

Announcements

COMMUNITY COOKOUT: Please join Sports Outreach for their Community Cookout being held on October 8th at 5:30 pm on the The HumanKind Campus (150 Linden Ave, Lynchburg). Featured will be global leaders from Kenya, Uganda, Mexico and El Salvador. No need to RSVP – just bring a covered dish!

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: All 9th through 12th grade students are invited to the Whelan home tonight at 6 pm for Sunday Night Live! Come for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Dinner will be provided!

636: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, October 10. The girls will join Ciera at Panera 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, October 11, at 6:30 pm in the Q.

FNL: All 8th grade girls are invited to the home of Michael and Heather Hall for dinner, games, and fellowship this Friday, October 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please let Josh know if your daughter would like to attend!

Corn Maze: All 7th and 8th grade students are invited a trip to Layman Family Farm corn maze on Saturday, October 21! We plan to depart at 9:00 am and return at 3:00 pm. Sign up on the Youth Welcome Table.

Barn Bash: All 9th through 12th grade students are invited to join Shane for a time of fun and fellowship at the Bradners' barn from 6:00-9:00pm on Saturday, October 21! Dinner will be provided. Don't miss this awesome event!

CLUB 56: Come join us at Club 56 this Wednesday, October 11th, 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!

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER NIGHT: Please join us for preschool night at Mi Patron at Village Courts Shopping Center on Tuesday, October 10th, anytime from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. 10% of all proceeds will be donated to our preschool!

CIRCLE 1 will meet Tuesday, Oct.10th, in the church library from 10:00 am until noon. Please join us as we look into the life of Mary, using as our text Luke 1:26-38, 46-56.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: The menu for our RFN dinner on October 11th is pork BBQ sandwiches. 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, October 9th.**

COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON: Join us Sunday, October 15 after the 11:00 am worship service for a missionary luncheon in Country Gardens featuring Steve & Joan Tinsley and Paul & RG Sydnor. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert that is enough to share with another family.

60 PLUS/MINUS is a program for all church seniors and visitors! Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Bruce Bell will be sharing some of the highlights of his Reformation Tour which commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. He will speak about its causes, effects and what it means to us reformed believers today. Margaret Smith will also share her photos from the trip.

PRAISE AND PREPARATION: We praise God that Mike Palombo and Shane Whelan are approaching ordination and Pastor Weber will soon be installed as our Senior Pastor. In preparation for a tremendous celebration for our church, look forward to a full day of worship and fellowship on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Beyond the blessings of morning worship, we'll enjoy a reception in the afternoon (4:00-5:45 pm), and three of our ministry partners will be ordained and/or installed during worship at 6:00 pm.

NEED FOR FURNITURE: A family being helped by No Walls Ministry is in need of furniture. Specifically, they need 4 twin beds, 1 queen bed (frame and box), and 2 dressers. If you have any or all of these items, please contact Andy Flowers at 660-1186.

Announcements (Cont.)

THE MEALS TEAM FOR NEW MOMS is looking for more volunteers to help provide yummy meals for new moms in our congregation. The commitment is minimal, but the impact on these moms and their families is great. Please contact Natasha Yeoman at (860) 377-7721 or tasha.yeoman@gmail.com for further details.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Patricia Hylton

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 290; 11:00: service: 331. Total: 621. Sunday School: 459.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15: **Head Deacon:** Eric Kistler
Assistant Deacon: Dan Schepens **Morning Only:** Mary Byrd Denham
8:30 am: Terry Beckloff, Chris Burch, Sherwood Day, Paul Denham
11:00 am: Sam Rose, Andrew Shields, Brad Weaver, Ryan Webb

Calendar

Sunday, October 8

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 Westminster Canterbury Service
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm GTKR Connection Dinner (Eubanks')
 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Whelans' Home)

Monday, October 9

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 5:00 pm Personnel Committee Mtg. (Ron's Office)

Tuesday, October 10

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Girls (Panera on Old Forest Road)
 9:00 am Preschool
 9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
 10:00 am Circle #1 (Library)
 5:00 pm Rivermont Preschool Night (Mi Patron)
 5:30 pm MSC
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)

Wednesday, October 11 (continued)

4:15 pm GriefShare (Room 202)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
 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 Youth RFN (Q)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 12

9:30 am CBS
 9:30 am OASIS
 5:30 pm Adm. Committee Mtg (Conference Rm)

Friday, October 13

6:00 pm Youth FNL (Hall Home)

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 11:00 am Worship
 12:30 pm Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm Mission Service (Chapel)

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David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
 Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR
 Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF COMMUNITY & OUTREACH
 Mike Palombo | DIRECTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
 Peggy Bettcher | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY
 Shane Whelan | DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES
 Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES
 Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
 Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH
 Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR



OUR MISSION

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

October 8, 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: **"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"** arr. Richard Blake

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
 Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?
 All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
 Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and eternal God, who sent Your only-begotten Son to be the Savior of the world: make Your salvation known to the ends of the earth, that in every word, illumine and make glad the hearts of all who serve You in Your church. Grant us, and all Your people in Christ, the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; comfort us all by the presence of Him who is Immanuel, God with us; that we may faithfully serve You, following Christ our Savior all our days, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Eubank**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 46:1-7 (responsively)**
*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
 Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
*The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.
 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #156**
"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" ST. THEODULPH

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs 1 & 3) TOWNSEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory!

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

***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:

(11:00)

The Cherub Choir

"This Little Light of Mine" arr. Anna Laura Page

Whitney Palombo - Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

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 3:1-11 (page 984)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Union With Christ (Past)"

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:** "Alleluia! Alleluia!" (v. 3)

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

GOD'S GREAT MISSION: Humberto Alferez, Sports Outreach, El Salvador

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: The Sanctuary Choir

"Set Me As a Seal" Rene Clausen

(Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

***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: #520**
"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" GERMANY

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** "To God Be the Glory" arr. John Carter

*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. Union with Christ in the past means freedom from guilt.

2. Union with Christ in the past means freedom from the law.

3. Union with Christ in the past means freedom to new life.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: SPORTS OUTREACH

Through God's compelling love, Sports Outreach looks to restore hope, build trust, empower lives and transform communities in Africa, Latin America and North America through sports outreach. (teaching/discipleship, training, feeding, public health and church planting) This week, their global ministry directors (Humberto Alferez-El Salvador, Francis Juma-Kenya, Robert Katende-Uganda, Aloysius Kyazze-N. Uganda, Tim Wood-Mexico) are in town for meetings with the SOI staff and partner churches/individuals. Pray for productive meetings as well as good times of relational engagement. If you would like to hear more about their ministries, come to the Community Cookout being held tonight at Humankind (see bulletin announcement for info).

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