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River Road Church, Baptist

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Day of Pentecost

This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost in the Christian Year. This day is the great climax of the Easter-Pentecost Season, known as the Great Fifty Days. On this day we remember and celebrate the fullness of God's promises in Jesus Christ. Before us this day is the whole sweep of Christ's death and resurrection, his ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit with all God's gifts and commissioning power for the church. Pentecost has Jewish roots, however. It was first associated with a grain offering and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. But for Christians through the centuries, Pentecost marks the birthday of the church. The liturgical color is red, which is used for occasions which highlight the Holy Spirit.

The Revised Common Lectionary texts for the Day of Pentecost are:

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 27, 2007

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 deacons.

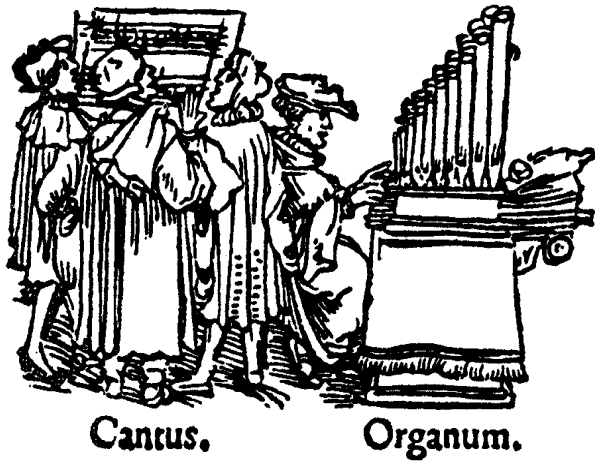


VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

May 30, 2007

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Last year was the first edition of this dinner, and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening. At this occasion we will honor and say "thank you" to all of you who serve in the many roles of leadership and service at River Road Church. If you serve in any volunteer capacity in our church, you are invited to attend this dinner. The dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge. Please call the office, 288-1131, to make your reservation.



RIVER ROAD CHURCH
CONCERT SERIES
2006-2007

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

MAGNIFICAT
REQUIEM

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
JOHN RUTTER

THE RIVER ROAD CHANCEL CHOIR WITH ORCHESTRA

SOLOISTS:

Michelle Harman-Gulick, Soprano
Jane Terry, Contralto
Christopher Ahart, Tenor
Christopher Lindbloom, Bass
Carl Freeman, Director

Sunday
June 3, 2007
7:30 p. m.

River Road Church
River Road at Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

Reception following Concert
Open to All

Sunday Responsibilities

May 27

Acolyte: Emily Cothran

Deacon Coffee: Harper Alford, anchor; Clarice Dibble, John Heisler, Byrd Latham

Flower Distribution:
Nancy Anderson, Betty Rose Sexton

Greeters: Scott Leake, Anchor; Page Gammon, Mike Jones, Terry Marsh, Pat O'Bannon

Sound: Tom Ahl

Tellers: Mary Ellen Berry, Chair, Harper Alford, Frances Cloe, Brenda and Henry Holland, John Oliver

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

Minister On Call

May 26-27

Carl Freeman
360-5848 home
347-4060 cell

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Formations Sunday School literature begins a five-week unit of study entitled *Everyday Blessings*. Jesus was a master at connecting life-changing spiritual principles with everyday objects. His favorite teaching method was the use of parable, through which things like seeds and dirt became lessons in sharing and living. In our technologically advanced world, Christians are often swept up in the rush of schedules, the pressures of work, and the static that inevitably accompanies the flood of information that touches our senses. Over the next five weeks, we'll take a healthy look at some of the objects that are a part of everyday life and perhaps learn some powerful lessons for Christian living. This week's lesson, based on John 20:19-23 and entitled, *Breath*, examines the central question: "What does it mean to receive the Holy Spirit?" It will be studied by the following eight classes:

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

Fellowship Class will be taught by **Don Powell**.

Friendship Class will be taught by **Connie Showalter**. Annual Picnic: June 8, 6:30 p.m., at the home of **John** and **Joan Robertson**. Contact **Bev Evans**—288-1288.

Journey Class will be taught by **Tammy** and **Mike Jones**.

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

Reuben Alley Class will be taught by **John Oliver**.

Robert Smart Class will be taught by **Chris Macturk**.

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

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

Discussion Class will be led by **Bill Shirah** in a discussion on *Life Experiences*.

Explorers Class will be led by **Paul Brandt** as the class continues its study of *The Question of God: C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud*. The class will host the dinner at Freedom House Shelter on Friday, July 6.

Life Class continues its study of *Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith*. **Ken Lantz** will lead the examination of chapter 5, *Can I Trust God?* drawing on Exodus 3:1-15.

Phoenix Class will continue looking at the book, *Christianity 101: Tracing Basic Beliefs* by James White. **George Davis** will lead the class.

Shepherd-Simpson Bible Study Class will continue its study of the Gospel of Mark, chapter 13. **Bob Shepherd** will teach the lesson.

ADULT ORIENTATION OFFERED

ADULT ORIENTATION, hosted by **Jim** and **Tuckie Paxton**, will be offered on Wednesday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel Hall (downstairs in Chapel House). This is a new location and 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.

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 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. Please notify the church office, at 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.



Friday—25th
 Larry Harris
 Indiya Harwood
 Andrew Milligan
 Bryden Mollenauer
 Sherry Sorrell

Saturday—26th
 Wayland Andrews
 Alexander Ezzelle

Sunday—27th
 Dylan Coldiron
 Martha Robertson

Monday—28th
 Elice Havens
 Laura McLaughlin

Tuesday—29th
 Paul Brandt
 Scott Powell
 Liz Stewart

Wednesday—30th
 Dan Bagby
 Judy Collins
 Lee Perkins

Thursday—31st
 Nancy Kilmer
 Andy McAllister
 Kristen Phelps
 Austin Tuck



Friday—25th
 Andy and Anita McAllister—11 years
 Linda and Serge Schreiner—22 years
 Larry and Vera Jo Springer—39 years

Saturday—26th
 Bill and Deb Gray—34 years
 Bill and Pat Schools—23 years

Tuesday—29th
 Tom and Wendy Graves—37 years

Wednesday—30th
 Carter and Monica Brooks—9 years
 Harrison and Margaret Daniel—57 years
 Seth and Libby Roberts—9 years

Thursday—31st
 Clint and Amy Hubbard—8 years

AT HOME: Alma and Bill Bingham, Helen Clarke, Clyde Glasco

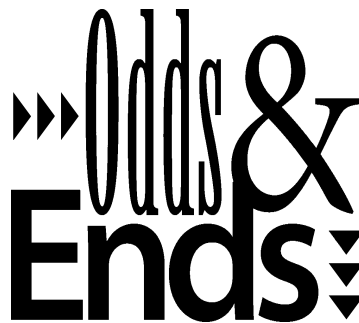
IN HEALTHCARE: Kay Culpepper

IN HOSPITAL: Bill Keppel, Henrico Doctors' Forest
 Dick Humbert, Charles O'Neal, St. Mary's

CONGRATULATIONS to **Caroline** and **Jason Koskinen** upon the birth of their son, Jackson Robert Koskinen, born on May 17. **Liz** and **Bob Seward** are his grandparents.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to **Paige** and **James Peak** upon the death of her father, and to **Chase Peak** upon the death of his grandfather, Garland Long, in Richmond on May 19.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to **Vara Bottoms** upon the death of her brother, and to **Holly Smith** upon the death of her uncle, James Holland, Jr., in Lencama, North Carolina, on May 20.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast for men of all ages (in school, retired, or working professionals) is **Thursday, May 24, 7:00 a.m.** **Chester Phelps** will host this month's gathering which features great fellowship and intentional intercessory prayer for needs of every kind, especially for the City of Richmond as we partner with Metro Richmond at Prayer. Free breakfast is offered and we meet in the Reception Room. Plan to join us.

Camp Alkulana Work Day, June 2

A great job has been done on electrifying the dining hall expansion at Camp Alkulana, thanks to the efforts of our church folks who have been up to camp this spring. We are planning to take another trip on Saturday, June 2, when the major assignments will be to clean up, paint, and do whatever else is needed to get camp ready to open, though there are sure to be some electrical jobs, too. If you are interested in going, please call **Bill Rusher** at 285-1087 or email him at wrusher@reynolds.edu.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Our objective is to be known as a congregation that is aware of our responsibilities of Christian stewardship and that manages our collective wealth for the furtherance of our Christian mission.

Proposed Strategic Plan for River Road Church, Baptist

THE CONNECTORS' COOKBOOK PROJECT

RECIPE SUBMISSION FORM

The Connectors are compiling recipes to publish a new cookbook for River Road Church. The first (and only) cookbook produced at River Road was made by the Doubles Class in 1974 - over thirty years ago! YOUR favorite recipes are needed for this new cookbook. Please bring them to the church or email them to **Peggy Pruden** at pgpruden@comcast.net or **Wyatt Heisler** at wyattsweeds@aol.com. Any number of recipes can be submitted. Recipes can be written on plain paper or cards.

Recipe Name _____

Ingredient List:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Cooking Instructions:

Submitted by _____

RRCB member since _____

Why do you like this recipe? Where did you get it? _____

Do you have a clever kitchen tip(s) or cooking tip(s) that you can share? Please describe:

Do you have a memory of a person or an occasion at River Road Church that is connected to this recipe? Please describe: _____

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 9-13
9:00-12:00

The registration form is available on the church website, www.rreb.org or in the church office. Complete and return to Barbara Massey.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- ♦ for first through fifth grades. Call Barbara Massey, 288-1131, to volunteer
- ♦ for providing childcare for moms who are teaching and have children too young to attend Vacation Bible School. If you are willing to volunteer for three hours one morning during VBS week, call Barbara Massey to volunteer.

COMING SOON—SUMMER CELEBRATION

WHO: Children who have COMPLETED first through fifth grades

WHAT: SUMMER CELEBRATION—Music Camp/Recreation

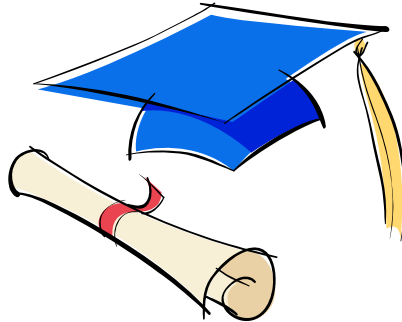
During each morning of this week we will learn to sing a special and fun musical and make our own props and sets. We will perform the musical on the last day.

In the afternoons we will participate in a special activity each day—bowling, putt-putt, movie, cooking with kids.

WHEN: July 23-27, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

COLLEGE MINISTRY NEWS

COLLEGE GRADUATES **Congratulations!**



“The word *commencement* has undergone cultural shock:
it started out
to mean begin
 start
 initiate
and has come to mean finish
 get-over-with
 be pronounced adequate.

Commencement does mean to begin
to set out
to launch
to be fully qualified
to try
to succeed
to fail.” --Grady Nutt ([Agaperos](#), page 59)

Scott Alexander, VA TECH Carly Brown, UVA
Becca Chandler, UR Allan Cruickshanks, UVA
Tyler Hays, VA TECH Bonnie Lantz, UVA
Sarah Phillips, JMU
Carter Harrison Sigmund, MCV (Doctor of Medicine)



Go with God!



THE RIVER'S EDGE

STUDENT MINISTRY AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- May 23** **Small group (this is our last one!)**
6:30 to 7:30 in the youth area
Led by Stacey Rooney & Rachel Hoffman
- May 27** **No youth activities**
- May 30** **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
No youth activities
- June 2** **Mission Day @ Camp Alkulana**
Email wrusher@reynolds.edu to help!
- June 3** **Mandatory Tour Prep Meeting**
12:30- 1:30 in the youth area
For all students & chaperones
- June 3** **No evening youth activities**
- June 6** **No youth activities**
- June 7** **Tour Chaperone meeting**
6:00-7:00 @ Stony Point Panera
- June 8** **Middle School Sunday School Party**
6:30 @ the Fitzgeralds'
- June 9** **Youth Choir River Day**
@ the Hays' River House
See David Gulick for more info
- June 10** **Summer kick-off Cookout & Grad recognition**
6:00-8:00 in the courtyard

COMMUNITY CURRENT

Starting in June, Current will be \coming to a home near you ... This summer we will continue having our youth Sunday night program "Current," but in a very different way. Instead of meeting in the chapel for worship we will be meeting at the homes of different youth families every week for munchies, fellowship and a devotional message.

DATES & LOCATIONS

JULY 8 @ THE SCHREINERS'

JULY 22 @ THE SMARTS'

JULY 29 @ THE CHAPPELLS'

AUGUST 5 @ THE RUSHERS'

AUGUST 12 @ THE HAYS'

AUGUST 19 @ THE WOODS'

SUNDAY NIGHTS, 7-9

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We have had an amazing school year! Looking back on everything that we have done since the Fall I am amazed at the way our youth parents & volunteers pitched in to make the youth program come together. We are so blessed to have quality teachers that the students love & respect, wild chaperones who cover us in silly string and hide tiny green army men in a field, devoted moms and dads who bring dinner every Sunday night, families who open their homes and their hearts to the students, bus drivers, photographers, mentors, BCE members (you must all be crazy), grill masters and so much more. It is a joy to work with you and to see the way that you have invested in these students. On behalf of myself and the students of RRCB I want to say thank you very, very much for all that you have done and all that you continue to do for the youth group!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings at RRCB are an exciting time of fellowship and Bible study. Before Sunday School students gather together in the youth game room to play ping pong, air hockey and pool. Sunday school classes for middle and high school students challenge students to think critically about their faith and discuss real life ways to put their faith into action.

9:45-10:00 **Fellowship**
10:00-10:45 **Sunday School**

May~June Calendar of Events

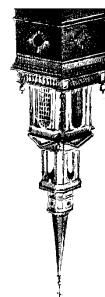
Wednesday, May 23	Brazil Mission Project meeting , 7:30 p.m., Reuben Alley classroom
	Transportation Committee , 7:30 p.m., Church Parlor
Thursday, May 24	River Roadsters , 6:45 a.m., north parking lot
	Men's Prayer Breakfast , 7:00 a.m., Reception Room
	Yoga , 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hall
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day Holiday—Church Office Closed
Tuesday, May 29	Softball , 8:00 p.m., Complex
Wednesday, May 30	Volunteer Appreciation Banquet , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 31	Yoga , 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hall
Saturday, June 2	Chancel Choir rehearsal , 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rehearsal Room
Sunday, June 3	Youth Tour Meeting , 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
	Spring Choral Concert , 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday, June 5	Bridge , 7:30 p.m., Reception Room
	Softball , 8:00 p.m., Short Pump
Wednesday, June 6	Stephen Ministry Supervision , 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor and Archives Room
	History Committee , 7:00 p.m., Archives Room
Thursday, June 7	Yoga , 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hall

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