

HEART TO HEART

Well folks we are seeing some lives changed through God's Word and His Spirit. We have a tremendous Winter and Spring planned at Riverdale. We have some wonderful guest preachers coming as well. It is getting harder and harder to get inside a person's life these days. But when anyone will give the Holy Spirit access, whenever anyone YIELDS to Jesus, good things begin to happen. And that is what we are about as a church. We are here to help folks make progress in a genuine walk with Jesus Christ. For all who read this who may not currently attend a church regularly, Riverdale Baptist is starting fresh this Winter and Spring. Our Pastor Search Committee will be looking for a pastor called of God to help this church fulfill its Vision for the Valley and the Community. But even before that God-called man arrives, we have gospel work to do.

I look forward to completing the short series on the Gospel-Centered Life. And I look forward to preaching this Spring. We will cover some passages about the Church and its mission. The Cross of Christ compels us; the condition of people in our Valley is not getting better; we have a CALLING from God here at Riverdale. Your participation and support is a response to that CALL.

This Winter/Spring in the Pastors Sunday School class, we will finish our study of the Old Testament and begin a thirteen-week study of the life of Jesus Christ. We are in the middle of going through the whole Bible in three years! I invite you to join us (and others) each Sunday for coffee at 9:30 AM and our group Bible study at 9:45 AM. We meet right next to the kitchen! Those who know me, know I like that! We would LOVE to meet you and get to know you. There is great joy in friendship in the body of Christ. See you in God's house this Winter and Spring.

Pastor Michael Palmer

Dear Friends,

When is God in control, always, sometimes, or never? Of course we as Christians would say always, however today's generation can at times lean towards sometimes at best and sadly some would say there is no God. Our church has been blessed with youth that continue to ask questions (this is a good thing), serve, worship, and mature in their walk with Jesus. Please pray for the youth to have an open mind for the Gospel to reach their hearts and how God can use you to build up the teens.

The youth group has had a fun spirit filled start to the new year. Our trip to the nursing home was special as always as we were blessed to pray with several of the residents. In that spirit, we have planned out the upcoming months. One of the highlights is the Valley Student Conference (March 24/25) at First Baptist Church Roanoke. I pray that this will be a time that the youth can become closer to God.

If you have any questions, please call, text, or email me.

God Bless, Buck

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THE HALFHEARTED VOLUNTEER

A man told Jesus in Luke 9:61: "I will follow you Lord, but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." This illustrates perfectly our dilemma today. We are so preoccupied with ourselves, our emotional attachments, and our schedule, that we always put Jesus and His calling for our lives somewhere down a manageable list. We think we are doing okay; after all we did put Him on our list!!! The calling of Jesus is a calling to self-denial. He requires our immediate and full attention. J. Oswald Sanders spoke of several types of discipleship in our continuum of growth: IMPULSIVE, RELUCTANT, HALFHEARTED, and then hopefully DELIBERATE! How would you describe your own current position as a disciple of Christ? Are you moving toward that consistency in applying the Cross to your heart and life? Is Jesus more than an item on "your list" that you hope to get to one day?

Hello Riverdale!

We are always planning for the future and what God would have us to do as we serve Him and His people. Even though it seems like the choir just shared their Christmas offering of worship, we are getting ready to begin preparations for Easter worship. In addition to the music and worship for Easter, I have already heard about VBS prep work beginning with our VBS directors, Melanie Brown and Abbi French. And, of course, we can't forget about Terrific Tuesdays and Thrilling Thursdays which will be returning this summer to teach our children and students about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All of these exciting things are happening in the life of Riverdale. How are you serving? God has called each one of us to serve, and there is no lack of opportunity here! Find a place to plug in, maybe even in an area that will stretch you out of your comfort zone. If you need a place to serve, Pastor Mike, Buck, Melanie, or I would be happy to talk with you and help you find an area of ministry.

In Christ,
Paul French

Happy Anniversary

21. Lee & Missy Dillon
26. Walter & Carolyn Doran

Happy Birthday

06.	Frances
Chisom	18. Charles Boone
07. Dianna Poff	18. Mary Gibson
08. Charlotte Reese	18. Anna Morris
08. Georgianna Stone	19. Ryan Hensley
08. Glenn Welch	21. Lacey Johnson
14. Christopher Bobbitt	24. David Andrews
14. Angela McDaniel	25. Carolyn Doran

NURSERY WORKERS

1st Sunday Becky & David Jones
(Valerie Williams if David is unavailable)
2nd Sunday Christy Welch/Caitlin Morris
3rd Sunday Becky Brown/Rachele McDaniel
4th Sunday Sylvia Nimmo/Anita Ebersole

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All Sundays Melanie Brown

SECURITY

<u>Sunday School</u>	Glenn Welch
<u>Church</u>	<u>1st Sunday</u> Faye Draper
	<u>2nd Sunday</u> John Bouldin/Chris Cannaday
	<u>3rd Sunday</u> Randy McDaniel
	<u>4th Sunday</u> Faye Draper

(Remember if you are a Greeter, you need to be here at 9:15am)

GREETERS

<u>1st Sunday</u>	Leigh/Barton Reynolds
<u>2nd Sunday</u>	Barbara/John Bouldin
<u>3rd Sunday</u>	Becky Brown /Melanie Wilmoth
<u>4th Sunday</u>	Marshall /Scarlett Jenkins

All Sunday on 2nd floor Jimmy Morris

MISSION FRIENDS

<u>1st Sunday</u>	Stacey Smith/Keegan Ashbrook
<u>2nd Sunday</u>	Cathy Martin/Cara Martin
<u>3rd Sunday</u>	Becky Jones/Caitlin Morris
<u>4th Sunday</u>	Barbara Bouldin

RIVERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School 5 – 6:30 YOUTH 5 – 6:30 CHILDREN'S JAM CLUB 6:30 – 7 PRAYER MTG. 7 – 8 CHOIR PRACTICE	2 Groundhog Day Debbie Vacation 9:30 AM BUSY BEES Sewing Ministry each Thursday	3	4 9 am MEN'S BREAKFAST at Metropolitan Bpt. On Sheandoah Ave.
5 9:45 AM Adult Bible Fellowship 11 AM WORSHIP 6 pm Super Bowl Party for Youth	6 Debbie Vacation 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School	7 6:30 pm Pastor Search Comm. Training Mtg.	8 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School 5 – 6:30 YOUTH 5 – 6:30 CHILDREN'S JAM CLUB 6:30 – 7 PRAYER MTG. 7 – 8 CHOIR PRACTICE	9 9:30 AM BUSY BEES Sewing Ministry each Thursday	10	11
12 9:45 AM Adult Bible Fellowship 11 AM WORSHIP LAST LIFE GROUP MTG.	13 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School	14 Valentine's Day Debbie back in office	15 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School 5 – 6:30 YOUTH 5 – 6:30 CHILDREN'S JAM CLUB 6:30 – 7 Bus. Mtg 7 – 8 CHOIR PRACTICE	16 9:30 AM BUSY BEES Sewing Ministry each Thursday	17	18 10 am-5 pm Scrapbooking
19 9:45 AM Adult Bible Fellowship 11 AM WORSHIP LIFE GROUPS MEAL after Worship	20 Presidents Day Pastor Mike Vacation this week 5:30 pm Budget and Finance Com. Mtg.	21	22 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School 5 pm Deacon's Mtg. 5 – 6:30 YOUTH 5 – 6:30 CHILDREN'S JAM CLUB 6:30 – 7 PRAYER MTG. 7 – 8 CHOIR PRACTICE	23 9:30 AM BUSY BEES Sewing Ministry each Thursday	24 6 pm Youth Movie Night	25
26 9:45 AM Adult Bible Fellowship 11 AM WORSHIP Pastor Mike out today	27 3:15-5 pm HWH Elementary 4-5 pm HWH Middle School 6-8 pm Leadership Team Mtg. Work on Valley Outreach Day; Grow Night, Montgomery Village Outreach, Easter	28	Notes:			

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RIVERDALE BAPTIST APPOINTS A PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, January 25, the Riverdale Family appointed a Pastor Search Committee. Their task will be very challenging. Riverdale is entering a new chapter of its life. The Valley and the Community have changed in the last five to ten years. Riverdale will need to have a clear and COMPELLING VISION for the next chapter of its life. People do not attend church anymore because it is the cultural thing to do. That is probably a good thing. Churches exist to make disciples. They need to understand that church attenders are not necessarily genuine disciples of Christ. Churches everywhere are finding that INTENTIONALITY in everything they do matters. In other words, they evaluate everything as to whether it helps the biblical purpose of reaching people and developing people to live for Christ. And in the next chapter, Riverdale needs a pastor that will help the church focus its energies on doing just that. He needs to PREACH WELL, LEAD WELL, AND LOVE WELL. The pastor's job is to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. He is to lead and help develop the various people and ministries to best accomplish the mission of the church. At Riverdale, this is going to require someone with a deep heart for the Lord; the future vision and mission of the church must GRIP HIS HEART. This is not just a job. It is a CALLING. The Pastor Search Committee has a huge responsibility. Pray for them and their work. And pray that the Lord will raise up a man called to THIS CHURCH "for such a time as this!" Riverdale Baptist can develop genuine disciples of Christ through a Valley-Wide outreach and a ministry to this area. In order to make disciples and not just "attenders," the church will need to think what will they do differently than they have done in the past in order to move towards accomplishing this. The next pastor will want to lead the church to do just that! This is a critical time for Riverdale ... PRAY.

Michael Palmer