORIENTATION**: one evening session—consisting of four parts—aimed at two groups of adults: (1) new members to River Road Church, and (2) visitors/prospective members who are considering joining.

As a church we want to do our best in helping new members become an integral part of this church family. We also want to introduce ourselves to prospective members in such a way as to help their important decision of church membership. So, we offer **ADULT ORIENTATION**.

During this informative evening, we will provide some opportunities for you to meet the church staff and nurture new relationships, while learning the history and ministries of this River Road Church. All new members and interested visitors are encouraged to attend. Since the evening begins with dinner, we need to insure adequate food is prepared for everyone. **The kindness of your reply to us by Monday, January 15, would be appreciated; simply call the church office, 288-1131**, to make your reservation. Childcare will be offered for anyone desiring it. Please let us know if childcare is needed when you call the church office.

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## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS WANTED

The Website Committee of River Road Church invites interested church members to help write devotionals for the upcoming season of Lent for our website ([www.rrcb.org](http://www.rrcb.org)). We are asking for volunteers to write a brief devotional based on pre-selected verses from the Bible. The devotional should include:

- A brief opening prayer
- A brief devotion on the text
- A brief closing prayer

**Mark your calendars!** A very brief “writers meeting” will be held on *Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reuben Alley classroom*, to help guide you through the process, answer any questions, and pair you with selected texts. If you are not able to attend this meeting but would still like to participate, contact **Robert Dibble** at 288-1131 or [bobdibble@rrcb.org](mailto:bobdibble@rrcb.org).

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## ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 14 THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: GOD WITH US

A distinguishing feature of the Gospel of Matthew is its use of the Greek term *ekklesia*, which means an assembly of ones who are “called out” and it conveys nothing of the static conception of the word “church” held by many today. Matthew is the only gospel to use this term and both times it comes from the lips of Jesus. The Church is so important to Matthew that he describes the nature and purpose of the Messiah’s new community throughout the gospel and two full chapters are devoted to teachings of Jesus that are specifically aimed at guiding the community of faith in its life and service. According to Matthew, the Church is an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God, and it is comprised of Jesus’ followers who have been called out to live righteously in the world and to serve in the manner of the Christ with deep humility and unfathomable forgiveness. In Jesus, there is a new community at work for the blessing of the world. What is it that binds us together? Jesus—God With Us.

Beginning on Sunday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m., the second semester of Bible study will be offered for interested adults. Led by **Robert Dibble**, participants will be part of a community where serious intent, personal preparation, and active involvement provide the basis for significant learning. This will be an exciting course of study for adults ready to reflect deeply on the scriptures, faith, and life. The class will meet in the Chapel Hall. Reservations should be made to the adult ministries office, 288-1131.

# January

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 4	<b>Service of Healing and Hope</b> , 11:00 a.m., Chapel <b>No Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>Ballroom Dancing</b> , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 7	<b>Bowling—Grades 1 &amp; 2</b> , 12:30 p.m. <b>Recreation Committee</b> , 5:00 p.m., Archives Room <b>Youth Dinner</b> , 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Youth Vespers</b> , 5:30 p.m., Chapel <b>Companions in Christ</b> , 6:00 p.m., Discovery classroom <b>The Way of the Child</b> , 6:00 p.m., Fifth Grade classroom <b>Deacon Ordination Service</b> , 7:00 p.m., Chapel Hall
Monday, January 8	<b>EFM</b> , 6:30 p.m., Archives Room <b>Deacons' Meeting</b> , 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room
Tuesday, January 9	<b>WMU</b> , 10:00 a.m., Reception Room <b>Yoga</b> , 7:30 p.m., Chapel Hall
Wednesday, January 10	<b>Finance Committee</b> , 7:30 p.m., Church Parlor <b>Lent Devotional Writers' Meeting</b> , 7:30 p.m., Reuben Alley classroom
Thursday, January 11	<b>Ballroom Dancing</b> , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Singles Fellowship</b> , 7:00 p.m., The Tavern
Friday, January 12	<b>Men's Basketball</b> , 7:00 p.m., Byrd Middle School



## A WORD ABOUT WEATHER AND THE CHURCH

As a rule of thumb, we will not cancel worship services on Sunday morning, except under the most extreme weather conditions. Members are urged to use their own good judgment as to whether they should venture forth personally. The ministers, who are able, will meet for public worship with those who can find their way in these extreme weather conditions.

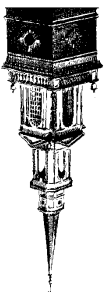
Other programs of the church, involving a network of volunteers and employed personnel, such as the Wednesday church dinner program, are subject to cancellation under extremely forbidding conditions. When it is necessary to cancel, we will try to make timely announcements through the media. Also, the recorded announcement on our office phone, 288-1131, should carry word of any cancellation of services and/or meetings.

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