

Tonight's Program
Q&A with Daniel Glaze facilitated by Dan Bagby
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to a Q&A session with our new pastor Daniel Glaze! Dan Bagby will start the conversation before opening the floor up. At 6:45, children in the crusader choir (grades 3-5) will continue choir rehearsal with Bob Gallagher, and children in the Cherub and Carol Choirs (grades K-2) will be introduced to the Christmas pageant for the Christmas Eve Family Service with Kim Crowley and Chester Phelps. All children are welcome to join Kim, Chester, and Bob. Parents, we hope this time allows you to enjoy the program!

December 7 Dinner
5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Dinner Reservations are REQUIRED

Menu for Adults & Children: Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Rolls, Pumpkin Pie
Dinner Costs: \$7/Adults, \$7/Youth, \$3/Children, \$20/Family Max

Make your dinner reservations by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 5. You may sign up when you pay for tonight's dinner, contact the Church Office, email susanyoung@rrcb.org, or fill out the form online (www.rrcb.org/wednesdays). Reservation cards are no longer available in the pew racks. Please consider making your reservations tonight.

Dinners this year are being prepared by Annabell's Catering. The owners and chefs are brothers Seldon and Moe Plumley. Both have extensive food service and customer service backgrounds. We are excited to welcome them to River Road Church! If you are interested in having Annabell's Catering prepare food for your event, talk to Seldon and Moe tonight.

December 7 Program
Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long with David Gulick
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Who says you have to wait until Advent is over to sing Christmas carols? Come join David Gulick in the Sanctuary for some good old-fashioned caroling. Request your favorites!

Blessing for Our Meal: God is Great
(to the tune of *Michael Row the Boat Ashore*)
God is great, God is good, Alleluia.
God is great, God is good, Alleluia.
By God's hand we all are fed, Alleluia.
Thank you, Lord for daily bread, Alleluia.

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Nativity Set—The porcelain Nativity Set made by Franklin Mint is featured in the History Cabinet in the Lower Commons. This set was a gift to River Road Church, Baptist, by Frances Still, aunt of church member Joyce Gibson. It will be on display during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We hope that it serves as a reminder of the coming of the Christ Child and might also serve as a teaching tool for the children in the church and the preschool.

FIXERS

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Church Christmas Decorating

Outside Decorations

Friday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers will be tying bows on 24 wreaths, hanging them on outside doors, and wrapping pine roping on lamp posts.

Decorations Take Down

Wednesday, December 28, 9:00 a.m.

Church Leaf Collection Day

Saturday, December 3 (Rain Date: December 10 at 1:00 p.m.)

9:00 a.m., Plaza

The House and Grounds Committee is sponsoring a leaf collection day. We will meet on the Front Plaza and then disperse around the outside of the church. This is a great opportunity for families to come and be good stewards of their time, talents, and resources on behalf the church. A light breakfast of coffee, OJ, and pastries will be available. Please bring your work gloves, rakes, tarps, and other yard tools.

Thanksgiving Offering 2016

Deadline: Sunday, December 4

The Thanksgiving Offering will be designated to Oak Grove Elementary School to provide food for the students over the holidays. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Any undesignated checks will be applied to your pledge.

CBF Season of Prayer for Global Missions & Christmas Offering

Deadline: January 1

This offering is the primary way CBF field personnel are funded, making your gifts an essential part of spreading the Gospel and meeting physical needs in the world. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. You may also visit www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving to give online.

2017 Flower Calendar Sign Up

Sundays, December 4, 11, & 18

Anyone wishing to contribute altar flowers for a Sunday should see Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604) in the Upper Commons following worship on the above dates. The cost is \$85.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 a.m., Reception Room

Reservations are required.

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 p.m., LC #102

FLO (For Ladies Only) Afternoon Tea

Friday, December 9

12:00 p.m., Jefferson Hotel

This trip is open to all women!

Please contact Liz (ecseward@aol.com) to see if spaces are still available. Please advise if you would like to carpool from the Church's North Parking Lot at 11:30 a.m.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Advent/Christmas Choral Concert

Sunday, December 11

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Handel's *Messiah* Part 1

Please note our new ticketing process through Eventbrite; Reserve your free tickets at www.rrcb.org/messiah

The Comma Club Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 13

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be served prior to the program and costs \$10. The ladies of the Lydia Class will be our guests for their annual Christmas Luncheon. Do you have a holiday ornament or a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation? Bring it with you and plan to share your story! If you would like to attend, please make your reservation by Friday, December 9 by calling the church office or filling out the form Online (www.rrcb.org/seniors). This group is open to all ages; "senior" is not a requirement.

WMU Connectors

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m., Home of Peggy Stevens

All women interested in missions and fellowship are invited to attend the Christmas party and program. For more information please call Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320.

News in the Pews ~ If you look in the pew racks on Sunday morning, you will find the two-sided card inviting your participation in the upcoming ADVENTure Lunch and Christmas Stores. This month's card is the third in a planned series designed to reach members and visitors in the pews, lifting awareness and inviting participation in missions activities, educational programming, and church family events. You'll continue to find offering envelopes, the Stephen Ministry card, and a list of our missions causes directly behind the "news" card. For more information about these and all events, visit www.rrcb.org or read below.

Christmas Eve Family Service

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

(please note the earlier start time)

Lessons & Carols

Reading of the Christmas Story

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anthems by the Carol, Crusader,

Youth, and Youth Handbell Choirs

Missions Offering: Please bring non-perishable goods wrapped in white paper.

Childcare not provided

Christmas Eve Service of

Candlelight & Holy Communion

Saturday, December 24

11:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Meditation by Dr. Daniel E. Glaze

Anthems by the Chancel Choir and the Chancel Bell Choir

The service will be preceded by music for organ and handbells beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sermon by Daniel Glaze

No Sunday School

Childcare not provided

THE STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY REPORT from this summer's work by Dr. Tom Melzoni and Horizons Stewardship is available by contacting the Church Office. You may request a digital copy or hard copy. The report contains observations, statistical information, survey results and analysis, and recommendations. If you have questions or suggestions regarding stewardship, please direct them to Bill Rusher (*brusher@rjafc.org* or 804-285-1087), Chair of the Stewardship Committee. Questions and suggestions related to the endowment fund should go to Ransone Hartz (*hartzhomes@comcast.net* or 804-754-1111), Chair of the Endowment Board.

Fellowship Fund—Every fellowship collection on Sunday is quickly used at the beginning of the week based on requests we receive weekly for assistance. In the third quarter of 2016, our congregation contributed over \$7,000 (over \$25,000 for the year). Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online (*www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving*).

Folks who are bolded are additions or changes from last week's list.



AT HOME: Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Sam Nixon, **Jackson Savedge**, Betty Rose Sexton, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, Mary Lee Stark, **Beth Stuhlman**, Mac Taylor

IN HEALTHCARE: Jean Eubank - The Hermitage, Eunice Garrett - Morningside, Mary Lib Grizzard - Westminster, Mary Haydon - The Crossings at University Park, Charlotte Ladd - Lakewood, Ann Moss—Westminster, Martha & Bob Younger - Westminster

IN ASSISTED LIVING: Jane Budwell - Beth Sholom; Ellis Cunningham - Elmcroft Assisted Living; Mary Gauldin - Our Lady of Hope; Jeanette Gholston - Chestnut Grove Assisted Living; Lovell Glasco - Lakewood; Sue Kalbaugh - Gayton Terrace; June Lane - Lakewood; Sarah MacLellan - Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community (Culpeper, VA); Clayton Marr - Our Lady of Hope; Vivian Mathews St. Mary's Woods; Mary Noble—Cedarfield; Gloria & Doug Pace - The Memory Center Richmond; John Pearson - Lakewood; Merle Showalter—Lakewood; Mary Shreve - Spring Arbor Assisted Living; Sandy Thornton - Sanders Health Care Center (Gloucester, VA); Kemp West - The Hermitage

IN REHABILITATION: Jerry Crute - Westport Manor, Janet Currie - Beaufont Rehab & Healthcare

CONGRATULATIONS to Katie and Tim Merritt upon the birth of their son, Oliver Byron Merritt, on November 18, and to big brother Owen. The proud grandparents are Laura Lee and Ted Chandler.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Pat and Don Powell on the death of Pat's brother William "Bill" Edwards in Athens, Georgia on November 24.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Judy Morris and family upon the death of Judy's beloved aunt Eloise Ridgeway who lived to 106 years old, and passed away peacefully at Lakewood Manor on November 23.

Calendar Events

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 p.m.: Children's Choirs
6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Program, Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.: Chancel Bell Choir, Bell Room; Member Engagement Committee, LC #104; Stewardship Committee, Parlor

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m.: FIXERS, Reception Room
7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, December 2

9:00 a.m.: Church Christmas Decorating, Narthex

Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m.: Middle Schoolers to RCFN Christmas Stores
9:00 a.m.: Church Leaf Collection Day, Plaza

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m.: Family Handbell Choir, Bell Room; Inquirers' Class, Youth Area
9:20 a.m.: Children's Choirs Makeup Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School
11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.: Reception, Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m.: Coordinating Council, UC #228
4:15 p.m.: Youth Handbell Choir, Bell Room
5:00 p.m.: Youth Choir, Youth Choir Room
5:45 p.m.: Youth Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m.: Youth Music, Youth Area
6:45 p.m.: Youth Program, Youth Area
7:00 p.m.: Board of Missions, Assembly Room

Monday, December 5

6:30 p.m.: Deacons' Dinner & Meeting, Fellowship Hall