

STREAMS

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY FOR ETERNITY

Riverton United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's Desk

October 2015

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

Don't Look Back.... That's a song from my past. The Title song to an album by the band Boston in 1978. It's a song about awakening. It's a song about appreciating where you were and the road that led you to here, but also realizing you can't go back and there is a new day dawning. The old you is gone, the new you awaits. This is a theme repeated thousands of times in the lives of men and women as they 'grow up'. For some it's a physical illness, for others it's a spiritual experience, for some it's a person or relationship that changes everything, opens their eyes and turns them around. The reality that we can't live in the past has captured authors, poets and politicians for centuries, but all or most would agree that we must learn from it, or we will repeat our mistakes.

Now you're thinking SO WHAT? What does all that have to do with Riverton, and with me? I am glad you asked. The reasons these themes are and always have been present in every generation's culture is that they are TRUTH. The Holy Scriptures of the God of Israel, the Word of God, the Law and the Prophets, or what we call the Bible, is THE answer to this dilemma. It speaks to us the truth of the past, from the perspective of the One who started everything, from some of those who got it right and from those who got it wrong. It highlights both the successes and failures of the Human race and interweaves the eternal truths of the Creator in order to make sense of it all. The Bible invites us to LOOK BACK. To find ourselves, our temptations, our desires our purpose and our passions in the stories of those who lived before us. But the Bible does something else.....

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Visit our website! www.RivertonUMC.org

And our [facebook page](#)

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



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It gives us a glimpse into the future, our future. Through the Holy Spirit, The God who designed life, our life, has given us a manual of best practices, a record of past experiences and the secrets of success to live an abundant life on earth and a blessed life ever after. All that is the introduction to our life at Riverton. We definitely are at a stop-and-look stage in our journey together. As you and I pause on this mountain top, we can see the path we've taken to get here. I can see my mistakes, and the detours that slowed us down. I can also see some of the dangers that we avoided through obedience and faithfulness. The road looks so much clearer from up here. Going forward is our only option.

I invite you to fill your traveling bags with only the best of the past, only those things that will help sustain you in the future. Pack light!

While we are beginning the next chapter, history and experience have taught us to look deeply into the manual, the Bible. Draw from it, draw closer to its Author, your Creator, and find some traveling buddies for the journey. This life was never intended to be lived alone. We are companions, we are fellow sojourners, partners in the mystery, co-laborers with Christ....we are family!

This week we launched 8 new small groups; setting out together to discover new horizons and find the abundance that Christ promised. Remember His Words are evidence and proof that His promises are for ALL who call upon His name. In John's gospel we read, "He came unto His own, but His own would not receive Him, but to those who did receive Him, to them He gave the right to become Children of God" If then we are His children we are also His heirs. Heirs to all that He has.

You might say we are Treasure Seekers. Off to find all the Wealth of Heaven that God has promised and prepared for us to enjoy. Come with me, find a group and join our family as we Explore what it means to live the life of a Disciple.

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Marc

Reverend Marc Roberson

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Grow Ministries



C.S. Lewis said that “Good philosophy must exist, if for no other reason, because bad philosophy needs to be answered.”

As we raise our families, work, build friendships, vote, and enjoy the things we love, we as Christians increasingly find ourselves confronted with bad philosophy or ideas. These ideas come in many forms. They are in the movies we watch, the politics we make decisions about, in our children’s classrooms and on the minds of our co-workers every day.

1 Peter 3:15 says that we are to be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks for the hope we have.

National Conference on Christian Apologetics

One great way to equip yourself with answers and prepare you to share the gospel is the National Conference on Christian Apologetics. Held every October in Charlotte, North Carolina, you will hear from some of the leading Christian experts in science, philosophy, Biblical scholarship and cultural issues. I highly recommend this conference to give you encouragement and confidence to share your faith with others.

Please check out the promotional video and speakers list at www.conference.ses.edu. I’m glad to answer any questions you have about the conference. You can also listen to a sampling of speakers from the 2013 Conference by downloading the SES App or going to YouTube Channel at SES Apologetics.

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Apologetic Minute

“....Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully.” I Peter 3:15

Christians have historically been on the front lines standing up against evil and caring for the weakest of humanity. Early Christians in Rome took care of the sick during outbreaks of the plague, monasteries became hospitals, Christians opposed infanticide, and William Wilberforce spent his lifetime fighting slavery in Great Britain. We have an opportunity in the current news cycle in particular to speak up against the evil of abortion and for the rights of the unborn. As we are engaging our friends and co-workers, we need to remember to be bold but be respectful in how we engage in these conversations. Below is an excerpt from an article by Scott Klusendorf of the Life Training Institute. *How to Defend Your Pro-Life Views in 5 Minutes or Less*. You can read the entire article here: <http://prolifetraining.com/resources/five-minute-1/>.

The acronym SLED points out that there is no difference between an unborn human, a 2 year old, a 14 year old, or a 90 year old.

Size	It's true that an embryo is smaller than a 2 yr. old but since when do we judge size as a determiner of value. Men are larger than women; 13 year olds are larger than 2 year olds and so on.
Level of Development	Embryos are less developed than the adult they will one day become, but so is the 2-day-old baby. The 14 year old is less developed than the 20 year old. Do older children have more rights than younger children? Everything is in place in the embryo for it to develop fully if left unharmed. Just as the 2 year old grows to be 14 and so on.
Environment	Where you are has no bearing on who you are. How can a journey of 8 inches through the birth canal change your value as a human being?
Degree of Dependency	An embryo is dependent on the mother for sustenance but so is the 2 month old, the 2 year old, the person reliant on insulin, or the kidney dialysis patient. It is not viability that makes us human.

Do you have a question you would like to see answered in The Streams about how to break down objections to Christianity? Email your question to riverton@rivertonumc.org.

Riverton's Children

Our doors are getting ready to burst open with a new chapter in the life of Little Sheep Preschool. There are still openings in both the P3 and K4 classrooms. Check out our website for more information and join the team!

The first day of school is September 8th. Don't delay!

www.littlesheeppreschool.com



“We are passionately developing lives
under the banner of Christ.”



ADVENTURE PARK



**Our thanks to the many volunteers who made
VBS possible!**

**And to those
who came!**

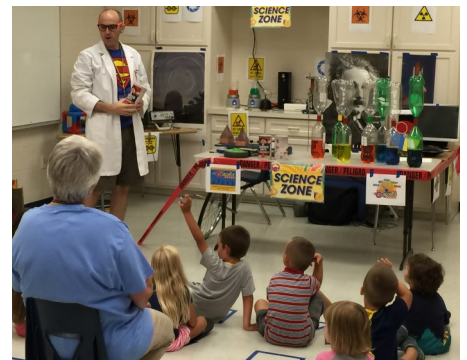
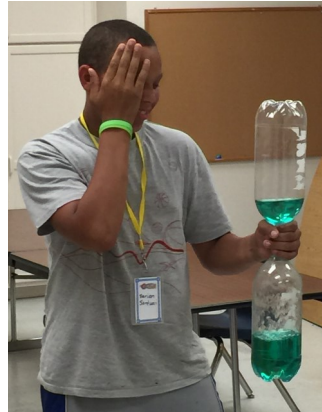
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the Cheetah!**



**And to
Pastor
Marc
and Te!**



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The Science Zone with Allen Burton and Valerie Magnotti



The Craft Zone with Sydney Moon, Wanda Darr, And Gretchen Henderson





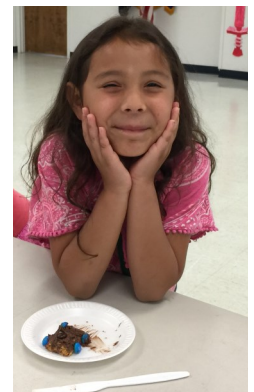
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**The
Music Zone
with
Kim Beard**



**The Bible Story Zone with
Joan Miller, Cindy Martin
and Lucy Beaty**



**The Snack Zone with
Barbara Kelly, Danny
Pullen, Tracey Funk &
Allison Funk**

Riverton's Surge 120 Youth

September, 2015

What we've been up to...

And what's coming up...

Highlights from our Summer 2015

Camp Unite

Breakfast at IHOP

Confirmation Class

Putt-Putt golf

Bowling with Picnic in the park

Fashion Show at Lynn Care

Helping with VBS

Community Table

It was a great time of fun, building relationships, serving, and encouraging our walk with Jesus.

Coming Up...

August 29

Church –wide Neighborhood Block Party

Youth Opportunities

Wednesday night Youth 6:15-8:15

No Youth September 9th.

Check your email for updates.

Not on our Youth email yet?

Contact Ella Mae.

Youth Director: Ella Mae Harper-Mueller: 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.

Riverfront Christian School News

Dear Riverton Family and Friends,

It is with much sadness that we report to you Riverfront Christian School (RCS) Executive Committee's decision to suspend K-12 for the 2015-2016 school year. The Riverton Council received and accepted their recommendation on the evening of August 10th. Notification was given quickly and directly to the teachers, students, and their families that are impacted by this decision. We celebrate the many years of service of the RCS Director, Cindy Martin, along with the administrative and teaching staffs that have worked so hard and lovingly to fulfill their mission "passionately developing lives under the banner of Christ." We thank them profusely for their sacrifice and ministry to the children of Warren County.

God calls us to be both faithful to Him and to be good stewards of what He has given to us. It was through this lens that both the Executive Committee and the Council made this difficult decision. The school and church leadership worked hard over this past year to remove barriers and improve the relationship between the groups, as well as increase the marketing to the community. However, given the reality of a significant shortfall in student registrations from K-12, despite the increased focus, the resulting financial shortfall would create a monthly deficit between \$11,000 - \$14,000 that would have to be made up by the church offering, depending on various scenarios. This was not a shortfall that either the Executive Committee or the Council could commit to. This lack of enrollment was not a surprise, as the enrollment numbers had been declining for many years.

However, there is hope and light in the midst of this bad news. The Little Sheep Preschool continues to have a strong registration season, and we will be continuing with this ministry to our community. In fact, it has been the continuing strength of our preschool program that has funded a number of shortfalls over several years in the K-12 programs. Now, in this next school year, we will be able to reinvest in the preschool program and staff, improving our facilities and our services to both our community and for our church family. The Little Sheep Preschool was the start of what ultimately became RCS with its founding 20 years ago. Although we don't know what the outcome will ultimately look like, now 20 years later we will once again build from this great program, to create a strong and viable future of Christian education for the children of our community. We affirm that we still strongly believe in the mission that has carried the Little Sheep Preschool and the Riverfront K-12 School Program forward all of these years - to provide a place to teach our Christian beliefs and worldview to our children, building life-long disciples for Christ.

We covet your prayers for the RCS Executive Committee in the coming weeks and months ahead, as they navigate a path for this school year, and for the future.

God bless,
Randy Moon
Riverton Council Chair



4th Annual
ENTERTAINING ANGELS
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
IN MEMORY OF KELSEY ORNDORFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015
12:00 SHOTGUN START
REGISTRATION 11:00

BOWLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB (SOUTH)
540-635-2883

Entertaining Angels is a ministry focused on meeting the needs of individuals and families in the Shenandoah Valley that have challenges beyond their means.

Entertaining Angels has supported the summer food backpacks for children, Kelsey's Big Give (home repairs, painting, handicap accessibility projects, yard maintenance) and financial assistance to local ministries, such as CCAP, Phoenix Project, CHAP, Saint Lukes' Clinic as well as the RUMC benevolence program and the Front Royal Ministerial Association which provide assistance and support to those in need in our community.

Please consider supporting this ministry. You can support this local mission by becoming a sponsor or participating in this year's tournament. This mission wouldn't continue without the support of angels like you.

For additional information please visit: RivertonUMC.org

"Transforming Our Community for Eternity"

HEBREWS 13:2

Foursome Team \$260.00

Individual \$ 65.00

Fee includes cart, green fees, dinner, awards, door prizes

Hole Sponsor \$ 50.00



Raffles & Door Prizes

Pick up registration forms in the Gathering Room at Riverton

RIVERTON INFORMATION

SEPT. 7: Monday, Labor Day - Church Office Closed

SEPT. 8: Tuesday, Little Sheep Preschool Start Date

SEPT. 12-25: Pastor Marc out of the country

SEPT. 13: Sunday, Guest Speaker - Mrs. Beth Smith

SEPT. 18: Friday, Church Office Closed

SEPT. 20: Sunday, Guest Speaker - Rev. John Lock

SEPT. 25: Friday, Church Office Closed

SEPT. 27: Sunday, Small Group Launch

Birthdays



Anniversaries

- 1 Alexander Guercio, Michaela Salmons
- 2 Garrett Bunch, Eugene Whoarton, Sam Nmair
- 3 Glenn Ferst, Matthew Shiflett
- 4 Doug Chapman, Shelley Compton, Mariann Cuff, Amanda Moats, Susan Ritter, Tiffany Walker
- 5 Brittan Kirkland
- 6 Cliff Presley
- 7 Matthew Dniels, Josh Brandon
- 8 Kayla Darr, Dillon Knighting
- 9 Evan Hoffman, Arthur Megeath, Morgan Strickler
- 10 Doris Davis, Kindsay Richardson,
- 12 Tom Reil
- 13 Robin Richardson, Nicole Nmair
- 14 Melissa Sisk, Sandra Swanson
- 16 Todd Dodge, Joann Lower, Dan Rishel
- 17 Nicholas Helmick, Justin Darr, Dick Redding
- 19 Alex Atwood, Monica DeMariano, Emmalee Dunivan, Connie Fretwell, Jeanie Stoots, Christina Tharp
- 20 Mary Helen Ritchie
- 21 Tom Scoggin
- 22 Margaret McDonald, Crystal Williamson, Dianne Wines
- 23 Colleen Stanton
- 25 Sherri Baker, Gary Roland, Susan Salmons, Carolyn Mauck
- 26 Allen Burton
- 27 Tim Williams
- 28 Judy Martin, Matthew Myers
- 29 George Lewis, Daniel McKenzie, Joyce Myers
- 30 Josh Arnold, Troy Darr, Barbara Frederick,

- 1 Joey & Kim Neff
- 3 Raymond & Georgia Ann Boklmann
- 5 Chris & Linda Lee
- 8 Antoinette & Dennis Funk, Jr.
- 11 Mike & Tina Dick
Neil & Loretta Lily
- 17 Michele & R.L. Frederick
- 18 Paul & Valentia Pullen
Marty & Carolyn Roof
- 19 Alan & Kim Rutherford
- 21 Paula & Thomas Wayland, Jr.
- 22 Don & Lil Eldrid
- 23 Tripp & Jan Bradd
- 24 Bill & Sharon Coleman
Jim & Jane Kenney
- 26 Ryan & Audrey Koch

