

# STREAMS

## Riverton United Methodist Church

### From the Pastor's Desk

April 2015

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord... ***Ephesians 4:1-17***

This is the sentimental theme of Church life... We can get warm fuzzies as we hold hands in a circle and gently sway as we sing these words; believing, at least for a few moments, that all is right in the world because we are of one mind.

So you ask, what's wrong with that. Nothing really, as long as the truth of that does not end when the feelings end. Being one in the Spirit is what Christ has offered and provided to the church as a source of hope and strength and community.

This does seem to be a rare reality in most congregations however, because there is a difference between being together and being one. The main difference is the phrase "one in the Lord". Under the Lordship of Christ, there are many gifts but one Spirit. There are many laborers but only one Lord. Being one in ministry means being one in service. All are working together for the same purpose, to glorify the Father in heaven.

So like all things, 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating'. Right? You don't know if you're actually 'one' until the pressure is on. You can't be sure if you can count on someone until the test comes, until you are in over your head and can't do it on your own. At these moments, these very trying, scary, challenging even desperate moments, that's when your faith is tested. It is during these times that...

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| • Sunday School for all ages (see page 12 for details) | 8:45am  |
| • Prayer & Quiet Reflection, in Prayer Parlor          | 9:15am  |
| • Worship Service                                      | 10:00am |
| • Children's Worship (begins in Sanctuary)             | 10:00am |

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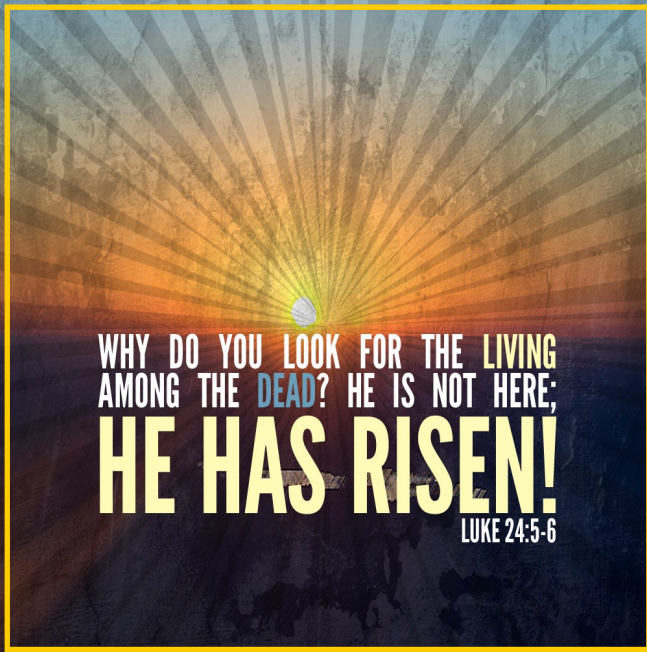
And our [facebook page](#)

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am–3:00pm M-TH  
9:00am–12:00pm F

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## Church Council 2015

• <i>Pastor</i>	Marc Roberson
• <i>Chair</i>	Randy Moon
• <i>Secretary</i>	Betty Smith
• <i>Lay Leader</i>	Beth Smith
• <i>SPRC Chair</i>	Norman Shiflett
• <i>Trustee Chair</i>	Bill Coleman
• <i>Finance &amp; Stewardship Chair</i>	Joan Burke
• <i>Annual Conference Delegate</i>	David Blanton
• <i>Director Riverfront CS</i>	Cindy Martin
• <i>GROW (Training &amp; Transformation)</i>	Trish Anderson/ Theresa Roberson
• <i>GO (Sharing &amp; Serving)</i>	Bob Boulter/ John McKenzie
• <i>United Methodist Men President</i>	Ralph Smith
• <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Beth Moon



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# From the Pastor's Desk

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...your faith is only as good as the object in which you place your faith. Placing your faith in the stock market, your job, your spouse, your friends - anything or anyone - has built-in limitations that you must be aware of upfront. It is only Christ that never fails. It is only Christ that never forsakes, never waivers, never abandons, and never leaves.

So that takes us back to our song, our mantra. We are One only because there is only One Spirit, and we are one only when that Spirit is the One Lord over all. As I am in Christ and surrendered totally to Him, I become more and more faithful and able to stand with you as long as you also are in Christ and surrendered to His Lordship. Below is a classic photo of construction workers on a lunch break as they sit on a beam of the 'under construction' Chrysler Building in 1929. There seems to be a level of trust,



brotherhood and peace that most churches would love to have within their congregations. When people live and work together in a relationship like this, there is no fear. A close look at the men reveals them smiling, sharing, and at perfect rest. Totally comfortable being together without regard to the surrounding danger or treacherous circumstances of the world. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant such peace and trust to His children at Riverton. *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

*See ya Sunday,*

Pastor Marc

*Reverend Marc Roberson*

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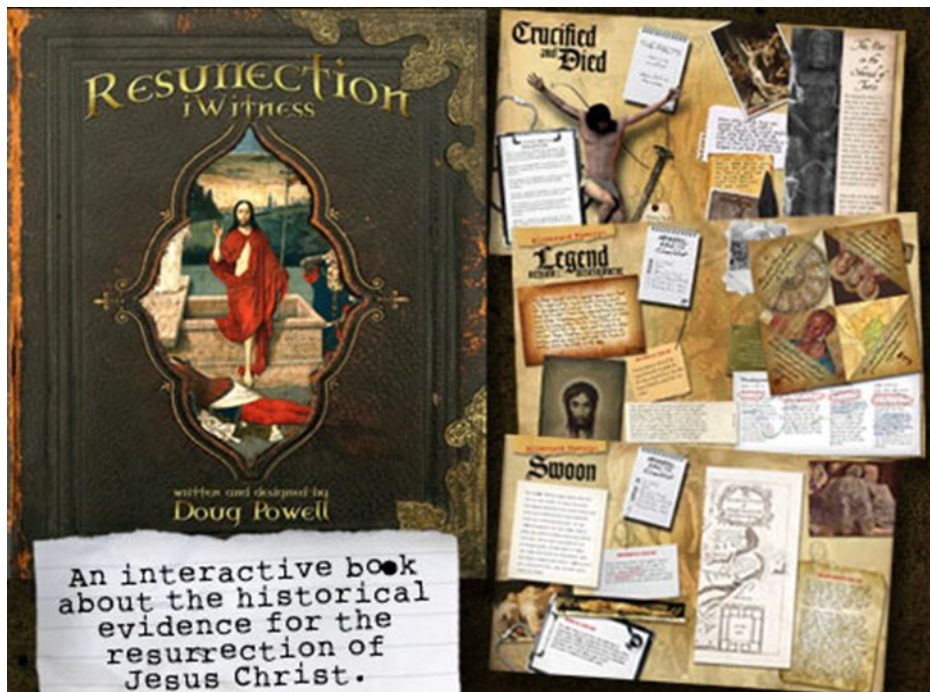
## Using Technology to Help Us Grow

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

I like this verse because it tells me that there is hope for me, in this earthly life, to be transformed, to think differently, to grow, to make better decisions, to not always give into the pattern of the world that is constantly before me. It's not a mind over matter; pull myself up by my boot straps, think good thoughts kind of effort. It's growing closer to Jesus by learning more about Him, His unchanging character, "orbiting around Him" as Dr. Timothy Keller suggests in his book *King's Cross*. It's becoming like Him, being transformed.

This month, the Grow Ministry would like to offer a few suggestions for one way to renew you mind. On the following pages are some Apps for iPhone, iPad, and Android that you may find helpful. They contain podcasts, articles, and links as we commute, run, work, play. There are many others that are helpful that could have been listed here but due to space limitations I chose a handful. I have included one App for Easter that is really a "book" for the entire family to enjoy. The other two categories are broken down into Inspirational and Apologetic/Sharing Your Faith. Enjoy!

## An Easter iPad App for the Entire Family



**Resurrection iWitness** is just one in a series of apps written and designed by graphic artist and musician Doug Powell. Designed original as a hardcover book, each page is designed with content that opens up and pulls out of the envelopes or opens up to reveal images or answers to questions. The apps are designed like the books. You swipe open an envelope to reveal the answer to the Swoon theory, for example. Innovative and creative, this is a great way for your families to explore the facts of the resurrection together.

Resurrection iWitness uses the minimal facts approach to explore the following theories to prove Jesus rose from the dead:

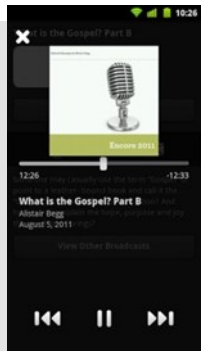
- The Swoon Theory
- Hallucination
- Stolen Body
- A Legend Invented by Jesus' Followers
- A Legend that Evolved Over Time
- Twin
- Resurrection

You can purchase this app for just \$0.99 from iTunes and enjoy exploring together. For more information on this app and other apps/books by Doug Powell visit [www.dougpowell.com](http://www.dougpowell.com).

**If you would like to see how the app looks and works, I will be glad to show you on my iPad!**

Trish Anderson

# Inspirational Apps

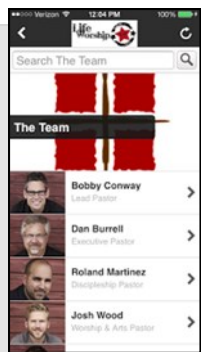


**Truth For Life App** - The Bible Teaching Ministry of Alistair Begg

**App Features:**

- Listen to or download the daily broadcast
- Listen to, download or watch sermons from Alistair's archive
- Read an updated daily devotional from Spurgeon's classic, Morning and Evening
- Keep up to date with news and info from the Truth For Life blog
- Read a summary of what we believe about the Gospel in a format that's easy to share with a friend
- Read or listen to Bible passages

[www.truthforlife.org](http://www.truthforlife.org)



**Life Fellowship App** - Ministry of Pastor Bobby Conway, Life Fellowship Church in Charlotte, NC. Bobby also hosts the One- Minute Apologist on YouTube where he asks apologists tough questions and gives them one minute to respond. He is the author of several books including *The 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel*, and *Hell, Rob Bell and What Happens When People Die*.

**App Features:**

- Podcasts: App is mainly a gateway to your podcast app. When you click on the podcast link, it will take you to your phone's podcast app. Sermons are updated regularly. Life Fellowship has a sermon series that goes along with Bobby's recent book *The 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel*. It's almost like listening to an audio book with extras thrown in.

[www.lifecharlotte.com](http://www.lifecharlotte.com)

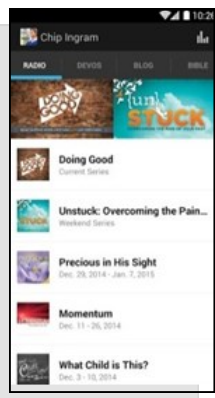


**Redeemer Presbyterian Church App** - Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City was founded in 1989 by Dr. Timothy Keller and his wife Kathy. It has over 3,000 members with 3 campuses in the City. Dr. Keller has also authored several books I highly recommend most recently one on prayer, *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*.

**App Features:**

- Sermon podcasts by Dr. Timothy Keller
- 2015 Bible Reading Plan

[www.redeemer.com](http://www.redeemer.com)



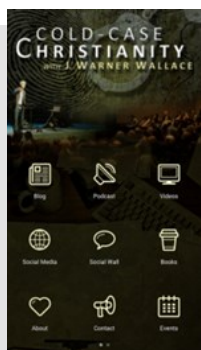
**Chip Ingram- Living on the Edge App** – Ministry of Chip Ingram, “helping Christians live like Christians Impacting the World”; excellent material dealing with the cultural issues today in a gentle and thoughtful manner.

**App Features:**

- Daily devotionals
- Daily radio broadcasts
- Message notes,
- Access to Chip's Blog and more...

[www.livingontheedge.org](http://www.livingontheedge.org)

# Apologetics/Sharing Your Faith Apps



**Cold Case Christianity App-** Ministry of J. Warner Wallace a former atheist and cold case homicide detective, his wife asked him to attend church with her. They went to Saddleback Church. The pastor said enough to make him think Jesus was at least worth reading about. Part of his family had been Mormon so he began researching the truth claims of each using techniques he used in his cold case work, and found the Mormon truth claims gravely lacking. On the other hand, evidence for the Bible was very credible. J. Warner Wallace became a Christian, a youth minister, graduated from seminary, and put the evidence for the Bible in his book, *Cold Case Christianity*.

## App Features:

- Weekly Podcast on various topics about how to talk to skeptics about Christian truth claims, how to prepare your children to defend their worldview, how to think critically when considering truth claims, and how to boldly engage those around us with the Gospel.
- Access to article topics such as Biblical reliability, Christian living, evangelism, and cultural issues of the day

[www.coldcasechristianity.com](http://www.coldcasechristianity.com)



**Cross Examined App-** Ministry of Dr. Frank Turek seeking to present evidence that the Bible is true and equipping Christians to share that truth boldly with skeptics. Dr. Turek has authored several books most recently, *Stealing From God*, how atheist ground their morality in God despite their claims to the contrary.

## App Features:

- Podcast of weekly radio show featuring interviews and callers to the show.
- The quick answers section on this app is especially helpful. It has 4 sections with quick facts about Truth, God, the Bible, and the 4 Es which are Evolution/Creation, Evil, Ethics, and Eternity.

[www.crossexamined.org](http://www.crossexamined.org)



**Reasonable Faith App-** Ministry of Dr. William Lane Craig- Professor of Research Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology and Professor of Philosophy at Houston Baptist University, Dr. Craig speaks and debates on issues regarding the existence of God, the meaning of life, objective truth, the foundation of moral values, creation of the universe, and other foundational Biblical topics. An app for those who want to be challenged intellectually!

## App Features:

- Podcast featuring several teaching series Dr. Craig has done at his church, Defenders Series, the Doctrine of Man, Doctrine of Salvation, and Doctrine of the Church to name a few examples.
- A weekly podcast discussing topics of the day.
- Articles and talks by Dr. Craig for a general audience.
- Questions submitted to Dr. Craig and his answers. There is an extensive archive.

[www.reasonablefaith.org](http://www.reasonablefaith.org)



## Reasons to Believe App-

The mission of Reasons to Believe is to spread the Gospel by demonstrating that sound reason and scientific research, including the very latest discoveries, consistently support, rather than erode, confidence in the truth of the Bible and faith in the personal, transcendent God revealed in both Scripture and nature.

## App Features:

- Weekly podcast reviewing the latest scientific news
- Science blog addressing the latest news in science

[www.reasons.org](http://www.reasons.org)



**STR App-** Ministry of Stand to Reason helping Christians to think clearly about their faith and to make a defense of classical Christianity in a gracious manner.

## App Features:

- Weekly podcast where callers have called in to ask questions or debate issues with host Greg Koukl.
- Weekly video blog answering questions or answering common objections to the Christian worldview.
- Daily blog with articles and links mentioned in the show.

[www.str.org](http://www.str.org)



# Surge 120

Riverton Youth

April, 2015

*What we've been up to...  
And what's coming up...*

## **Coming Up...**

**April 12**

New Motel Ministry

**April 19**

Youth Leader meeting 11:45

## **Youth Group**

Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15 PM

## **Youth Sunday School**

Grades 6-12 from 8:45-9:45 AM.

**We are continuing the Youth  
Alpha Study check out the link  
below and come join us!**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=MW2CjzV3AJg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW2CjzV3AJg)**

## **Acquire the Fire**

The Baltimore event for May 1-2 is being held at New Psalmist Baptist Church. The final deposit is due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Camp Unite** will be here before you know it. Please save the dates June 21-26. Cost is \$150 (\$50 nonrefundable deposit due May 17 remainder due June 7). Bring a friend for \$75 more.

## **Motel Ministry**

Begins April 12 taking much needed supplies, the Love of Christ and friendship to neighbors living in local motels. Supply sheets of what is needed are available.

## **Communication Coordinator**

We are in need of a new Communication Coordinator. We are looking for someone creative who can make our correspondence "Youth Friendly".

The responsibilities include:

Updating forms

Creating the monthly newsletter articles

Youth announcements for Bulletin

Keeping Website updated

**Youth Director: Ella Mae Harper-Mueller: [emhm72@hotmail.com](mailto:emhm72@hotmail.com)**

***Purpose Statement: To be a caring & fun-filled community of youth who know Jesus Christ, intent on sharing Him in our places of influence.***

# Riverton's Children

## Riverfront Christian School

Sing Praise to God! The Riverfront Praise-A-Thon was an amazing time of worship and fellowship. We give thanks to God for our special guests, *The Chester Gap Praise Team, Macedonia Celebration Service Praise Team, Riverfront Christian School Choir, and for the guest musicians Phil McCarty, guitarist, Bob Simmons, drummer, and Brian Utt, bass.* God answered our prayers for those who attended to be blessed and encouraged through the songs of praise and the word. We send a special thank you to everyone that contributed to the Silent Auction. The silent auction raised \$1100.94. Thank you Gretchen Henderson, Bill Campbell, Phil McCarty for listening to the Lord and contributing your time and energies.

### Pack-A-Thon

As part of the student's ministry service, Riverfront Christian School students will be packaging 10,000 meals for the hungry. Feed America will send two large crates of Marconi and Cheese dinners to be divided into family size meals. Students and parents will set up an assembly line and it will take approximately two hours to process all the packages for shipment to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.. The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will distribute the meals to local food banks within our region.

### Calendar Events:

April 3-10	Riverfront Christian School Easter Break
April 14	Riverfront Christian School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
April 17	Little Sheep Preschool Easter Program
April 20-24	Standardized Testing K5 – 12, K4 Assessments
April 30	Feed America Pack-A-Thon 9:00 am -12:00 pm
	P3 Assessments – No P3 classes



# Riverton's Children

## Little Sheep Preschool News

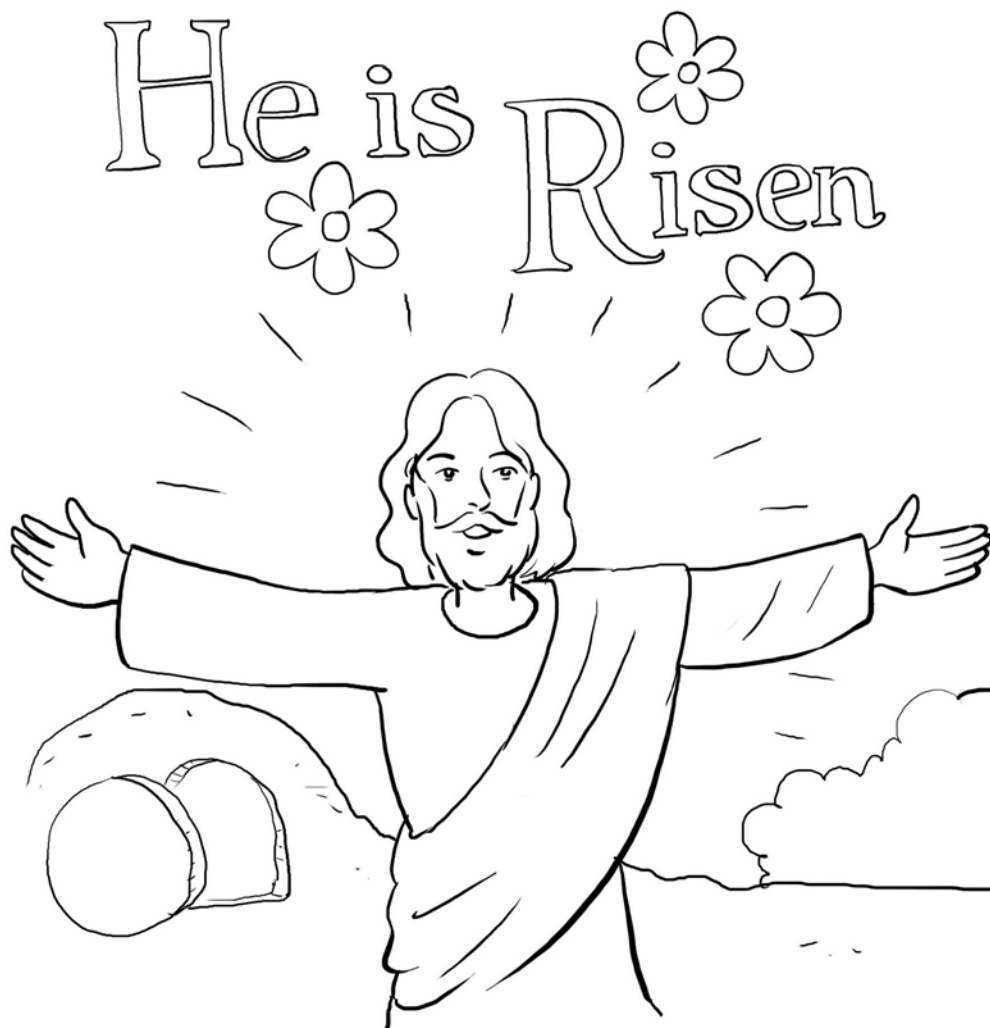
Thank you, Jesus, for taking my sins to the cross.

We will be dying eggs, have an egg hunt, and eat Resurrection rolls. Best of all, we are ready to listen to the story about how you saved each of us from ourselves; how you made a way for us to have an eternal home with You in Heaven.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Praises to God will be performed by the Little Sheep students on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to participate in the fun and excitement this performance will bring!

*BibleFunFactory.com*



*Margie Moore*

*Little Sheep Preschool Director*

# Food Pantry

Riverton Church offers a food pantry for citizens of the Warren County area. The pantry is open two nights a month – the second and the fourth Thursday from 5:00–7:00 pm. The pantry is currently in need of the following items, which can be dropped off at the church in the gathering room by the elevators:

- ⇒ Spaghetti Sauce
- ⇒ Elbow Macaroni
- ⇒ Canned Ravioli
- ⇒ Canned Ham
- ⇒ Spam
- ⇒ Pork & Beans
- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ 100% Juice
- ⇒ Tea Bags
- ⇒ Cold Cereal
- ⇒ Hot Cereal
- ⇒ Canned Pears
- ⇒ Cream of Mushroom Soup



The pantry has a sufficient supply of canned green bean and corn at the present time.

# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Circle 5:30 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wed. Night Classes	2 <i>Church Office Closes at noon</i>  <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	3 <i>Church Office Closed</i>  <i>RCS Easter Vacation</i>  <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 <b>EASTER SUNDAY!</b> 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service	6 <i>Church Office Closed</i>  <i>RCS Easter Vacation</i>	7 <i>RCS Easter Vacation</i> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 10:30 AM Prayer Team Mtg. 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 7 PM Praise Team	8 <i>RCS Easter Vacation</i> 9 AM RCS Chapel 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	9 <i>RCS Easter Vacation</i> 6:00 PM Food Pantry	10 <i>RCS Easter Vacation</i>	11 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
12 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Motel Ministry	13 3:30 PM Girls Scouts  7 PM Church Council	14 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 6 PM RCS School Board Mtg. 6:30 PM Finance Mtg. 7 PM Praise Team 7 PM Strategic Planning Mtg.	15 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	16 11:00 AM Full Sugar Gang	17 <i>Little Sheep Easter Program</i>	18
19 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Mission Group Mtg. 11:45 AM Riverton Cares: Cancer Support Group	20 3:30 PM Girls Scouts	21 <b>RCS Teacher Work Day—No classes</b> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7 PM Praise Team	22 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	23 6:00 PM Food Pantry	24 RCS Winchester Airport Field Trip	25
26 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service	27 <i>Little Sheep Preschool Parent-Teacher Conf.</i>  <i>RCS Teacher in-service—No Classes</i> 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 6 PM UMM Supper/Bible Study	28 <i>Little Sheep Preschool Parent-Teacher Conf.</i> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 7 PM Praise Team	29 <i>Little Sheep Preschool Parent-Teacher Conf.</i>	30 <i>Little Sheep Preschool Parent-Teacher Conf.</i>	1 <i>Little Sheep Preschool Parent-Teacher Conf.</i>  RCS K5-5th Heritage Hall Nursing Home	





*Faith, Hope, Love abide...  
but the greatest of these is love...  
1 Corinthians 13:13.*

## Birthdays

- 1 Chelsea Albanese, Mark Spieles
- 2 Erika Bradd, Bruce McClanahan, John Kelly
- 3 Beth Clark, Michael Kelly
- 4 Bettie Berge
- 6 Pat Marcey, Sandra K. Reynolds
- 7 Pam Mathis
- 8 Marie Anderson, Paul R. Ruffner, Jr.,  
Emily Elizabeth Ritchie
- 9 Kayla Knott, Matthew Walker, Betty Stratton,  
Brittany Gordon, Wanda Wharton, Jeanne Crump,  
Jacque DeCristofaro, Bridget Guerci
- 12 Lucy Beaty
- 13 Lauryl Magnotti, Leanna Magnotti,  
Kalee Williamson, Jane Baldwin-Tolliver,  
Caleb VanDoren
- 15 Tricia Anderson, Steven Barr, Kenneth Reddle
- 18 Dustin Santmyers, Emmett Duncan
- 21 Deb Duckworth
- 23 Brian Wines
- 25 Ashley Barker, Mark Smith
- 26 Rhonda Lake, Chris Lee, Ryan Rutherford,  
Zachary Whisner, Craig Morris
- 28 Victoria Dunivan, Sydney Moon, Bob Hendricks
- 29 Wayne Clatterbuck, Susan Madden
- 30 Cole Moon



## Anniversaries

- 7 Andy & Tammy Hoffman
- 8 Ed & Pat Marcey
- 9 Jeff & Terri Rodman
- 14 Bill & Jean Sutherly  
Rodney & Pam Mathis
- 16 Tom & Mariann Cuff
- 27 Thomas & Brandi Showers
- 29 Randy & Beth Moon  
Ken & Judy Reddle

