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THE FALL SEASON BEGINS!

Winding Up and Winding Down

The Fall season began with a bang! Lots of folks were here for the First Supper which came off with characteristic precision. The Door Prizes added anticipation and excitement. Thanks to the Steadfast Class for dinner, and Jenny Woollett, Family Night Super Coordinator, for doing a superb job!

As we wind up, two Bible Study classes are being offered beginning on September 15th. Dr. McCann will teach “The Book of James,” a verse-by-verse exposition of the popular New Testament book. The class will meet in the Missions Room. This class is open to everyone.

For the ladies, there will be two opportunities to study Beth Moore’s “Living Beyond Yourself—Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit.” On Wednesday evening, Sharon Proffitt will lead the study in the Soul Café. A second class, led by Dudley Fairchild, will meet on Mondays. The Wednesday evening sessions will begin promptly at 6:15. Monday’s class will begin on September 20, meeting in the Soul Café at 7:00 pm.

All the choirs are gearing up for a full fall and winter season, and *Christmas music* will be introduced this month.

The Baptistry is fixed (!) and on Sunday, September 12, Dr. McCann will baptize Jack Dice and Elisha Rypkema. This will be a special service including Promotion of Sunday School classes and presentation of Bibles to those young people who are moving up to the Youth Department.

As we wind down, the Transition Team will pick up activity again after a summer hiatus. They will receive reports from the seven Strategy Planning teams which met during the summer, and receive recommendations from the By-laws Review Team and the Policy and Procedures Development Team. The Strategy Teams’ work will be incorporated into a final report from the Transition Team, and the work of the other two teams will be presented to the church in a format that will foster understanding leading to adoption. As a formal document, the By-laws require formal church approval. The Policy and Procedures work will take the form of a useable manual for church staff and committees and will be, by nature, a more fluid document, changing as church operations develop and are modified.

In the midst of the winding up and winding down activity, the Pastor Search Team continues its work evaluating resumes, making contacts, and seeking the right person to become our senior pastor. Please continue to pray for them.

This is an exciting time to be at Rivermont! And there is a place for you! May God bless us all!

Wednesdays This Fall



5:30 p.m.	Family Night Supper
6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
6:15 p.m.	Graded Choirs (age 3-grade 5)
6:16 p.m.	Bible Studies
6:45 p.m.	Worship Orchestra
7:35 p.m.	Worship Choir

Fall Bible Studies

JAMES: Faith Works! - Luther called it “an epistle of straw” because it was barren of theological content. But he also wrote: “I praise the epistle of James and consider it to be good, because it teaches no human doctrine at all and sternly declares the law of God.” In the present day we have come to appreciate the epistle of James for its brilliant blending of the importance of faith and works, declaring that faith without works is dead!

You will enjoy this 6-week exploration of the Epistle of James taught by Dr. McCann, will have an opportunity to share your opinions and observations, and participate in personal learning activities that will help to drive home the point of James’ very practical theology. Begins September 15 at 6:15 in the Missions Room (219).

Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit - Women join us for this Beth Moore study of the fruit of The Holy Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. Beth walks participants through each trait listed in the fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. Through this study participants will look at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself. Begins Wednesday, September 15, at 6:15 p.m. A second session will be held on Mondays, beginning September 20 at 7:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Soul Café.

Family Night Supper Notes

If you are interested in helping on a family night supper team or forming an additional team, please contact Jenny Woollett (Jenny@AlarmandCamera.com or 546-0376)

- Reservations and Cancellations are needed. Call the church office by Monday at 1:30 or place the bulletin flap in the offering plate on Sunday.
- **Please note:** if you do not cancel by 1:30 Monday, you will need to pay even if you do not come to supper as food will have already been purchased.
- Cost: \$4.50 per adult; \$3.50 per child (ages 3-11); Family Maximum \$15.
- Workers DO need to make a reservation.
- The permanent list was NOT carried over from last year. If you would like more information about the permanent list, please call the church office.



Music @ Rivermont

Christmas Plans

for Choir and Orchestra

Introduction Night: Wednesday, September 22nd



Yes, “’Tis the Season”! It seems that schools have barely been open for the new year. And fall has not officially begun yet. But now is the time to begin working on this year’s Christmas Celebration.

We have planned a night to introduce the program on September 22nd. Rehearsals will continue each week at 6:45 for the orchestra and 7:35 for the choir. More than ever, we need everyone to make this a worthy and powerful offering in response to the most blessed gift of God’s son, Jesus. Come be a part of it all!

Youth Choir to Sing for Worship

Our children’s choirs started the new year with a fun new theme: “Saddle Ridge Ranch”. All year this fun theme will teach our children how to Saddle Up (grow in the Lord), Partner Up (build relationships), and Hit the Trail for Jesus (tell others)!

- Cowboy/girl photographs will be distributed next week.
- Choir will combine to sing for worship on October 10th.

Rehearse and Ring Bells



Youth Choir to Sing for Worship

Now that the new choir season has begun, we look forward to hearing the music of our youth each month.

First Date in Worship: Sunday, September 26th

Every student is invited to join us for rehearsal each Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:45 in the choir room.



YOUTH CHOIR

Calendar Connection

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship in Soul Café; Blood Pressure Screening
- 10:30 am Bible Study for all ages
- 11:30 am Youth Lunch
- 4:30 pm Bullington visitation at Tharp

Monday, September 13

- 10:00 am Bullington Interment at Fort Hill
- 11:00 am Memorial Service at RABC
- 1:30 pm Family Night Supper Reservation Deadline
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 15

- 10:00 am ELC Chapel
- 7:30 pm ELC Committee
- 7:35 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 16

- 8:00 pm Step Group Meetings

Friday, September 17

- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Sunday, September 19

*Gift Card Order Due Today
Newsletter Deadline*

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Missions Sunday and Fellowship in the Soul Café
- 10:30 am Bible Study for all ages
- 6:00 pm Sunday Night Live

Monday, September 20

- 1:30 pm Family Night Supper Reservation Deadline
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 22

- 10:00 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Family Night Supper
- 6:00 pm Youth Choir
- 6:15 pm Graded Choirs
- 6:45 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:35 pm Choir Rehearsal

Prayer Connection

Friends to Remember

Jo Brown, 200 Blumont Drive, 24503
Sally Capps, Valley View, 1213 Long Meadows Drive, 24502
Jennie Flint, and Eleanor "Marie" Rogers Scott, Medical Care Center, 2200 Landover Place, 24501
Richard Hamilton, The Oaks, 2249 Murrell Road, 24501
Lois Everette, Evelyn Mattox, John Ferguson, Martha Spigner, Audrey Cary and Evelyn Wallace, Westminster Canterbury, 501 VES Road, 24503
Frank Nichols, 184 Mistletoe Dr, Forest 24551

In Memoriam

B. B. Bullington
September 2, 2010

Ladies Mark Your Calendar

The RABC Ladies Fall Retreat will be November 5-6 at Eagle Eyrie. Save the date and watch for more details soon!

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting shoebox supplies so we can have a packing party in October. As you are shopping and see summer sales on toys, clothes, flip flops, etc. please think about OCC. There is a box outside the Soul Café for your donations.

Thursday, September 23

- 6:30 am Promise Keepers
- 8:00 pm Step Group Meetings

Friday, September 24

- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

RSVP for Youth Luncheon

We will be having our annual Youth Luncheon in the Soul Café this Sunday, September 12 following Sunday School. Please RSVP at apmeng@liberty.edu or 352-478-9147 so we know how to plan.

Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Promotion - As we begin the 2010-2011 school year, it is important to provide our students with a smooth transition to new Sunday School classes. Next Sunday, September 12 will be promotion Sunday for students moving to a new class. Students will report to their current class first and will be escorted to their new class at 10:40. There will also be a promotion ceremony during the worship hour for rising 6th graders. They will be moving to the youth group and will receive a Bible during the ceremony.

Sunday School Teachers Needed - We are currently seeking two Sunday School teachers. One in the pre-kindergarten class and one for the 2nd-3rd grade class. Please contact Rob Arnold (941-5211) if you are interested.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the worship service. If you can serve in this ministry once a month, or for more information please contact Dennis Knight (525-3052).

Save the Date!

Sunday, November 7th, 2010 we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Bulsons' ministry at RABC. More details will be coming, but put this on your calendar NOW so you can be here for this occasion.

Stewardship Connection

Week of August 23-29, 2010

Worship Service.....	145
Bible Study	145
Budget Offerings.....	\$5,131.81
(Weekly budget needs: \$11,576.96)	
Designated Offerings	\$260.00
Designated Receipts.....	\$77.47
TOTAL	\$5,469.28

Week of August 30-September 5, 2010

Worship Service.....	135
Bible Study	140
Budget Offerings.....	\$15,119.30
(Weekly budget needs: \$11,576.96)	
Designated Offerings	\$129.00
Designated Receipts.....	\$3,313.33
TOTAL	\$18,561.63

Through August 31, 2010

Actual Budget Receipts	\$332,060.72
Prorated Budget	\$401,334.68
Total Behind	- \$69,273.96
Actual Budget Expenses	\$360,667.82
Act. Bud. Exp. Surplus/Deficit ..	-\$28,607.10

Last Year's Comparison

Budget Receipts	\$362,205.18
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Bus Account as of 8/22/10

\$44,222.82

2011 Budget

2011 Budget Requests are due into the church office by September 13.

Attention!
EARLY DEADLINE!!!



All article for the September
22 issue of the *Reminder* are
due into the church office by
Thursday, September 16
9:00 a.m.

Sunday Hours

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Fellowship	10:00 AM
Bible Study	10:30 AM

Staff Directory

Tom McCann	<i>Intentional Interim Pastor</i>
tmccann@rabc.us	
Wayne Bulson	<i>Minister of Music</i>
Roy Prior	<i>Artist in Residence</i>
Aaron Meng	<i>Interim Youth Minister</i>
Karen Nichols	<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
Shirley Snead	<i>Financial Ministry Assistant</i>
Sharon Bulson	<i>Organist</i>
Doug Everett	<i>Maintenance Supervisor</i>
Jimmy Williamson	<i>Custodial Assistant</i>
Sue Nichols	<i>Wedding Coordinator</i>

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM