



Greetings in the Name of God the Father,  
and our Lord Jesus Christ!

So many things to talk about this month, where do I begin? It may seem to some that Change has been my middle name since Te and I arrived almost a year ago. However, many things have not changed. All the wonderful ministries that are offered in Christ's name have continued and continue to be a blessing to both this congregation and the community.

I am proud to a part of the mission of this church family. As our congregation grows we are beginning to realign ourselves with the original vision and purpose that makes Riverton Church unique. Riverton can be a City on a Hill that shines a light in the darkness as well as provides shelter for the least and lost. Recently, the leadership councils held several meetings to take a close and honest look at who we are and why we are here. Out of those prayer-centered discussions we arrived at a new Vision Statement.

*"Transforming our Community for Eternity"* (see full statement at end of article)

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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 |

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am–3:00pm M-TH  
9:00am–12:00pm F

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# Riverton United Methodist Church

*To Know Jesus Christ and to Offer Him Freely*



COME *worship Jesus*

GROW *in relationship*

GO *serve others*

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## Church Council 2015

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• <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Beth Moon



# From the Pastor's Desk

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*"Transforming our Community for Eternity"* (see full statement at end of article)

This idea is permeating everything we do and everything we are planning to do. In short, our vision is be a body of believers who strive to be good stewards of the gifts we have been given by teaching the Gospel and serving others in Jesus' name. As I sit with you and grow with you I envision one of our hands in the hand of Almighty God; keeping Him and our relationship with Him close enough to touch, not willing to move without the Lord moving with us and being ever ready to move when He moves. By keeping one hand in God's hand, we will better know where and when to take our next step. The other hand is always reaching out, trying to help out, help up or help in our friends and neighbors who are not with us. One hand in God's, the other to the lost.

Understanding this vision helps you and I see the bigger picture and purpose behind everything we do. As we pray, plan, grow and build we do so keeping in tune with this vision. Therefore, we will have an outreach component to everything we do. Every meal, every ministry, every study, every group and every meeting will carry an expectation of reaching out to one who is on the outside, or building up one who is downtrodden. Life groups are always looking for another, Bible studies are always inviting, our dinners and breakfasts are planned for outsiders as well as insiders. We still enjoy the freedom to gather together in Jesus' name, and to share our faith with whomsoever we will.

Let us move forward together as Holy Spirit empowered witnesses and remember what we have been given was meant to be shared.

Full Statement:

**Mission:** To know Jesus Christ and Offer Him freely (Matt.22:26-40; 28:18-20)

**Vision:** Along the Shenandoah River, among the mountains and the valleys, this body of Christ-followers at Riverton Church is *Transforming our Community for Eternity* by the power of the Holy Spirit. We offer restoration to the broken hearted and healing for the sick. We teach Biblical truth with courage and compassion, proclaiming the Kingdom of God in all we say and do. (Ezekiel 47:1-12; Revelation 22:1-7)

*See ya Sunday,*

Pastor Marc

*Reverend Marc Roberson*

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# Surge 120

Riverton Youth

May 2015

## *What we've been up to...*

### Coming Up...

May 1 – Leaving for Camp Pinnacle at 12:30

May 14 – Community Table

May 17 – Youth leader mtg 11:45

May 31 – YES Picnic & Senior recognition

#### Youth Group

Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15 PM

#### Youth Sunday School

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

### ***\*\*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 monthly newsletter articles
- Youth announcements for Bulletin
- Keeping Website updated

### From ATF to a Spring Retreat!

Due to the unrest in Baltimore, we have decided to not to attend ATF and instead have a spring retreat at Camp Pinnacle in beautiful Wardensville, West Virginia. We plan to hike along the river, play some outdoor games, campfire and much more! We are still leaving Friday at 12:30 from RUMC and will stay 2 nights, returning Sunday around 12:30 in the afternoon.

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 \$90 more.

### Motel Ministry

Thank you for your support for our first day of ministry on April 12. We made some contacts and shared the Love of Christ and friendship with neighbors living in local motels. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

YES Picnic-Come meet your youth encourager or youth on May 31<sup>st</sup> right after Church. Youth will supply fried chicken & drinks. Everyone bring a side dish to share. Please let us know if you can't attend.

**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.***

# Volunteer for VBS!



July 26—31, 2015

**Sign-up today!**

*Fill out and return to  
Te Roberson or  
the Church Office*

Registration\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher\_\_\_\_\_

Teachers Aid\_\_\_\_\_

Games\_\_\_\_\_

Nursery\_\_\_\_\_

Snack/Kitchen\_\_\_\_\_

Set Building\_\_\_\_\_

Decorating\_\_\_\_\_

Clean-up\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Riverton's Children

## Little Sheep Preschool News

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.  
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

K4 Graduation is Friday, May 22, 2015 in full cap and gown at 9:00a.m.

P3 Awards Ceremony is Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:00a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

God's blessings from Ms. Moore, Mrs. Magnotti, Ms. Weber and Mrs. Babick.

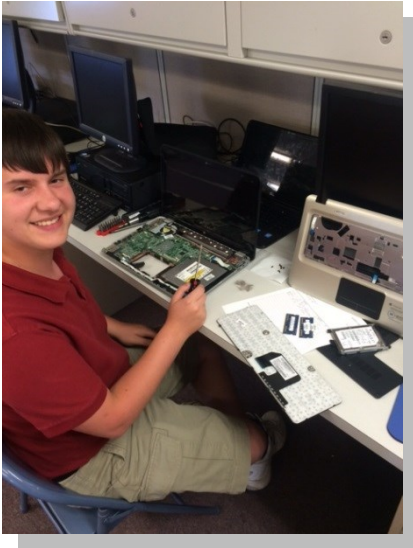




# Riverton's Children

## Riverfront Christian School

Matthew Reisinger will be graduating from Riverfront Christian School on May 30 at 11:00 am. Matthew enrolled in Riverfront in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has completed his high school program. We are excited for Matthew as he will be continuing his education at Lord Fairfax Community College.



May 4 – 8 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 12 Technology Day

\*\*The Informational Technology classes will be presenting the second annual Technology Show the evening of May 12. The public is invited to attend this wonderful exposition of technology.

May 17 Riverfront Christian School Sunday

May 21 P3 Awards Ceremony

May 22 K4 Graduation

May 25-26 No Classes for students

May 27 Field Day

May 28 Kindergarten Graduation 7:00 pm

May 29 Senior Class Banquet 6:00 pm

May 30 Graduation 11:00 am

# Items of Interest ...

**Please Note!**

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 9-3**

**Friday: 9-12**

**Our Food Pantry is open:**

**The 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month**

**From 5-7 PM**

**(Note this change)**

## Attention Ladies of Riverton

Mark your calendars for the next Ladies Gathering on May 17th at 2:00.

Bring a friend and enjoy a time of food, fun and fellowship!

See Tracey Funk or Danny Pullen if you can bring food or have any questions.

## Check Out Grow Ministry's New Monthly Feature!

Every month Grow Ministries will be reviewing books for various age levels. We hope you will find these reviews helpful in highlighting interesting books that will encourage you and help you Grow in your faith.

Look for opportunities to win copies of the books on display!

Reviews can be found in the Gathering room. Take one to read and some to share with friends. Take a moment to browse through the books featured this month.

### For Children

*How Do We Know  
God Is Really There?*

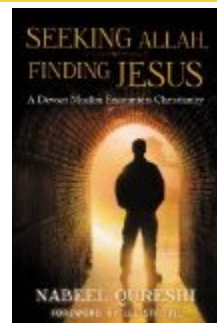
By Melissa Cain  
Travis



### For Adults

*Seeking Allah, Finding  
Jesus: A Devout Muslim  
Encounters Christianity*

By Nabeel Qureshi





# Church YARD SALE

Happy springtime to our sisters and brothers in the faith—our church family, the Lord's church in Riverton. What an enriching season we have come out of—scripture-based sermons to grow our faith, reading of the scriptures, and sharing in Sunday school. Mid-week meals and classes allow us wonderful opportunities to fellowship. And, of course, we must mention the mix of activities and fellowship of the Full Sugar Gang—age does have its privileges.

The winter months can allow us to set a pace where we can find a new charge of resolve and strength that we can use to balance the tug of demands on our spiritual strength and our personal stamina. Speaking on behalf of the women serving the Lord, we have shared great purpose in our winter activities with our wonderful Valentine's bake sale. And who here doesn't have a sweet-tooth?

We are now in May and with just one turn of the calendar, up pops June! Mark June 11, 12th, and 13th on your calendar! This is our Riverton yard sale. We have an opportunity for fellowship and service that we hope will involve the entire community. We are asking that each home of the Lord's church be actively involved. There are many ways for that to happen— by donating items, purchasing items, picking items up, pricing items, setting up, and cleaning up. We will be sharing more later, including information about the food and bake sale. Please allow some period of time to share with this ministry.

**\*\*Please note that we are *not* accepting computers, microwaves, and TVs.**

We will be praying for all the ministries of Riverton Church. The Lord is ever faithful. He will gift us with all we need to carry his purpose forward. Our motto has been and remains that if we do our part, the Lord will always do His.

Riverton church stands on the faith of all the saints who served the Lord before us. Let's each step up and be in ministry.

***Pat Derflinger***  
***Women's Fellowship Circle***





## Motel Ministry 1st Event Debriefing

Thanks to all of you from Riverton who participated through prayer, supplies, and your hands and feet in our inaugural Motel Ministry event, with the assistance of Teens Opposing Poverty (TOPs) founder, Steve Jennings. It was a great start to another way to move beyond our doors and out into our community. On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, with a great group of volunteers, youth, adults and a very happy therapy dog, from Riverton and from Randolph-Macon Academy (RMA), we ventured out with our food, supplies, and good cheer to two of our local motels

So how did it go? Here are some comments from one of our volunteers, Amy Jewell, and her experience with a couple of the residents...

*"The youth and adults eagerly knocked on doors and eventually met two men who were interested in coming out to receive some of our light, love, and food. Abbie eagerly offered her warm love and wagging tail at once, helping to break the ice, as she always does so easily. Her warmth melted some of the shyness which helped to open the door for one of the residents to share some of his life journey with me. He had fallen on some rough times and along with some poor decisions, had found himself in a rut and on a rough road. He shared that with the help of House of Hope in Front Royal, he had found another way to live and even does some work for them now. He shared his belief in the importance of God, one day at a time, and the importance of God in changing one life at a time. He was familiar with where Riverton was located, but didn't indicate if he had ever been there.*

*He and his friend thoroughly enjoyed Abbie's personality, which is always exuding love to all she comes in contact with. The resident that I spoke to seemed to relate to Abbie when I shared that she was a rescue. He replied back "She got another chance, just like me." He encouraged me to visit with Abbie at the House of Hope (maybe another outreach opportunity door being opened for Riverton).*

*With one last kiss from Abbie to the resident and an offer of her paw to the other resident, we said goodbye and how great it was to have met them. They were truly grateful for the food, donations, and fellowship Riverton brought to them with God's direction that day, making a positive difference in their day."*

What great joy it is to share God's love to others and with others! Watch for more opportunities in the months to come to serve in this way as this ministry continues to take shape. If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry and others that reach our local community, please reach out to the church office and we will direct you to the appropriate leader.

***Riverton's New Vision Statement: Transforming our Community for Eternity***

Ready  
Set Go!

# May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service 6 PM Prophecy Study	<b>4</b> 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 7 PM Trustees Meeting	<b>5</b> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 10:30 AM Prayer Team Mtg. 6 PM RCS School Board Mtg	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Circle 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wed. Night Classes	<b>7</b> 7 PM Praise Team	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY!</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service	<b>11</b> 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 7 PM Church Council	<b>12</b> <b>RCS Tech Day</b> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry <b>4-6 PM RCS Tech Expo</b> 7 PM Strategic Planning Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9 AM RCS Chapel 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	<b>14</b> 5 PM Food Pantry 7 PM Praise Team	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>RIVERFRONT CHRISTIAN SUNDAY</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Riverton Cares: Cancer Support Group 11:45 AM Youth Leader Mtg. 2 PM Women's Gathering	<b>18</b> 3:30 PM Girls Scouts	<b>19</b> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	<b>20</b> 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	<b>21</b> 9 AM Little Sheep P3 Award Ceremony 11 AM Full Sugar Gang 7 PM Praise Team	<b>22</b> 9 AM Little Sheep K4 Graduation	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Small Group Leader Mtg	<b>25</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>Riverton Office Closed</b> <b>No RCS Classes</b>	<b>26</b> <b>RCS Teacher Work Day—No Classes</b> 9 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10 AM WARM Ministry 2 PM Blood Drive	<b>27</b> <b>RCS Field Day</b> 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	<b>28</b> <b>RCS K5 Graduation</b> 5 PM Food Pantry 7 PM Praise Team	<b>29</b> RCS Senior Banquet	<b>30</b> 11 AM RCS Graduation
<b>31</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10 AM Worship Service <b>Youth: Senior Recognition</b> <b>YES Picnic after the service</b>						

# Birthdays



- 1 Robbie Sealock
- 2 Jennifer Andrews, Ralph Smith, Elizabeth Stoney
- 3 Stephen Ausmus, John Ritter
- 4 Colin Clark
- 5 Audrey Koch
- 6 Antoinette Funk
- 7 Kevin Brooks, Madison Ferst
- 9 Gayle Robinson
- 10 Olivia Partlowe, Lorie Ritchie, Willie Sims
- 11 Sarah Dodge, Whitney Lichliter, Valentia Pullen
- 15 Randy Moon, Kim Proko
- 16 Bee Kresge, Sandy Steele
- 17 Jason Brewer
- 18 Haley Reynolds
- 19 Katelyn Kerns, Brad Kresge
- 20 Christian Rodman
- 21 Gary Bunch, Carrie Flickinger, Annie Welsh
- 22 Dennis Funk, Sr.
- 25 Joey Neff, Trevor Neff
- 30 Rebecca Dick, Patricia Kerns, Matthew Reisinger
- 31 Truman Griffith, Jr., Rodney Madden

# Anniversaries

- 1 Loyd & Maureen Dunford  
David & Patricia Oliver
- 4 Harry & Sue Ellen Reed
- 5 Robert & Volare Cairns
- 7 Bill & Sandy Swanson
- 9 Al & Kim Atwood
- 12 Michael & Lori Ritchie
- 14 Paul & Jennifer Rydholm  
Andrew & Becky White
- 15 Steve & Tami Silke
- 18 David & Michele Bowers
- 19 Dennis & Libby Funk
- 20 Ralph & Betty Smith
- 21 Boris & Vickie Petrow
- 22 Tony & Susan Smith
- 26 Allen & Tracey Funk
- 28 Kahle & Missi Magalis
- 30 Clark & Debbie Moats
- 31 Dave & Sherry Baker

