

**e-Spire Headlines**

Headlines that are underlined are linked to our website for more information.


Dearest RRCB Family,

You continue to amaze me with your warm welcome, enthusiastic support, and energetic response. I am so honored to be your pastor.

My first week was full of preaching, meetings, more sermon writing, phone calls, folks stopping by, and trying to get my office situated. It's cliché, but the feeling of taking a sip from a firehose seems apt here. There is so much new to learn—including learning your name! (Remind me over and over and over...)

This Advent, a season of expectancy and anticipation, will be even more special for the Glazes. We're eager to welcome Christ into this world and into our lives alongside you. Thanks for your patience as we settle in and become engaged in the life of this wonderfully loving congregation.

Happy Advent!



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**Worship**

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Service of Worship & Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2016**  
**11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

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**Wednesday Night Dinner &  
Programs**

**December 7**

**December 14**

**January 4, 2017**

[Christmas Carol Sing-  
A-Long](#)  
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Starlight Service of  
Remembrance  
6:30 p.m., Chapel

Epiphany Service  
6:45 p.m., Chapel  
*Reservations open;  
Standing Reservations  
available soon*

Dinner reservations are **required** and must be made by **11AM on Monday** mornings. (Scroll to the bottom of the [post](#) to find the sign up form.)



## Upcoming Events

### [Children & Youth Activities](#) [December 2016](#)

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### [Advent & Christmastide](#) [Services & Events](#)

- [Advent Devotions](#)
  - [Christmas Eve Services](#)
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### [Church Christmas Decorations](#)

**Outside Christmas Decorations**  
**Friday, December 2**  
**9:00 a.m., Narthex**

**Decorations Take Down**  
**Wednesday, December 28**  
**9:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

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[Church Leaf Collection Day](#)  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**8:30 a.m., Plaza**

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[2017 Flower Calendar](#)  
**Sundays, December 4, 11, & 18**  
**12:15 p.m., Upper Commons**

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[Men's Fellowship Breakfast](#)  
**Tuesday, December 6**  
**7:00 a.m., Reception Room**

[Evening Bridge](#)  
**Tuesday, December 6**  
**7:30 p.m., LC #102**

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**Reservations required.**

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[FLO Afternoon Tea](#)  
**Friday, December 9**  
**12:00 p.m., Jefferson Hotel**

This event is open to all women. Please contact Liz Seward to see if any spaces

are still available.

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*E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*  
**Advent & Christmas Choral Concert**  
**River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra**  
**Sunday, December 11**  
**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Handel's *Messiah* - Advent/Christmas portion  
Please note our new ticketing process through Eventbrite: [click here to reserve your free tickets for this concert!](#)

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**The Comma Club Christmas Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, December 13**  
**12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Sign up [online](#) by December 9.

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**WMU Connectors**  
**Tuesday, December 13**  
**7:00 p.m., Home of Peggy Stevens**

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*E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*  
**St. Olaf Choir**  
**Friday, February 3**  
**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Northfield, Minnesota  
Anton Armstrong, director

**Ticketed Event:** [Tickets are ONLY available online through St. Olaf Concert.](#)  
Since this concert is likely to sell out months in advance, tickets will not be available at the door.



## Stewardship

**Thoughtful Giving:** *For Such a Time as This*

- [Testimony by Libby Grammer](#) (11/20/16)
- [Sermon "Christian Stewardship" by Tom Graves](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Chester Phelps](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Dan Bagby](#) (11/6/16)
- [Testimony by Bob Gallagher](#) (10/30/16)
- [Mission Vision: Thoughtful Giving](#) (10/30/16)



# Missions

## 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, or you may contribute online.

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## CBF Season of Prayer for Global Missions and Christmas Offering 2016

**Deadline: January 1, 2017**

[Click here](#) for more information including a video by CBF. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. If you would like to make a contribution online, please select "Global Missions." Any undesignated checks will be applied to your pledge.

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## Micah Opportunities and Needs - Fall 2016

### **Service:**

- Classroom assistance and one-on-one tutoring
- Office assistance
- Food backpack distribution on Friday afternoons

### **Donations:**

- Children's book drive
- Clothing
- Bikes

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## Rejoice & Give Thanks

### Campaign Updates

- [Sound Update Fall 2016](#) (09/06/16)
  - [Photo Galleries](#) (updated 09/06/16)
  - [New Sound, Old Sound](#) (06/15/16)
  - [Summer 2016 Update](#) (06/01/16)
  - [Spring 2016 Update](#) (03/01/16)
  - [Winter 2015 Update](#) (12/01/15)
  - [Fall 2015 Update](#) (09/01/15)
  - [New Organ Console Delivery](#) (06/09/15)
  - [Piano Refurbishment Project](#) (02/09/15)
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## Church Information

Minister On Call

### **The Personnel Committee offers the following related to staff appreciation:**

On Sunday, November 27, 2016, we celebrated the arrival of a new pastor and started a new phase in the life of River Road Church, Baptist. While we are excited about this time of possibility, we also want to pause and think about the year we have just completed.

During this year we have been without a full-time pastor, but we have continued to have beautiful worship services, minister to the sick, help the poor, and provide community and support to those in our congregation going through the transitions of life. We have continued to enjoy beautiful music, educate our children about our faith, and carry on the traditions of our church.

This would not have been possible without the work of our talented and dedicated staff. We have been blessed to have our staff. We would also like to thank their spouses for their patience and understanding during this transition.

The Personnel Committee and the congregation wanted to say a formal "thank you" for all the staff has done this year and therefore held a reception after church on November 20, 2016 in their honor. We know that staff members had to take on a little more, think a little differently, and figure out how to get things done working as a part of the ministry team.

The Personnel Committee, on behalf of the congregation, thanks each member of the staff for your exceptional efforts and hard work during this interim period. We look forward to continuing God's work together in the future.

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### **2016 Contributions**

Please [click here](#) to carefully read the important dates and information regarding end of the year contributions.

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### **Financial Statements**

Financial Statements have been mailed. Please take the time to review your statement to ensure your contributions have been properly designated. If you have any questions regarding your statement please email LeAnne Lane ([leannelane@rrcb.org](mailto:leannelane@rrcb.org)) or setup a meeting with her. You may also check your statement online through [Access ACS](#) throughout the year.

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### **Stewardship Discovery Report**

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.

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### **Fellowship Fund**

In the third quarter of 2016, our congregation contributed over \$7,000 (over \$25,000 for the year) helping over 120 people and their families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support and donations. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online ([www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving](http://www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving)).

For more information on the Endowment Fund match, online giving, and the Fellowship Fund, [click here](#).

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### Pastor's Blog

- [Handel's Messiah - Our Messiah](#) by Bob Gallagher
  - [Thanks Giving](#) by Chester Phelps
  - [Children Will Listen](#) by Kim Crowley
  - [Something That Never Goes Out of Style](#) by Bert Browning
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### Glimpses of Faith

#### Four most recent stories:

- ["Ubi caritas" by Duruflé](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Glimpses Across Liminal Thresholds](#) by C. Page Highfill
- ["Agnus Dei" from Duruflé Requiem](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Wonderful Words of Life from Mike](#) by Nancy Brown

Share your faith story with us through written words, poetry, art, or other media, and we'll share it with others who may grow from it.

To see an invitation from Dan Bagby, for more information about your submission, and to find the full list of stories click [here](#).

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### Happy Birthday!

#### December 1

Willy Carter, Art Nelson, Greta Van Tiem, Janice Whitaker

#### December 2

James Gray, Helen Halloran, Katie Hyman, Barbara Laughon, Cindy McGuire, Elizabeth Seward, Lily Slatton

#### December 3

Kristen Cook, Erin Early, Lucy Gray, Kate Knerr, Shelly Morris, Seth Roberts

#### December 4

Josh Newsome, Sharon Savage

#### December 5

Tom Berry

#### December 6

Catie Burkett, John Chewning, Andrew Price, Lucy Thornton

#### December 7

Jillian Klase, Keith Phillips, Susan Vaughan

#### December 8

Nell Bailey, Dave Bayford, Matt Netherwood

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## Happy Anniversary!

### December 2

Marilene & Harold Sheppard - 26 years

### December 8

Kathy & Berry Fowler - 43 years

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## Church Family Information

*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**, 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.

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## Calendar of Events

***If you have an event or meeting planned at the church, please contact Cassandra Ducca to schedule it on the calendar.***

### Thursday, December 1

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Monday, December 5

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

### Friday, December 2

### Tuesday, December 6

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

7:00 a.m.: Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast, Reception Room  
7:30 p.m.: Evening Bridge, LC #102

### **Wednesday, December 7**

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle,  
Reception Room  
4:45 p.m.: River Road Camerata,  
Choir Room  
5:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Dinner,  
Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m.: Children's Choirs  
6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night  
Program, Sanctuary; Chancel Bell  
Choir, Bell Room  
6:45 p.m.: Voice for Life, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m.: Youth Choir Makeup  
Rehearsal, Choir Room

### **Thursday, December 8**

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room

*Key: LC - Lower Commons | UC - Upper Commons | CH - Chapel Hall*

The Chapel is open for prayer, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Stay Connected



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