



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

In the Beginning... The opening line to one of the most important books ever written. Perhaps even THE most important book. We get the name from the Latin Vulgate, in turn borrowed or transliterated from Greek γένεσις, meaning "origin"; in Hebrew: בְּרֵאשִׁית *Bərēšīṭ*, "In [the] beginning"). The authorship is traditionally and historically and biblically attributed to Moses. Others may have contributed to its final version but largely this along with the next four books are credited to Moses.

You and I are about to dive into an exciting look at this amazing revelation of God and find out the truths about our origins, our purpose and our destiny. Over the next 20 weeks we will look at some of the basic stories of our Judeo/Christian foundations as well as take some time to dig a little deeper into the Astronomy, Biology and Physics of our existence. We may even get into a little Advanced Math and Probability. Wow, doesn't that sound exciting? Every Sunday our messages will focus on the what the Holy Spirit is saying to us about how our past informs our present, and our future. We will learn that these familiar stories are not just for Sunday school, but actually define every Theological belief and all point to the importance and centrality of the Cross.

With the help of one of our own scholars, Trish Anderson, and others, we will dive into some of the most interesting subjects that surround our Faith. Every Wednesday evening we will offer classes where we can all dig deeper into the Biblical text and ancient stories revealed on Sunday. Some of the topics will be controversial, others comical but all

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am–3:00pm M-TH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| • Prayer & Quiet Reflection, in Prayer Parlor | 9:15am |
| • Worship Service | 10:00am |
| • Children's Worship (begins in Sanctuary) | 10:00am |

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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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From the Pastor's Desk

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will move us closer to the God of the Bible and perhaps even give us the tools to defend our beliefs when they are questioned or mocked. Dinosaurs, Adam and Eve, the Snake, Sex, the Great Flood, Alcohol, the Tower of Babel, fossils, The Big Bang, cave man and much more, will be on the table for discussion.

I also have high hopes that YOU will invite others to both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evening classes. What an awesome opportunity to have some open and honest and intelligent conversation about some of the hardest things to explain.

I know that for some of these topics there are well-meaning, well educated folks who disagree so we will have some fun and have a chance to come to some conclusions about what we believe and why. Because we will do this with friends, with food and a lot of laughter, not only will we grow closer to God we will also grow closer to one another.

I don't know about you but I can't wait. Let's start inviting now and please start praying now for me and others who will try to lead these discussions. In a time where information and technology is streamed live faster than we can think, I am still amazed at the powerful and profound truths of the Bible. With all our science and exploration, we still haven't proven anything to be false. Three of our Gospels record Jesus saying, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

After thousands of years, the simple and extraordinary stories told from generation to generation around the campfires of nomadic shepherds and the palaces of ancient kings have found their way to the doorstep of our hearts and they will, if we let them, change our lives forever.

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Marc

Reverend Marc Roberson

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Music Notes



Hello Riverton!

Thanks for making me feel so welcome, you are truly a friendly and loving group! I'm really excited to be worshiping with you, and look forward to meeting each of you. If we have not had a chance to meet, please stop me and introduce yourself and I'll try to do the same. Here's a little about me.

I am the middle of three boys of an Assemblies of God minister (now retired). Born in Waxahachie, Texas while my dad was in Seminary, I was raised in the Virginia, Maryland, and DC Metro area. My wife, Marsha and I live with our two Bichon/Shih Tzu pups (Thelma & Louise) just east of the town of Berryville. We settled there in 2011 after 37 years with Verizon where I had worked in Human Resources, Sales, Marketing, and Customer Service. We have three children who reside in Sterling, VA and five grandchildren.



Gary and Marsha Foster

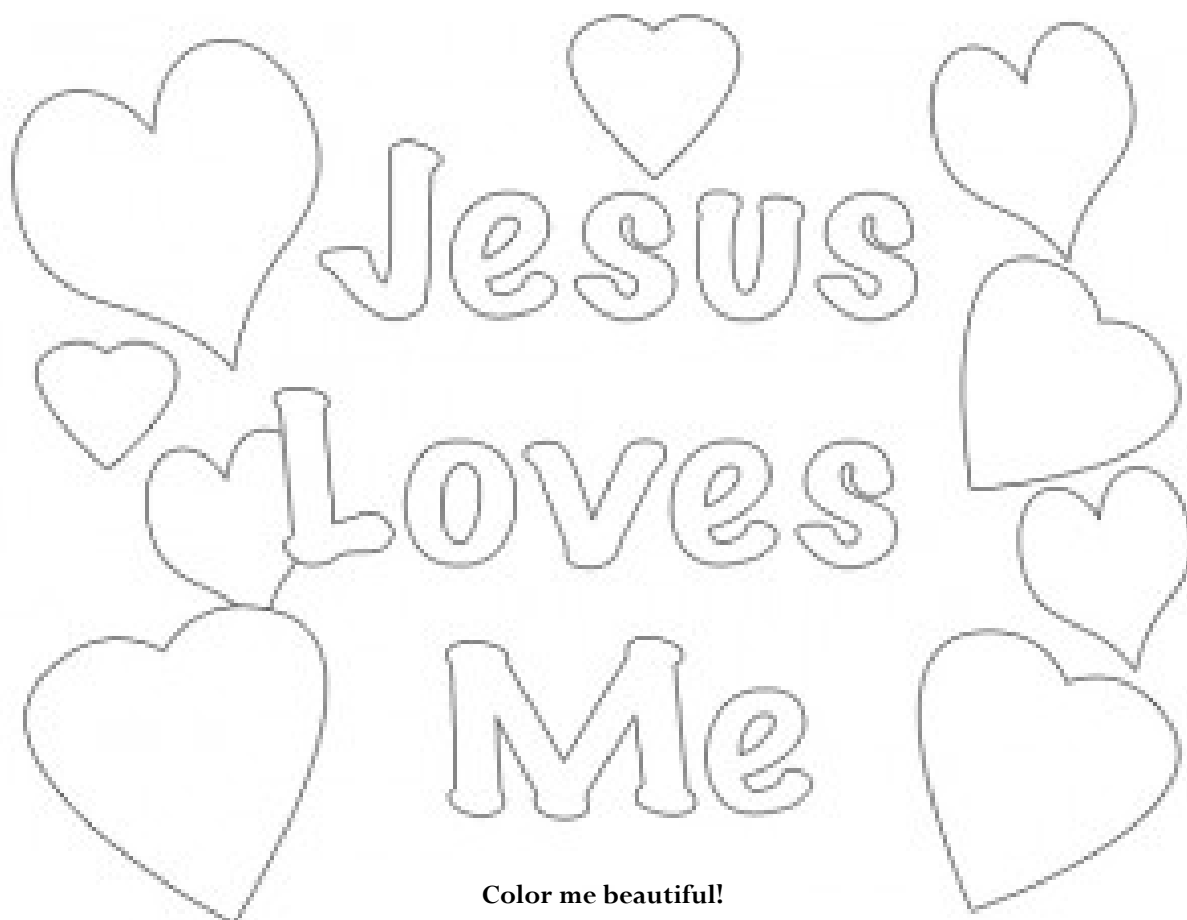
I began playing piano at age 9, with some lessons early, then more as a teenager, and again in college. I was pianist for Calvary Temple in Sterling, VA for 35 years, and then Worship Director and pianist for the Leesburg Church of the Nazarene for the past 8 years.

I love the outdoors, the beach, my Harley Davidson Fat Bob, and traveling to warm places when it's cold here! So, we find our way to Florida usually in late February/early March (to thaw out a bit), and to San Antonio Texas to see my parents a few times each year.

I love music, but even more, I love worshiping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My desire is to be a vessel used to usher us into the presence of God through praise and worship! I hope you will join me in that quest, and welcome you to let me know if you would like to join us, playing an instrument and/or singing!

Riverton's Children

Little Sheep Preschool News



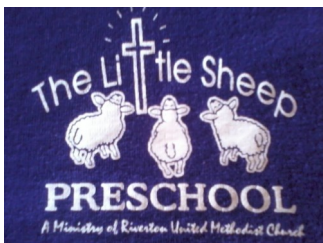
Color me beautiful!

We are excited to announce that Kindergarten will be added to LSP in the fall.

Re-enrollment will begin this month. Open enrollment for the public will begin in March.

Reserve your spot now for a high quality Christian education for your child.

FRPD Officer Jason Winner will be taking our fingerprints in the K4 class on February 10th. The prints will then be given to the parents for safe keeping.



We will be having our "Jesus Loves Me" celebration on February 11th and 12th. Exchanging valentines and eating a few sweets while learning how much Jesus loves us will complete this wonderful day.

Riverton's Children

Children's Ministry

Hey Kids!

We are off to a great start this year. I know that you are enjoying our new Children's Worship classes, Nursery/Pre-school and Breakout (tweens), because of your great attendance!

Starting February 7th we will begin the new lesson series *In The Garden* during our Children's Worship Time. We will learn about *Creation* in February and then learn about the meaning of *Easter* in March. Breakout will continue their current lessons.

Don't Miss the *Bible Time Kidz Club*!! We meet every Wednesday night from 6:30pm – 8:00. This club is for kids 5yrs. to 5th grade. We will be using *God Rocks!* Curriculum "*Because God Created me, I am Special!*". We will also have different zones that will focus on Building Character, Music, and Understanding the Bible.

Listen up for rehearsal times to do another fun skit for Easter. We will also be preparing special songs as well. So stay tuned for more announcements.

Thank you all (parents, volunteers, and kids) for making 2015 a great year in Children's ministry here at Riverton. Looking for 2016 to be even better!!!

Kim Beard

Children's Ministry Director

Riverton's Children

Children's Ministry

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

Children's Worship Nursery/pre-school(infant – 4yr)

Sunday mornings in the Nursery room, during morning service.

Children's Worship Big Kidz (5yrs. – 3rd. grade)

Sunday Mornings in the Downstairs Worship room, during Sunday morning service.

Breakout (tweens 4th – 6th grade)

Sunday Mornings downstairs in the new room – across from youth room, during Sunday am service.

Bible Time Kidz Club (5 yrs. to 5th grade)

Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

* There will not be a Class on Wed. February 10 – Ash Wednesday.

See you there!!!

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." - 1 Timothy 4: 12.

Christmas Caroling Fun

This year we had 15 youth and adults make cookies for, and sing to the residents at Lynn Care. We were able to sing for some people who we have gotten the chance to make connections with, and also sing for and meet new friends. We were blessed in receiving as much ministry from them as they received from us.

Upcoming Events

- **NO YOUTH** - Feb. 10th , Please Join us in the sanctuary for Riverton's Ash Wednesday service at 7pm.
- **Decorating Youth Room** - Saturday Feb 20th, 10am to 3pm.
- **Special Guest**— Surprise special guest coming to youth on Wednesday, Feb 24th.
- **Upcoming Spring Retreat**— Mark your calendars for April 1st to 3rd!



Youth Playing "Ninja" Jan 2016

- For more in-depth information contact Ella Mae Harper-Mueller at emhm72@hotmail.com

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Guidelines for Youth

Each month we have decided to go over on of our guidelines and the reason behind it, this month we chose Electronics .

We ask that **ALL** electronics be turned off and kept out of site when you enter the building. We have this rule so the youth can focus on listening to their peers and listening for what God is saying to them.

YOUTH INFORMATION

- Sunday School,
8:45am to 9:45am
in rooms 117 & 119.
- Youth:
Wednesday nights,
6:15 to 8:15pm
in rooms 117 & 119.
- Check us out on face-
book:
[www.facebook.com/
surge120](http://www.facebook.com/surge120)

Blanket Drive!

Tracey Funk is collecting blankets to be distributed to those in need. New blankets are greatly appreciated - if you would like to donate a used blanket, please make sure it has been washed.

Monetary donations are accepted as well - please give them to Cecil Pullen.



Coming Up ...

Feb. 2	UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry; Prayer Team Meeting, RCA Executive Committee, Finance Meeting
Feb. 3	Women's Fellowship Circle, Youth Group, Wed. Night Dinner, Wed. Night Classes
Feb. 4	Praise Team Practice
Feb. 7	Youth & Adult Classes; Worship Service; Children's Worship, Trustees Meeting, Youth Leader Meeting
Feb. 8	Administrative Board
Feb. 9	UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry; Strategic Planning Team Meeting
Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday Services
Feb. 11	Community Table; Praise Team Practice
Feb. 13	Special Valentines Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 14	Women's Fellowship Bake Sale Youth & Adult Classes; Worship Service; Children's Worship
Feb. 16	UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry
Feb. 17	Youth Group, Wed. Night Dinner, Wed. Night Classes
Feb. 18	Praise Team Practice
Feb. 21	Youth & Adult Classes; Worship Service; Children's Worship, GREETER MINISTRY TRAINING
Feb. 22	UM Men's Supper & Bible Study
Feb. 23	UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry; Finance Meeting

Coming Up ...

- Feb. 24 Youth Group, Wed. Night Dinner,
Wed. Night Classes
- Feb. 25** Praise Team Practice
- Feb. 28 Youth & Adult Classes; Worship Service;
Children's Worship; Children's Leadership Mtg.

AND SOME MORE INTERESTING HAPPENINGS...



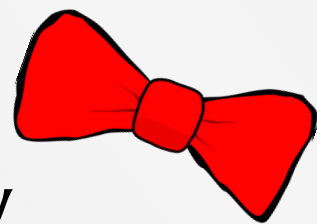
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GENESIS

A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW WE BEGAN

**NEW SERMON SERIES
BEGINS FEBRUARY 7TH
@ RIVERTON CHURCH**

The Red Tie Singers are back !
See Gary Foster to sign up and be a
part of this World-Acclaimed Ministry
(my world anyway)



Birthdays

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

- 1 Hannah Ritchie, Emily Ritter
- 2 Alyson Brown, Madison Salmons
- 3 Michele Bowers
- 4 Justin Bradd
- 5 Allen Derflinger, Deana Goss
- 6 Celeste Brooks, John Christian, Sally Smith
- 7 Jim Durand, Dylan Glascock
- 8 Troy Smith
- 9 Ashley Ferst, David Tharp
- 10 Tracey Funk, Townsend Kerns, Kim Martin,
Abigail Rodman, Michael Tharp
- 11 Lisa King, Annetta Richardson,
Mackenzie Rodman
- 12 Erin Brogan, Sarah Ritchie, Troy Bunch
- 13 Nathaniel Pullen, Brynley DeMariano
- 14 Patrick Lund
- 15 Caleb Roberson
- 16 Pat Derflinger, Ronnie Williamson
- 17 David Bowers, Volare Cairns, Jacob Dick,
John Owens, Lindsey Toothman
- 18 Janel Crump, Kelsey Henry
- 19 Mandy Newman, Gina Baggarly, Joseph Darr III,
Christopher Williams
- 20 Faye Strickler, Alicia Lamkin
- 21 Ashley Atwood
- 22 Alison Green
- 23 Terry Williams
- 24 Ray Clark
- 25 Minnie Brewer
- 26 Tina Dick

Anniversaries

- 14 Gene & Bonnie Stonebreaker
- 15 Rob & Monica Demariano
- 26 Dennis & Dorothy Knupp

