

Happy Thanksgiving!

e-Spire Headlines

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

[A Word from Your New Pastor, Daniel Glaze](#)

Dearest RRCB family,

November is now here, and in a few short [days] I will join you as your pastor. To say that I am excited about the journey we have before us is a tremendous understatement!

As we finish up our ministry here in North Carolina, my family and I have surely felt your prayers for us. This goodbye hasn't been easy, and your prayers, notes, and phone calls have sustained our spirits. Thank you.

November is the time when we naturally turn our thoughts to the blessings we enjoy and our thankfulness to God for all the grace and love in our lives. This year, I am particularly grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ alongside such a faithful and loving family at River Road.

Please continue to pray for our family as we joyfully pray for you.

In love and thanksgiving,
Daniel Glaze

[Click here and scroll to the bottom of the post to watch a welcome video with Daniel.](#)



Worship

[First Sunday of Advent](#)
[Service of Worship](#)
Sunday, November 27, 2016
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sermon by Daniel Glaze



Wednesday Night Dinner &

Programs

November 30
[Q&A with Daniel Glaze,](#)
[facilitated by Dan](#)
[Bagby](#)
6:30 p.m., Fellowship
Hall

December 7
Christmas Carol Sing-
A-Long
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Chancel

December 14
Starlight Service of
Remembrance
6:30 p.m., Chapel

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.)

- [Follow up to November 16 program.](#)



Upcoming Events

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

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

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

[ADVENTure Lunch](#) Sunday, November 27 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Don't forget to bring your donation for the Church Hill Christmas Store.

[The Comma Club](#) Tuesday, November 29 9:30-3:30 p.m., Blackstone, VA

Please call the church office to see if there are any spaces available on the bus.

[FIXERS](#) Thursday, December 1 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

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

Church Leaf Collection Day

Saturday, December 3
8:30 a.m., Plaza

2017 Flower Calendar

Sundays, December 4, 11, & 18
12:15 p.m., Upper Commons

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, December 6
7:00 a.m., Reception Room

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, December 6
7:30 p.m., LC #102

Reservations required.

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.

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!](#)

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

Church Hill Christmas Store

Deadline: Sunday, November 27

Please deliver your donations to the Missions Tables in the Upper or Lower Commons, or bring them to the ADVENTure Lunch after worship on November 27 for a teachable moment with our children. [Click here for more information.](#)

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.

Micah Opportunities and Needs - Fall 2016

Service:

- Classroom assistance and one-on-one tutoring
- Office assistance
- Food backpack distribution on Friday afternoons
- Sharing your career on Career Day (November 21)

Donations:

- Children's book drive
- Clothing
- Bikes



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 \(02/09/15\)](#)



Church Information

Minister On Call

November 23-27

Libby Grammer ~ (804) 229-6163

The Personnel Committee offers the following related to staff appreciation:

On Sunday, November 27, 2016, we will celebrate the arrival of a new pastor and start 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.

Financial Statements

Financial Statements were mailed last week. 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) or setup a meeting with her. You may also check your

statement online through [Access ACS](#) throughout the year.

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.

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).

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

Pastor's Blog

- [Thanks Giving](#) by Chester Phelps
 - [Children Will Listen](#) by Kim Crowley
 - [Something That Never Goes Out of Style](#) by Bert Browning
 - [Ministry v. Shopkeeping](#) by Libby Grammer
-

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](#).

Happy Birthday!

November 23

William Sheppard, Erik Woodworth, Martha Younger

November 24

Alexander Abbott; Thomas Arrington Jr.; Diane Beirne; Christopher Booth; Elizabeth Collier; Stephen Hart;

November 27

Audrey Bayford, Mary Collier, Kenneth Govoruhk, Audrey Harris, Sydney Payne, Susan Phillips

November 28

Laura Domyan, Sean Farmer, Katherine Maloney, William Stanton

Sandra Marshall; Jon Williams

November 25

Jerry Booth Jr.; Laura Lee Chandler;
Kaitlyn Depew

November 26

William Freeman, Jess McLaughlin,
Michael Price, Ella Ryan, Emily
Sheppard, Lucille Strauss

November 29

Libby Grammer, Reid Hart, Barbara
Holdren, Randall Horne, Pattie
Powell

November 30

Jessica Baker, James Southerland

December 1

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

Happy Anniversary!

November 23

Al & Carolyn Whitley - 51 years

November 25

Steve & Betsy Lowery - 38 years

November 24

Brent & Judy Pennington - 37 years

November 27

John & Sharon Wake - 40 years

Church Family Information

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

AT HOME: Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Sam Nixon, 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.

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, November 24

Church Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m.: Family Handbell Choir, Bell Room
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.: ADVENTure Lunch, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.: College Care Package Packing, Youth Area
6:00 p.m.: Youth Choir, Youth Choir Room

Monday, November 28

9:15 a.m.: Joyful Hearts, LC #102
5:45 p.m.: Yoga, Assembly Room
7:00 p.m.: Endowment Board, Parlor

Tuesday, November 29

The Comma Club to Blackstone, VA

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle, Reception Room
4:30 p.m.: Stephen Ministry, Parlor
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, Fellowship Hall; Chancel Bell Choir, Bell Room
7:30 p.m.: Member Engagement Committee, LC #104

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m.: FIXERS, Reception Room
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



8000 River Road, Richmond, VA 23229

804-288-1131 ~ info@rrcb.org

www.rrcb.org ~ rejoice.rrcb.org ~ www.rrcb.org/pastorsearch