

Announcements

YOUTH NEWS:

636: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, September 19. The guys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am. See you there!

RFN: Come out and hear how Elijah and Elisha, biblical prophets and men of God, faced the same pressures and weaknesses we do, this Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 pm in the Quinlan Room.

FNL: It's time for Friday Night Lights! All 8th grade boys are invited to the Scruggs' home for dinner, games, and fellowship next Friday, September 22 from 6:00-8:00pm. Please let Josh know if your son would like to attend!

CLUB 56: Why are events that happened 500 years ago so important to me and you today? Come and find out at Club 56 on Wednesday, September 20th, at 6:30 pm in the Club 56 Room as we learn about "The Five Solas of the Reformation" and five courageous men who stood up for the gospel they believed in!

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our midweek gathering where we enjoy fellowship and experience growth in Christ. Cost for the meal is \$5 per person (9 and older); \$3 for children (8 and under) with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. The menu for September 20th is Teriyaki Chicken. Make your reservations online at www.rivermont.org, fill out the reservation card and place it in the offering plate, email donna@rivermont.org, or call the church office: 846-3441. **Reservations are mandatory and should be made by noon on Monday, September 18th.**

DAWN PATROL: Join us Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study of the Fall. We will study through the Book of Hebrews, which teaches us how to run with perseverance by keeping our eyes focused on Christ. We will learn how to live by faith trusting in Christ as our perfect Prophet, Priest, and King. Breakfast and coffee will be provided, so come start your day with us in God's Word!

60 PLUS OR MINUS LUNCHEON: We'll kick off our new season for 60 Plus/Minus on Wednesday, September 20th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Laura Hamilton, Exec. Director of Lynchburg Beacon of Hope. The group's efforts have dramatically increased the number of Lynchburg high school seniors seeking continuing education after high school. To make reservations, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the library or call the church office (846-3441) **by noon on Monday, September 18th.**

PRESCHOOL NIGHT AT MAYLYNN'S CREAMERY RESCHEDULED: We have rescheduled our preschool night at MayLynn's to Thursday, September 21st from 5:00 until 9:00 pm! All are invited to enjoy delicious ice cream and fellowship with our church and preschool families. MayLynn's will be donating 10% of the evening proceeds to the preschool.

HELPING HURRICANE VICTIMS: If you would like to contribute to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, we recommend donating to the EPC Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. Go to <https://epc.org/emergencyrelief> and choose "Emergency Relief" from the first pull-down menu and "Hurricane Harvey Relief (506)" from the second pulldown menu. You can also make a check payable to Evangelical Presbyterian Church and designate it to "Hurricane Harvey Relief." Send it to: Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32822. Donations collected will be sent to EPC churches in the greater Houston area affected by the storm.

PLAYGROUND: We are so grateful for our wonderful playground! For safety reasons, we remind you that the equipment is designed for children 6 years and younger. Also, when the preschool children are outside Monday – Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and Tuesday afternoons until 1:00 pm, we ask that they be the only children on the playground.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STRING PLAYERS: We are planning for our Rivermont Youth String Players to participate in a special prelude and postlude at our Hanging of the Greens service that will take place on Sunday evening, December 3rd. Ginger Paris will be leading the group. If you are the parent of a youth who plays the violin, viola, or cello and is interested in participating, please contact Peggy Bettcher at peggy@rivermont.org. All ages and levels are welcome!

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Ron Adams

RECUPERATING: Doris MacIntyre and Erle Thompson

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Betty Shenk in the death of her husband, William "Stephen" Shenk and Kay Felmlee's brother-in-law. Stephen Shenk died September 10 in Richmond. A graveside service was held yesterday in Luray, Virginia.

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear Rivermont Family, Thank you so much for your prayers and other expressions of concern over the past few months during my illness. Your encouragement has meant so much to me.* Maggie Wells

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 310; 11:00: service: 363. Westminster Canterbury Service: 36 Total: 709. Sunday School: 512.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: **Head Deacon:** Mark Smith
Assistant Deacon: Evan Harris **Morning Only:** Jeff Griffith
8:30 am: Ben Reeves, Mike Straw, Rosemary Sulc, Alex Terrell
11:00 am: Lucy Harris, Scooter Harris, David Head, Daniel Lass

Calendar

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship/MFM with Murli Menon
 9:45 am College Hour
 9:45 am GTKR Class
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 11:00 am Worship /MFM with Murli Menon
 12:30 pm Luncheon with Murli Menon (Milano's)
 6:00 pm Mission Service with Murli Menon (Chapel)

Monday, September 18

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Boys' 636 (Biscuitville)
 9:00 am Preschool
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm 60 Plus Lunch (Rivermont Room)
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
 4:15 pm GriefShare (Room 202)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)

Wednesday, September 20 (continued)

4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)
 5:15 pm New Song (301)
 5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 6:30 pm Youth RFN (Q)
 6:30 pm Youth Club 56 (Club 56 Room)
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Prayer Service (Chapel)

Thursday, September 21

9:30 am OASIS
 9:30 am CBS
 5:00 pm Preschool Night at MayLynn's

Friday, September 22

6:00 pm Youth FNL (Scruggs' Home)

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am College Hour
 9:45 am GTKR Class
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Youth SNL 7-12 grade (Peaks View Park)



OUR MISSION

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

September 17, 2017

8:30 AM ↔ 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.)

PRELUDE:

"Come to Jesus"

Julia Sansone, piano

Chris Rice

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die,
 O, raise your head, for love is passing by. Come to Jesus and live!
 Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,
 And precious blood has washed away the stain. So sing to Jesus and live!
 And like a newborn baby – don't be afraid to crawl.
 And remember when you walk sometimes you fall. So fall on Jesus and live!
 Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain.
 So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then cry to Jesus and live!
 And when the love spills over and music fills the night,
 And when you can't contain your joy inside, then dance for Jesus and live!
 And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye,
 Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side. And fly to Jesus and live!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the faint-hearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shane Whelan

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading!

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

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*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God be the Glory"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"There is a Redeemer" (v. 2)

Melody Green

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'till the work on earth is done.

*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: First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115;
Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:13-15 (page 984)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Freedom From Sin"

Dr. 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: "Praise and Glory to the Father"

REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

A MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Murli Menon

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:

"Teach Me Your Way, O Lord"

The Sanctuary Choir

Lloyd Larson

Teach me Your way, O Lord, teach me Your way.
Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way.
Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;
Lead me in heav'nly light, teach me Your way.
When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way.
When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way.
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me Your way!
When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way.
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me Your way.
Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief, and pain;
Make now my pathway plain, make my pathway plain.
Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way.
Where'er my lot is cast, teach me Your way.
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me Your way.
Lord, teach me Your way.

*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):

O Lord, our gracious God, out of gratitude for Your grace to us in Jesus Christ, we give ourselves to You: all we have, all we are, all we hope to be. We pray that You will use these offerings; and that You will use us - our talents, our energies, our time and our possessions - for Your glory, for the strengthening of Your church, and for carrying forth Your mission at home and around the world. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Before the Throne of God Above"

BEFORE THE THRONE

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Gigue from English Suite No. 4"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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. All prayer requests are confidential.

SERMON NOTES

1. We must trust Christ to overcome the death of sin.

2. We must trust Christ to pay the debt of sin.

3. We must trust Christ to defeat the domain of sin.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: MURLI & USHA MENON

Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Cultural Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders, and cares for underprivileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders and children in group homes. Also pray for an end to the record drought the state of Tamil Nadu is experiencing. IOHI must purchase 15,000 gallons of water a day to sustain their work. This has been a drain on their budget. To hear more about Murli's ministry, please join us for lunch at Milano's today at 12:30 pm.

SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT

MISSION SERVICE

With Murli Menon

TONIGHT at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

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