



SANKOFA



A RETURN TO THE PAST

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Riverview Baptist Church is to become a loving, evangelistic church that seeks to glorify God through worship, ministry, Christian education, missions, fellowship, and stewardship.

#NeedingAVacation #VacationsMatter

Everyone needs a vacation. Taking time away from work and routine matters; vacation allows the body to replenish and repair itself. Vacations are important and beneficial; they are a necessity for a well-balanced, healthy life. God desired rest for us because rest does not come naturally.

Taking a vacation is biblical:

- **God set the example of rest.** It is repeated throughout Scripture beginning with the creation. God created for six days; then He rested, not because He was tired but to set the standard for mankind to follow. The Ten Commandments made resting on the Sabbath a requirement of the Law; God said, "Remember the Sabbath." To rest, we have to trust God will take care of things for us and believe the world will not stop turning on its axis if we take time off.
- **Jesus was all for a "getaway."** After a long day of meeting people's needs, He told His disciples, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Jesus knew His followers were drained; they needed to refocus their minds and revitalize their souls.
- **Vacations make us better stewards.** The vacation tradition was started by companies in the early 20th Century as a productivity strategy. Employees came back from holidays reinvigorated and got more work done. Scripture commands us to be good stewards by working heartily and giving our best at what we do: "Whatever you do work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." If we want to give our best for the Lord and be examples of children and servants of God, we should take a vacation.
- **Vacations reduce our stress.** Stress kills the body, literally. It prematurely ages us and leads to sleep deprivation, ulcers, anxiety, and other health problems. Vacations improve our mental health and contribute to more positive emotions and fewer negative feelings and depression. Chronic stress can affect the part of the brain that inhibits goal-directed activities that cause problems with memory. Scripture commands us to care for our bodies as the dwelling place of God: "Do you not know your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."
- **Vacations spur our creativity and worship.** Any down time when we let daily worries go, might cause us to think of new ideas. Taking time to marvel at God's creation spurs creativity in us and spontaneity to worship Him.
- **Vacations prevent burnout.** Vacations give us time to relax, de-stress, and let go. Constant stress can lead to burnout. Signs of burnout may include irritability, outbursts of anger, and cynicism. Jesus said the greatest Commandments are to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We can keep these Commandments better when we re-energize our souls and avoid burnout.

SO, LET US BOOK THAT VACATION!!!

#StayHappyStayHealthyStayVacationed

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings Riverview Family,

It is difficult to believe it is summer again. We will be taking time to rest from the labors of the past year. God requires us to rest; our Lord rested on the seventh day. Vacations are necessary to reflect and get away from the usual day-to-day routine so we may have time to relax and think. We need that special getaway to regroup.

Many of you will be graduating and embarking upon new careers; others will be preparing to spend extra time with the family for enjoyment. Regardless of the occasion, let us remember whatever our plans, we must always put God first. It is because of our Lord we are able to appreciate life.

The articles in this quarterly periodical will reflect on the events and activities of our ministries in the life of our church. As always, we are grateful to our Media Ministry, editors, and office staff, for the time spent in preparing and distributing this newsletter.

It is my prayer you will enjoy your summer and be safe.

God Bless,



Pastor Hewlett

THE MEANING OF SANKOFA



Sankofa means "go back to the past in order to build for the future," or we should not forget our past when moving ahead. We should learn from the past and move forward into the future. Sankofa is a realization of self and spirit. It represents the concepts of self-identity,

redefinition and vision. It symbolizes an understanding of one's destiny and collective identity of the larger cultural group.

Sankofa is symbolic of the spiritual mind-set and cultural awakening African people were experiencing in the decades after independence on the African continent.

The **Sankofa bird** is used to represent Sankofa. The symbol is of a bird turning its head backward and its long beak is turned in the direction of its tail. - Reprinted from the **Adinkra Dictionary by Bruce Willis.**

DEACON MINISTRY

Deacon Jacqueline Silver, Chair
Deacon Wayne Thomas, Vice Chair

The Deacon Family Ministry Dinner was held on April 8. We were blessed in praise and song by the melodious voices of the Gospel Music Workshop of Richmond. The group was accompanied by two of Riverview's musicians: Director of Music, Sterling Hines, on keyboard and Darryl Baugh on string bass.

Deacons Pamela Bridgeforth and William Jackson were our gracious mistress and master of ceremonies who did an excellent job. Toie Butler's mime performance was both mesmerizing and humbling as we contemplated how far God has brought us through the years. Also, deacons recognized and gave tokens of appreciation to Riverview's 2017 high school graduates and our new, reinstated, and rededicated members. Additionally, deacons served in reading Scripture, rendering prayer, and assisting the Hospitality Ministry in preparing and serving dinner. Deacons gifted attendees with door prizes and assisted the custodians with clean up. Kudos deacons!

We give special thanks to the ushers who made everyone feel welcome upon entering the building, and thanks to all who helped to make the program a success. May God continue to bless us all.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Mary J. Jackson, Chair
Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

“Reach, Teach, and Proclaim!”

During this season, our minds begin to evolve around “What am I going to do this summer?” We are reminded of sunny days in the park, on the beach, visiting family, or just getting away for a change of scenery. The word most often used for this time of the year is VACATION!

Just think of the number of people in this world who are unable to go away on a vacation. It may be for reasons of poor health, lack of finance, being a caregiver, or reasons unknown. Regardless, we all have something to be grateful for this summer. We thank God for life.

As a ministry, we will continue to **Reach** out to others, **Teach** what God would have us do, and **Proclaim** the Word of God.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.



CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

We invite you to attend our **2017 Vacation Bible School**, June 26 – 30. The theme is: **“Super God! Super Me! Super-Possibility!”** The program will help participants learn they can stand against the devil and fight the forces of cosmic darkness.

Super God! Super Me! Super-Possibility! This theme focuses on God’s Word and emphasizes cultural enrichment that is empowering to all who participate. Each lesson points to the cosmic qualities available for believers to truly understand God’s power inside is greater than any power in the community, in the world, or in the universe.

Through story, movement, music, arts and crafts, and Scripture, participants will have opportunities to:

- Imagine their own super possibilities!
- Realize there is no greater strength than God’s power within!
- Choose Jesus’ love!!

Our closing will be held on Sunday, July 2, at 9:15 a.m. Join us for our **Picnic in the Park** after worship service.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Rev. Tony Harris, Co-Chair
Barbara Haynes, Co-chair

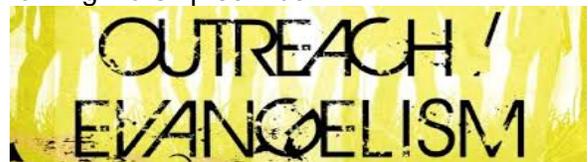
On Sunday, April 30, the Pastor’s Advisory Council partnered with our Evangelism Ministry in a Community Evangelistic Outreach. Our outreach theme is **Gifts, Goodies and The Gospel**. Some of the items shared in the outreach ministry included a brochure, an engraved pen, a Prayer Partner Ministry Booklet, and candy. These items were given in a labeled tote bag. The members enjoyed a delicious meal and loving fellowship after the visitations.

Goochland Correctional Center for Women

Submitted by
Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins

On Sunday, June 4, we worshipped with the women at Goochland’s Correctional Center. Deacon Ida McCollum served as Worship Leader and Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins delivered the Word, **“Jesus Take the Wheel.”** The following persons travelled with us: Rev. Cherise Copeland, Mary J. Jackson, Deacon Jacqueline Silver, and Trustee Kirk Jones. We thank Deacon William Jackson for transporting us to the facility.

We will be worshipping there again on Sunday, September 3, immediately following our regular morning worship service.



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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Deacon William Jackson, Chair

Stewardship is a Way of Life

Stewards of God's Varied Grace

The first quality of a Christian steward is being grateful. All that we have are gifts from God. Living life as a Christian steward involves a deliberate decision to thank God for all His blessings by returning a portion of our time, talents, and treasure to Him.

Giving of Our Time

Our time should involve being with God in prayer and worship, sharing our love with family and friends, and volunteering our time in Riverview Baptist Church and community activities that help others.

Sharing Our Talents

God has entrusted each of us with unique skills and talents. We must take time to recognize those gifts and discern how we can offer them to our church and community and carry out the mission of Riverview Baptist Church.

Giving of Our Treasure

As Christian stewards, we are called to return with thanksgiving a proportionate gift to Riverview Baptist Church which reflects the many blessings we have received. There is no greater way of showing love for our Savior Jesus Christ than giving; He made the ultimate sacrifice of shedding His precious Blood so we would all be free.

Adapted

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY C.O.P.S. (Children of a Powerful Savior)

Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

Rev. Creasy Arceneaux, Co-Chair

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt in April was a blast. This year, for the first time, the hunt was held at the home of Deacon Woodrow and Mary J. Jackson. The children enjoyed the cookout, games, finding eggs, and prizes. It was so great, we decided to have it there again next year (Grandpa and Grandma Jackson's home).

Our 2017 Children's Day weekend was fun-filled. On Saturday, June 10, we enjoyed a day at Jackson's Blacksmith Shop in Goochland. This blacksmithing tradition began during slavery with Henry Jackson, born circa 1826, who built his own shop in 1889. Three generations of the Jackson family worked as blacksmiths and farriers in shops on and near the last remaining blacksmith shop in Goochland County and vicinity. Several members of this family are disciples at Riverview.

The theme for Children's Day was "**Shaping God's Gifts.**" Rev. Marc Fields delivered a stirring sermon; his title was "**Who Are You?**" All program participants were excellent and the music was inspiring.



DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Deacon Fennon Henderson, Chair

Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, Vice Chair

The Ministry observed Family and Friends Day on Sunday, June 4, during the morning worship service. The purpose of this special day is to set aside a time for reminiscing and sharing lasting memories. Rev. Dr. Audrey Hawkins-Fleming delivered a powerful message, "**Signed, Sealed, Delivered – I'm Yours.**" Spirit-filled music was rendered by the Gospel Ensemble, directed by our Director of Music, Sterling Hines.

We welcome, with open arms, new disciples who join our church family. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will nurture disciples and promote growth as we worship together.

Our updated Welcome Visitors Packet will be available soon. We are grateful to all committee members who are working diligently to complete this project



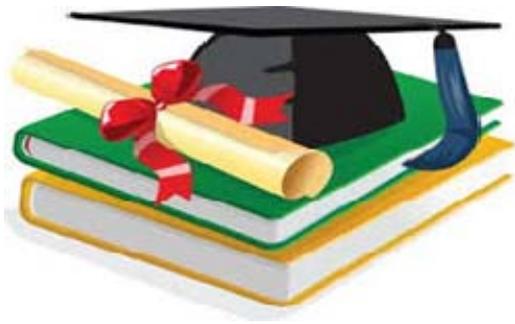
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LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Deaconess Threnodiez Wade Baugh, Chair

The Leader Development/Scholarship Ministry recently kicked off its annual fundraising drive for the E.E. "Jeep" Smith Scholarship Fund. A letter was sent to each member of Riverview requesting donations to support our scholarship fund.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute generously so we may continue to award \$1,000.00 scholarships to our graduating seniors. As you know, every little bit helps. We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on Education Sunday, July 2.



MEDIA MINISTRY

Deacon William Jackson, Chair

The mission of the Media Ministry is to disseminate the message, mission, and ministry of Jesus Christ to the congregation and the community.

The Media Ministry is available to post pictures and share events on our Facebook page and the church's website. We welcome ideas to help make our ministry more effective. Should you desire to have an event posted on Facebook, **please notify us two weeks in advance.**

We are grateful to our newsletter staff, Facebook administrator, photographers, recorders, and website coordinator for exemplifying great TEAMWORK.

May your summer be blessed and enjoyable!

OUR MISSION MINISTRY

Carolyn Washington, Chair
Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

BGC Highlights

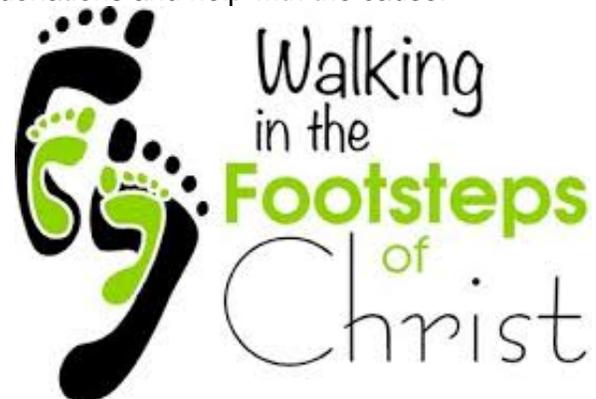
The 118th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education will be held June 26 - 29 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, VA. Luncheon Speaker is Rev. Angelo V. Chatmon, Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church, Richmond, VA; late night worship speakers are Rev. Nina C. Stone of Hill Street Baptist, Roanoke VA. and Rev. David A. Jones, Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA. For additional information, visit <https://www.bgcva.org>

BGC Youth Retreat will be held July 28 – 30 at Virginia Union University. Theme: "I Matter" (Jeremiah 29:11). For more information, visit youth@bgcva.org or call 804-228-2421.

Shiloh Baptist Association Highlights

The annual session is scheduled for July 13-15 at Centralia Baptist Church. Women's Day is July 13; all Missionaries are requested to wear white. Riverview will render the prayer and collect the offering. The youth session will be held on Friday, July 14. The men's session will be Saturday, July 15. The moderator is Rev. Ricardo Brown, First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA.

Food Bank & Clothes Rack The Missionary and Christian Education Ministries worked together to organize new summer hours and distribution of food. Various groups will assist with this endeavor. Thank you in advance for donations and help with the cause.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. LaVerne J. Briggs, Co-Chair
Sheila Thomas, Co-Chair

Mother's Day 2017

Submitted by
Deaconess Julie Randall

Deaconess Julie Randall, Mother's Day Chair
Stephanie Cason, Mother's Day Vice Chair

Theme: "Mother: The Essence of Faith and Love" (Isaiah 66:12-13a & 1 Timothy 1:1-5)

On May 14, mothers were celebrated around the world. Families spent time together to pay tribute to mothers.

At Riverview, our Mother's Day weekend began with a "Paint and Sip with a Twist," facilitated by Deaconess Julie Randall and Ronald Moore. Participants were encouraged to create a masterpiece, using abstract painting and creative minds; it was fantastic. A great group of artists enjoyed discovering their unknown talents. Delicious refreshments were served. The beautiful paintings were displayed in the sanctuary windows on Sunday morning.

During our worship service on Sunday, Rev. Danielle L. Bridgeforth, founder of Joy4Life Ministries, LLC, blessed us with an inspirational message. Her sermon, "The Legacy of Mothers," was spirit-filled and enlightening. The Mother's Day Committee is grateful to all who participated in helping to make Mother's Day 2017 a memorable occasion.

Men's Day/Father's Day 2017

Deacon Rudolph McCollum, Chair

Theme: "Building A Bond Of Family And Brotherhood Through Christ"

Men's Day/Father's Day weekend was celebrated with great anticipation and enthusiasm. On Saturday morning, June 17, at 9:00, Men's Fellowship hosted a breakfast with family members at Shoney's Restaurant, 8415 Broad Street (Broad and Skipwith).

The speaker for Sunday morning worship service was Rev. Dr. John E. Johnson, Jr., a son of Riverview. His message, relating to the theme, was inspiring. Everyone enjoyed the highly-spirited music rendered by the Male Ensemble accompanied and directed by Sterling Hines, Director of Music; Darryl Baugh, string bass; and Darlene Humphrey, drums.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Trustee Kirk Jones, Chair

Centurions at the Gate

"Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go your way, and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.' Matthew 8:13 (NKJV)

Today's new centurions are our members of law enforcement. We have just suffered great community sadness with the death of a Virginia State Police Special Agent in the city of Richmond. This brings attention to the need for criminal justice reform in our society. Our neighborhoods are not safe. Much more needs to be done to end poverty; to provide adequate housing; to improve regional transportation; to successfully educate our children; to seek healthcare for the sick; and to ensure the availability of necessary employment opportunities. When these provisions are not made, crime will occur.

We must continue to work together as a congregation with our "village" to improve lives of our fellow citizens. We must work to help restore voting rights of convicted felons; encourage education of our youth; maintain affordable housing units; and seek equity in job hiring. Saving souls for Christ will help these brave men and women in law enforcement protect our lives and property.

#BlackLivesMatter #BlueLivesMatterAlso



PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY
Deacon Ida B. McCollum, Chair
Rev. Dr. LaVerne J. Briggs, Vice Chair

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” Matthew 21:22

Blink and Think of God!

God is like an eyelid. Throughout the Scriptures, God and Jesus have used metaphors. In Deuteronomy 32, Moses praises the way God takes care of His people. Verse 10 says God shields and protects His people, guarding them “as the apple of his eye.” Translating the word **apple**, it literally means **pupil**. What encircles and guards the pupil? The eyelid, of course! God is like the eyelid which instinctively protects the tender eye. The eyelid guards the eye from danger and by blinking helps remove dirt or dust. It keeps sweat out of the eye and lubricates the eyeball, keeping it healthy. The eyelid closes, allowing rest.

When we picture God as an eyelid, we can thank Him for the many metaphors He has given us to help understand His love for us. As we close and open our eyes, pray continuously for God’s tender protection and care for us.

Adapted from Our Daily Bread



FINANCE MINISTRY
Submitted by
Deacon William Jackson, Chair

ADOPT-A-PEW

With the success of the Adopt-A-Pew Homecoming Appeal 2016, we are excited to announce it again as our Homecoming Appeal 2017.

All pew captains have been asked to generate a minimum of \$500 for their team. This can be accomplished by doing fundraisers or donations. Each team member is responsible for \$100.00. This year's deadline is September 15.

The expectation is a minimum donation of \$100 per member, in addition to our regular tithes and offerings.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon William Jackson.

Riverview is here for you and we need you to be here for Riverview.

Six Ethics of Life

Before you Pray – Believe

Before you Speak – Listen

Before you Spend – Earn

Before you Write – Think

Before you Quit – Try

and

Before you Die – **Live!!!**

From “Famous Quotes”



RIVERVIEW SENSATIONAL SENIORS

Trustee Minnie Carey, Chair
Stephanie Cason, Vice Chair



The Mission of the Sensational Senior Ministry is to continue to develop members spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically, which will enhance their overall quality of life.

The Sensational Seniors have been busy attending anniversaries for other senior groups. They also enjoyed the movie, "The Shack," and going to lunch. On May 10, Stephanie Cason, Events Coordinator, chaired a fashionable Spring Fling. The lower auditorium of the church was beautifully adorned in spring colors. Richard D'Abreu, Jr., Music Director, Second Baptist Church, West End, was our special guest. His musical renditions of "Take Me to the King" and "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow" were enjoyable. Several of the seniors modeled their spring fashions; afterwards, lunch was served.

A trip to Maryland is being planned for August 5. Interested persons are to contact Trustee Minnie Carey. Proceeds from this trip will be donated to the Seniors 43rd Anniversary, scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Come join the seniors on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September – June, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Make sure you call first to confirm if we will be at church because we are seniors on the move.

Our motto: **"Don't sit at home feeling lonesome and blue, come join us; we have something for you to do!"**



FOOD BANK & CLOTHES RACK

James Montague, Chair

Vera T. Johnson Food Bank & Clothes Rack hours have changed for the summer. We will be opened (June – August) on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Women's Bible Classroom.

The Food Bank is in need of canned goods, soups (canned, cup or oodles of noodles) and canned meats (tuna, spam, salmon, mackerel, corned beef hash, vienna sausages, potted meat, etc). Please take note of the expiration dates on foods donated. Thank you again for sharing a portion of your good fortune.

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."
(Proverbs 22:9)



BUS MINISTRY

James Montague, Co-Chair
Deacon Fennon Henderson, Co-Chair

The Bus Ministry is still in need of drivers for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. You must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record.

Thank you to all drivers who continue to take time out of their schedules to transport our members. You are greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you!



TRUSTEE MINISTRY

Submitted by
Trustee Denise Coleman

Carol Adams Foundation

At our last church meeting on March 27, the congregation voted, as part of missions and community outreach ministry, to rent the annex building to the **Carol Adams Foundation**. For the past two years, Sgt. Carol Adams has played a vital role in addressing domestic violence, not only in Richmond and surrounding areas, but throughout the nation and abroad.

Sargeant Carol Adams has been a police officer with the Richmond Police Department for 20 years. She created the foundation two (2) years ago because of her own family's history of domestic violence – her father murdered her mother when she was a child.

This article is being shared so you will know more about her program and its mission.

The mission of the foundation is to provide emergency assistance to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Through the foundation, women and children will have a temporary safety net which will enable them to live violence-free and have the opportunity to become self-sufficient. The foundation provides a safe haven for abused women and their children, while assisting with emergency housing, workforce development, emergency financial support, transitional housing, counseling and mental health services, and afterschool and summer programs for children.

The foundation has three transitional homes, with food, clothing, and furniture closets. An emergency hotline to aid women in distress is also provided. The foundation is partnered with area police & health departments, social services, Richmond Housing & Redevelopment, schools, and Parks and Recreation.

Through the foundation, Sgt. Adams provides training for local, national, and international police departments on domestic violence and how to investigate and respond to calls. Sgt. Adams also helps to build trust between police departments and the communities they serve.

The foundation functions chiefly on volunteers, donations, and Sgt. Adams' personal funds. Sgt. Adams is excited to be able to have her own space to expand and display her services. We are happy to support her foundation through the rental of the church's annex building.

MAN OF THE YEAR NAMED

Deacon Wayne Bruce Thomas, Sr. was named **Man of the Year** during our Annual Father's Day/Men's Day Worship Service and Celebration on Sunday, June 18, at 11:00 a.m.

Wayne is the second of three children born to the late Deacon Warren and the late Eugenia Thomas. He is a native of Richmond, Virginia and 1975 graduate of Huguenot High School. In 1980, Wayne graduated from Norfolk State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. While in college, he participated in track and field.

Deacon Thomas has been a member of Riverview for more than fifty years. In 2003, he was the recipient of the American Baptist Men's Award. He has served as Cub Scout Master, Boy Scout Leader, and Church Treasurer. Presently, he is vice chair of the Deacon Ministry and a member of the Finance Committee, Men's Fellowship Ministry, Pastor's Advisory Council, and Planning Committee.

Wayne worked for more than seventeen years in Public TV, coordinating Technology Conferences and providing educational services to several Virginia locations. He served two terms on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. During his second term, Wayne was appointed chair and travelled extensively. He is currently employed by Richmond City Schools as a Government and World History teacher at George Wythe High School.

Deacon Thomas is a devoted family man who is very proud of his two sons, Wayne, Jr. and Joseph. He has been married to his loving wife, Sheila Marrow, for thirty-three years.

We congratulate our 2017 MAN OF THE YEAR, Deacon Wayne Bruce Thomas, Sr.



National Leadership Team
(Driana Arceneaux, pictured second from right)

“HOME MISSION: ‘TIL THE WORK IS DONE”

July 30 – August 5, 2017
New Orleans, Louisiana

AB GIRLS will be joining in the work week sponsored by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), "Home Mission: 'Til the Work is Done." The team will assist with the ongoing work to rebuild New Orleans after its devastation from Hurricane Katrina.

Worship, fellowship, and the opportunity to serve a community through time and energy will deepen the faith of AB GIRLS. A willing heart will bring them closer to the people met in New Orleans.

The **National Leadership Team of AB GIRLS** is planning times which will allow AB GIRLS to join together for fun and fellowship during the week. Driana Arceneaux is a member of the National Leadership Team.

Adapted from AB Women’s Ministries

AB GIRLS

Rev. Creasy Arceneaux, Co-Chair
Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

AB GIRLS stands for American Baptist Girls in Relationship, Leadership, and Service. AB GIRLS is American Baptist Women’s Ministries ministry with girls.

Thanks to all who supported our bake sale. The proceeds from this project will help to send a young girl to the next AB GIRLS gathering.

We are also grateful to all who gave to the special offering to help defray the cost of

sending girls on the National Leadership Team to New Orleans to work on their summer “Home Mission: Til the Work is Done” project. These girls will spend a week helping with the continued clean-up from Hurricane Katrina (2005). As a member of the National Leadership Team, Driana Arceneaux will be one of the girls volunteering with the project.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY I

Trustee Joyce Woodson, Co-Chair
Rev. Marc Fields, Co-Chair

Young Adult Ministry I continues to meet bi-monthly to discuss politics, current events, how to deal with family issues, and other matters of the heart.

Earlier this year we partnered with Young Adult Ministry II for a bowling outing. Both ministries will attend an evening at The Escape Room this summer.

We are currently planning a **“Money Matters for the Millennium”** workshop. We will discuss **How to Save Money, Getting My First Apartment vs. Buying a House, and I’m 25, Do I Need a Will?**

We are currently seeking new members; non Riverview members are invited to participate also.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY II

Deaconess Julie Randall, Co-Chair
Deacon Sabrina Montague, Co-Chair

In March, YAMs I and II enjoyed a competitive and fun evening bowling. In April, YAM II went to see the movie “The Fate of the Furious” at Cinebistro. Both events were enjoyable.

The YAM II Ministry continues to send cards to the Riverview sick and shut-in members. We have more activities coming up. Check the bulletin for future events. We are always open to new members between the ages of 26 – 54, who love Jesus and love to have fun.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kyndall Phillips maintained good grades in the 1st grade at Heming Elementary School. She is a star cheerleader with her school; they recently performed at L. C. Bird High school. As a "Wiggler" she is officially known as "The Captain" and is often asked to cheer with the other minor team during games. Kendall is also enrolled in hip-hop dance and participates with the Riverview Pre-Destined Praise Dancers. She will enter the 2nd grade in the fall.

Kameron Phillips completed 6th grade Honors classes at Manchester Middle School, maintaining an A average. He is a point guard on the basketball team and recognized for his ability to motivate his teammates on and off the court. Kameron's team won the championship this year. He will be entering the 7th grade this fall.

Kaila Lambert was an honor student and has been accepted to attend St. Gertrude High School with a full scholarship.

Quentin Lambert was promoted to the 7th grade and received another full scholarship to Seven Hills School.

Travis Cambric was an honor student and will enter the 11th grade in the fall. He has a full scholarship to attend Trinity Episcopal School.

Driana Arceneaux adjusted to the challenges in her new school, Hermitage High. She passed her SOL in the 10th grade.

William McCollum was an honor student at Richmond Community High School. He is also a member of Thomas Jefferson High School's soccer team.

Victoieria Butler was a Scholar Roll student at John B. Cary Elementary School and was promoted to the 5th grade. She was accepted in the Higher Achievement Program this summer.



Victoria Randall has completed her freshman year at Virginia Union University majoring in Criminal Justice. She is eager to return as a sophomore in the fall.

On April 13, **Ashley Woodson** was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education at Virginia Union University. Ashley is an Elementary Education Major and plans to teach on the K-5 grade levels.

Logan Thornton was an honor student at Oak Knoll Middle school. She plays violin with the string class and participates in Theater Arts. She is also a member of the gymnastic team at Gym Quest. She was promoted to 6th grade.

Lauren Thornton was an honor graduate from Douglas Freeman High School. She was a 4-year marching band member and 4-year track and field participant. She will continue track and field at Wingate University in Wingate, NC, majoring in Chemistry.

Tyler Slayton graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, majoring in Business Administration. He is a Business Development Consultant at Bartercard, Inc. Tyler is also co-owner of Sure Strike Soccer (Private soccer training and camp). For further information, call 804-922-2189.



NOTE:

Congratulations to **Charles and Martha Thornton** who celebrated 51 years of marriage on June 4. We are praying for you!



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Classes In Reunion is a celebration held every five years. Virginia Union University recognized the **Golden Class (50th year)** during Commencement Activities this year. We congratulate **Stephanie Cason** for being a member of the 2017 **Golden Class**.

The Ushers Union of Richmond and Vicinity held its Combined Annual Banquet at Quioccasin Baptist Church on April 22. During the event, **Bessie Harvey** received a plaque and was honored for 50 years of dedicated service.

Congratulations Bessie!

Shelby Giles – Outstanding Student Award

On Wednesday, May 17, **Shelby Giles** received the 2017 Outstanding Student Award for the Public Relations and Corporate Communications Program at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. The award was presented during the School of Continuing Studies Award Ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held to celebrate the honor with program staff, faculty, students, family, and friends.

We congratulate Shelby for being the recipient of this prestigious award.

congratulations

Deaconess Julie Randall has returned to Strayer University majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management. Julie currently has a 3.5 Grade Point Average and is looking forward to graduation during the fall of 2018.

Rev. Creasy Arceneaux completed her first year at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University. She received As and Bs.

Jasmine Turner was the commencement speaker at Montessori School on Tuesday, June 6.



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