

Announcements

FOR OUR GUESTS: We invite you to visit our Welcome Table today in the Narthex (Lobby) for information about the life and ministries of Rivermont. A member of our Hospitality Team will be there to greet you and answer your questions.

PARKING AND OUR NEIGHBORS: With the blessings of wondrous attendance on Sunday mornings, one practical challenge each Lord’s Day is parking. We occasionally block a neighbor’s driveway or damage a yard. Memphis Avenue, which runs parallel to Rivermont Avenue and perpendicular to Quinlan Street has become a recent concern. We are asking that no one park on Memphis Avenue. Graciously, Randolph College allows us the use of three parking lots: Maier Museum and the Upper Gym lot (accessed from Quinlan) and the Lower Gym Lot (accessed from Norfolk Avenue). Please serve one another in love and respect our neighbors by allowing a little extra time on Sunday mornings and by parking in designated areas. We have posted a parking map on our website (www.rivermont.org/parking-map), which highlights the available parking for Sunday mornings.

YOUTH NEWS:

6:36: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, May 15th. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

LADIES NIGHT: Attention Ladies! Next Sunday, May 20 at 4:30 pm all 6th - 12th grade girls and **all youth moms** are invited to an evening of art and fellowship! Light refreshments will be served and the ladies will participate in making a craft led by Heather Hall.

20-SOMETHINGS will meet tonight, May 13 at 7:00 pm in Country Gardens (House behind the church). We will discuss Psalm 103 which praises God for His glorious character and many blessings!

60 PLUS/MINUS: All those who are 60+/-! Please join us for our Annual Indoor Picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 16th at noon. In addition to lots of fun, we’ll have fried chicken with all the fixin’s and double- or triple-scoop ice cream cones! Invite a church member who has not attended our 60+/- luncheons and show them how much fun we have! Please remember to **sign up by noon Monday, May 14** on the sign-up sheet by the Library or by calling the church office at 846-3441.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY! This summer, the Women's Country Gardens Summer Study will be “The Lamb Of God,” a study of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy by Nancy Guthrie, led by Heather Hall, Christy Murphy, Susan Pettyjohn, April Weber and Eleanor Webb. This study involves a video teaching with discussion afterward. There is an optional study book available for purchase. Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00 until 8:30 pm in Country Gardens from May 17th through July 19th. This study is designed so that you can come and go amidst your summer travels. More information is available on the church website under the Women's Ministry tab. **At this time, childcare will not be offered.** Any questions, email Eleanor Webb at etwebb@gmail.com.

THE NEXT HOUSEKEEPER'S COMMITTEE WORKDAY will be on Friday, May 18 at 9:00 am. Weather permitting, we'll work outside. Everyone is welcome! Bring gloves and clippers!

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, May 21 at 10:30 am in the Library. We welcome all caregivers to attend for support and prayer.

COLLEGE HOUR will resume on Sunday, June 3 and will continue throughout the summer. It will be held in "Rivermont A," which is downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall. In addition to Sunday morning's gathering, there will be other times of connection and learning offered this summer by the Campus Outreach staff. We look forward to helping you make the most of your summer break.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COUNTDOWN: Like our VBS Facebook page so you can keep up with announcements (<https://www.facebook.com/REPC2018VBS>). Volunteers, remember to register your children and let us know if you will need nursery care for your younger ones. Online registration is available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/repc2018>. Volunteers are still needed. (Note: students who are completing sixth grade this spring are welcome to volunteer.) **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Aiken

RECUPERATING: Will Jenkins, Erle Thompson, Peggy Weymouth

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20: **Head Deacon:** Tod Matthews
Assistant Deacon: Larry Langhans **Morning Only:** Kelly Crawford
8:30 Guild Members: David Dinsmore, Mark Faulconer, Mike Straw, Alec Terrell
11:00 Guild Members: Lucy Harris, Scooter Harris, David Head

ATTENDANCE MAY 6: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 336; 11:00 service: 333.
 Total: 669. Sunday School For Children Only: 156.

2018 GRADUATES: It’s that time again! We are collecting names for our annual graduate list. If you have a 2018 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school), email donna@rivermont.org or call the church office at 846-3441 with the graduate’s name, school, degree/diploma, and future plans (if known). The list will be published in our June 3 bulletin. Deadline for inclusion is May 28.

Calendar

<p>Sunday, May 13: (Mother's Day) 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Rm.) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm El Salvador Meeting (204) 7:00 pm 20-Somethings Class (Country Gardens)</p> <p>Monday, May 14 9:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Preschool Graduation Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room) 5:30 pm Personnel Committee Mtg. (Ron's Office)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 15 (Deadline for Newsletter) 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am HS Girls (Panera) 9:00 am Preschool 11:00 am Preschool Graduation & Celebration / Picnic (Sanctuary / Riverside Park) 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox) 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox) 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 16 9:00 am Preschool (Last Day) 11:00 am Preschool Class Parties 12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm Adult Sunday School Leaders' Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, May 17 9:00 pm Preschool Teacher Workday 7:00 pm Women's Bible Summer Study (Country Gardens)</p> <p>Friday, May 18 9:00 am Housekeeper's Committee Workday</p> <p>Sunday, May 20 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Rm.) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Ladies SNL 6th - 12th graders and all Youth Moms (Fellowship Hall) 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 6:00 pm Missions Service (Chapel / No Nursery)</p>
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Contact Us

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OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE *RENEWING* OF LIVES THROUGH GOD’S *COMPELLING* LOVE IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

Ascension Sunday | *May 13, 2018* | *8:30 & 11:00 AM*

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to spiritually prepare to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Cox

PRELUDE

Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

"Jesus, Only Jesus" Nockels, Tomlin, Stanfill, Redman, Wood

Who has the power to raise the dead? Who can save us from our sin?
 He is our hope, our righteousness: Jesus, only Jesus.
 Who can make the blind to see? Who holds the keys that set us free?
 He paid it all to bring us peace: Jesus, only Jesus.
 Holy King, almighty Lord, saints and angels all adore.
 I join with them and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.
 Who can command the highest praise? Who has the name above all names?
 You stand alone, I stand amazed Jesus, only Jesus.

Maryah Haley – piano

THE SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who did cause the womb of Sarah to conceive in her old age, to establish a people for Yourself, and did raise up Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord from this very people: We pray for Your life-giving power to be brought into the desolation of our souls. We pray where there is death, there will be life, where there is lack, there would be abundance, and where there is mourning, there would be rejoicing. And we pray that all who are here this morning would be numbered among the children of Abraham, through the adoption given to us in Your Son Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forevermore. Amen.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-2, 5 (responsively)

*As a deer pants for flowing streams,
 so pants my soul for You, O God.
 My soul thirsts for God,
 For the living God.
 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
 and why are you in turmoil within me?
 Hope in God;
 for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #647**
"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" ST. PETER

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (vs. 2) DARWALL
Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE
Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30: Pre-K thru First Grade meet in the ORANGE room, #115
11:00: Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114; First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 17 (Page 126)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Hope of Life" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)**
We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

***THE GLORIA:** *"Gloria Patri"* GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end! A—men, A—men!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with
THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)
Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Dan Forrest
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.
Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my True Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
Be my Vision, Lord.

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):**
Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #523**
"My Hope Is In the Lord" WAKEFIELD

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** *"Toccata in G"* Theodore Dubois

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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SERMON NOTES

1. Hope in the promise of life. (vs. 4-7)

2. Hope in the evidence of life. (vs. 8-9)

3. Hope in the sign of life. (vs. 10-11)

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: CAMPUS OUTREACH ALPHA PROJECT

For 10 years, Rivermont EPC has served as the franchise church of Campus Outreach Lynchburg and in that time hundreds of college students have been reached, discipled and equipped for Christ and the church. For many, that spiritual growth will continue into the summer at the inaugural Alpha Project in Virginia Beach. The Alpha Project is an 18-day leadership intensive for college students, which starts May 14 and will be led by Campus Outreach staff. Pray for God to challenge and encourage these students to grow in Christ as leaders for the campus and the church.

PRAYING FOR YOUR MUSLIM FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Starting May 15th, Muslims around the world will fast from sun up to sun down during the month of Ramadan. They believe Ramadan is a heightened spiritual time where daylight fasting, prayers, Quranic meditation and giving to the poor will make them acceptable to God. This is a wonderful time for us to be praying that our Muslim friends, neighbors and communities will meet the living God through Jesus Christ. Middle East Media has provided a Ramadan prayer guide, which you can pick up from our Welcome Table or download from the internet (<https://bit.ly/2rypKZ4>). Thank you for interceding on their behalf.

Prayer Usher Ministry - Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members.