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The Spotlight



Mark Your Calendar

- 9.4**
Wednesday Night Dinner
And Activities begin
- 9.8-15**
Alma Hunt Offering
- 9.11**
Tailgate Dinner, Children's Games
- 9.13**
Lackey Free Clinic Grand Reopening
- 9.14**
Craft Show to Benefit
Menchville House
- 9.29**
W&M Baptist Collegiate Dinner

Welcome Back!



Pastoral Thought

Friends,

I've always loved the fall. There's the cooler weather. It was nice to get new clothes and fresh school supplies. It was a chance to start new rhythms of life and work. Back to school was always an exciting time of new friends and new things to learn.

Sometimes spiritually we could do with a new start, or a new rhythm, or a new practice. When we got back from vacation I decided to make a little change in my own spiritual practices. There are many churches that do "podcasts." They offer their sermons online. I decided that instead of listening to music during my drive to work I would take the time to listen to a message each day. So far I've been encouraged and challenged by messages by great preachers from several churches.

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It's just a little tweak, a little change, but it's been good to challenge my heart and mind in a new way. Now maybe downloading a podcast is not your thing. Maybe the phrase "downloading a podcast" looks like a foreign language to you. That's okay. There are plenty of other practices and resources out there that can help you to learn and grow in your walk with Christ.

Speaking of new fall rhythms, this past week Leah accepted a job as a 5th grade teacher. We've been blessed that she has been able to stay at home with the kids for the past 6 years, but it seems like now is the time for her to go back to teaching. Please pray for us as we learn the new rhythms that come from her going back to the classroom. It's always a challenge to manage everyone's schedules and needs, but we are excited for the opportunity that she has been given. I hope that God blesses you all as you head into this new season and school year.

Grace and Peace,

Seth

Rev. Seth M. Horrell



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September 2013 NRBC Mission Emphasis —



Lackey Free Clinic
An Outreach of Olivet Medical Ministry

Our mission is to provide skilled, compassionate health care and counseling to the medically disadvantaged in a manner that honors the name of Jesus Christ.

September's Mission Emphasis is the Lackey Free Clinic. The Clinic benefits from the help of over 400 volunteers, who in 2012, devoted more than 19,000 hours of service.

The Lackey Free Clinic is expanding, reaching more people and meeting more needs. Here's the highlights of what Lackey is in the process of:

1. The Clinic is expanding from 4,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft.
2. The expansion will allow the Clinic to see over 1,000 new patients.
3. Physical resources devoted to dental care will quadruple.

Lackey Free Clinic will hold a Grand Reopening on Friday, September 13, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

Please make your monetary donations payable to North Riverside Baptist Church and designate "Lackey" on your mission envelope.



Alma Hunt Offering "it's time to wake up...and be ready to live in the light!"

(Romans 13:11-12)

On September 8-15 Virginia Baptists emphasize the Alma Hunt Offering. This offering is named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unwavering dedication to the cause of Christ, Churches, and individuals. The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through the regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists). When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are claiming God's love for you and acting upon God's command to give and serve.

Through this offering you will be embracing the biblical truth in Romans 13:11-12 (CEV) that **it's time to wake up..and be ready to live in the light!** You may submit your Alma Hunt offering anytime throughout the year using your yellow mission envelope. Our goal is \$4,000.

A Note of Appreciation from Keith and Mila Spaulding:

Dear Seth, Leah, and Congregation,

Thank you so much for the ministry of spirituality, family, and friendship you gave our daughters while attending CNU. You have been there for them in so many ways over the last six years. You opened your hearts and, many of you, your physical homes to them. We can never adequately express our appreciation to all of you for taking them into your church family as well as your immediate families. Their college memories are full of NRBC times and people. Our prayers for their spiritual leadership and development were fulfilled through you.

We will keep you in our prayers as you continue to impact His kingdom.

Keith and Mila Spaulding

Craft Show to Support Menchville House

On September 14th, 10AM to 4PM, Warwick Assembly of God Family Life Center 1228 Todds Lane, Hampton will have a craft show to obtain funds in support of Menchville House.

Volunteers and shoppers are welcome. Volunteers are needed September 13th to setup the gym for the event and on September 14th during the event.

NRBC Assists the William and Mary Campus Baptist Collegiate Ministry

On Sunday September 29th, NRBC will prepare, deliver, and serve a dinner to the William and Mary Campus Baptist Collegiate Ministry. We anticipate up to 80 students based on prior year attendance. Please contact Rhonda Wiatt (Rhonda.Wiatt@aol.com or 595-6784) if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Youth Update // By Chris Gourley

Summer is over and the time for books, paper, pens, and pencils is upon us. And all we're left with is memories. There was that vacation we took with the family where you got a little too sunburned and the late nights watching pointless TV just because you didn't have to be up the next morning. There was that feeling of ice water on the hottest day of the year and perhaps all of those times jumping into a pool, river, ocean, or even the sprinkler. So many memories made over the past few months, some that will stay with us for a long time, and some that will be gone before our first report cards. But there was a lot more to this summer than just the memories.

What about that time when we gave up a few hours each day to make Vacation Bible School an AWESOME experience for some kids? What about those Wednesday nights we spent enjoying snow cones/frozen yogurt/Italian ice while we talked about the Bible? And what about that time we packed up our stuff to spend our first week of vacation helping others at Passport down in Georgia? These experiences did more than just create memories, although the memories are wonderful. These experiences created a change in our lives, one that we hope will be evident in the way we carry ourselves as we go into the fall season.

Teenagers, I hope that people cannot help but see the change in you from this summer. I pray that others will notice that you are not the same as you were last school year and that the story you share when asked will change those around you as well.

Adults, I hope that you also had some experiences that were life changing and that you won't just put those experiences like VBS, prayer meetings or worship aside as just another summer memory. Sure summer is over and the memories will soon fade, but when God works in us to do some great things like we did this summer, those life changes can most certainly last forever.

**THE NRBC CHURCH
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER
2ND FOR LABOR DAY**

**NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPACT THE LIFE
OF A CHILD**

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE SUNDAY MORNING
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

**THERE WILL BE SOME KIND
OF YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL
EVENT.**

**ASK CHRIS GOURLEY FOR
DETAILS**

**The youth will be going to go to a CNU
Football game on October 12th**

**We will cookout/tailgate at 5 then go to
the game at 7.**

Thank you for your support already!

Mission opportunity: Young Life Williamsburg wants your OLD SHOES! Did you know that in the U.S. alone, approximately 630 million pairs of shoes are thrown away every year? Young Life, a local ministry to teenagers, has teamed up with an organization to repurpose your old, unwanted shoes. The goal is to collect 30,000 pairs of shoes by the end of September! We will be collecting old shoes – any size, any condition – flip flops, cleats, slippers – ANY-THING that is worn on feet! Please gather up all your old shoes, they don't even have to match, and bring them to church before September 30. There will be a box located in the Fellowship Hall for you to drop your old shoes off. None of these shoes will end up in the landfill – ALL of them will go to support the work of micro-enterprises in developing countries. For more information, please see the Young Life Williamsburg Shoe Drive Facebook page or email Trina at younglifeshoedrive@gmail.com. Thank you! Brenda Waller

Have You Seen It?

The clear, large flower vase used by the Worship Committee for sanctuary flowers has been misplaced. If anyone has seen the vase anywhere in the church, if it was borrowed or moved, please contact Bobbe Jebson 595-8665 so the vase can be returned.

Thank you!

Children's Dinner and Game Night

Join us for a tailgate dinner and special game night for the children on September 11th from 5:30-7:15. We will have a special cookout themed dinner from 5:30-6:00. Afterward we will have a night of games and fun for the children to celebrate being back in school for a new year. Adults will meet for prayer and Bible study.

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

By Judith Davis, Director

The summer surely went by fast, didn't it? Did you notice the Library's Display Cabinet in the hallway? We try to make it interesting for you! During August we featured several books entitled: *I Hate Boys I Hate Girls*, *How to Get Along with Difficult People*, and *Friendship Saves the Day* along with "Friendship and caring, like good times and sharing, go hand in hand." I smiled, hope that you did, too. As our members go back to school and college, that sentiment is worth remembering. For all of us, it is a special reason that North Riverside means so much to so many. Our reviews this month are another result of what makes North Riverside very special, having a staff that uses our Church Library! Bless you, Seth, for providing the following reviews. Will you COME, LOVE YOUR LIBRARY?



Here are a few of the books in our Library that I have enjoyed and recommend:

1. *Journey Inward, Journey Outward* by Elizabeth O'Connor
This book tells the continuing story of Church of the Saviour, an innovative congregation in Washington D.C. While the church has never been large in numbers, it has had a profound impact on its city and an influence that goes far beyond its size. In this book you will find some of the ideas and practices that have influenced my thinking on the purpose, organization and activity of the church.
2. *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical* by Shane Claiborne
Shane Claiborne is a leader among a group of young Christians who are taking seriously Jesus' call to radical discipleship. These young folks are taking the good news of God to the margins of society, and they are challenging the idols of our consumeristic culture. In this book Shane weaves his own story of following Jesus with teachings from the scriptures that encourage, but also challenge the church in America. This is a great window into the thinking of many young Christians who are excited about the world-changing message of Jesus and who long to see that message renew and revitalize their churches.
3. *Desire of the Everlasting Hills* by Thomas Cahill
Thomas Cahill is a historian who has written several volumes on what he calls the "Hinges of History," important moments that have shaped western civilization. In this book Cahill takes us to the world Jesus lived in, and gives us some context for many of the issues that shaped Jesus' life and ministry as well as the birth and growth of the early church. This book carries you to that ancient world and breathes new life into our reading and understanding of our scriptures.
4. *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs
To try and understand the lives of the evangelical Christians, secular author A.J. Jacobs decides to spend a year studying and living by their holy text. His experiences with the scriptures and applying them to his modern, secular life are funny and poignant. While not a believer, Jacobs is extremely charitable as he seeks to understand the lives of his subjects, and the book that they hold dear. This book is also a picture into the mind of someone on the outside of Christianity. Can we hear what he has to say so that we might better interact with the people around us?

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