



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.

WHY SOME MEN DON'T LIKE CHURCH

Although males have not completely abandoned church, **manly** men have all but disappeared. Rough-and-tumble men don't fit in with the quiet, introspective gentlemen who populate the church today. Most men in the pews grew up in church. Many of these lifers come not because they desire to be transformed by Christ but because they enjoy participating in the comforting rituals that have changed little since their childhood. Millions of men attend church under duress, dragged by their mother, wife, or girlfriend.

Today's church does not mesmerize men; it repels them. Just 35 percent of the men in the United States say they attend church weekly. In Europe, male participation rate is much worse, approximately 5 percent. More than 90 percent of American men believe in God, and five out of six call themselves Christians; only two out of six attend church on a given Sunday. The average man accepts the reality of Jesus Christ, but fails to see any value in going to church. Studies have shown Christian men feel bored, alienated, and disengaged from church. Researchers say men go to church to fulfill the obligations of their roles as son, husband, father, and pastor.

The ideology of masculinity has replaced Christianity as the true religion of men. We live in a society with female religion and male religion: Christianity, of various sorts, for women and non-masculine men, and masculinity for men. Some men feel church is a women's thing, yet feminists have said for years the church is male dominated and patriarchal. The pastorate is a men's club, but most every other area of church life is dominated by women. Every Sunday, there are despondent women in church without the men in their lives.

As we read the dire statistics on male participation, don't panic. This low ebb may be part of the church's natural cycle. Over time the church tends to get out of balance and lose its masculine spirit. Then God raises a lion to drag the church back into balance, the men return. Our job is to confront the current gender gap for what it is: a strategy of the evil one to weaken the church. God will call men both to Himself, strong, faithful men who are alive in Christ. Read the book of Acts and be encouraged.

Seven reasons men don't attend church:

- Their fathers did not attend church.
- They have to work.
- There are too many collections.
- The services are too long and inflexible.
- They have lost faith in God.
- The church is hypocritical.
- The minister is insensitive.

-Adapted-



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings Riverview Family,

This is the season for graduations, vacations, and the enjoyment of more outdoor living. Whatever the occasion, we must never forget it is God who has blessed us with opportunities to enjoy life. It is my prayer for success with graduations, traveling mercies for vacations, safety for outdoor living, and God's grace and mercy in decisions made.

Thank you church family for your contributions to this newsletter. Without your articles, we would not be aware of what you are doing in your ministries nor would we know about your earned accomplishments. As always, we are appreciative of our Media Ministry and office staff for distributing this publication in a timely manner.

I pray 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

"...I will trust, and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." Isaiah 12:2 (ISV)

When we take a moment to reflect on the way things used to be, we might think about places we have been, people we have met, and things we have accomplished over the years. Summer is a great season to spend time in quiet reflection. We should think about how far we have come in life and how we made it this far. Who looked out for us in the past? Who sustains us now? When we take time to give it thought, we realize it is God who has kept us every day of our lives. Surely, this is reason enough to give thanks for what God has done for us. God is with us in good times and trying times. God is the source from which we have come, our strength for each day, our protection and our salvation. No one else can provide for us as God does, and neither fame nor wealth can save us. Therefore, let us continue to put our trust in the goodness of the Lord, and do our best to help others.

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted." Isaiah 12:5 (ISV)

Give God the glory!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

“Reach, Teach, and Proclaim!”

The Christian Education Ministry sponsored a Leader Development and Training Retreat for Leaders on Saturday, April 21. The theme was “**Fanning the Flames #1.**” Rev. Dr. Adam Bond was our keynote speaker; his presentation was outstanding and included vital information relative to attributes for a great leader. Other presentations from members of the Christian Education Ministry included segments on Presence, Commitment, Love, Giving, Spirituality, and Burning.

On May 19, our Deacon Ministry and Stewardship Ministry teamed with Christian Education in sponsoring “**Fanning the Flames #2**” for our entire church family. The focus for this session was based on the book, “**I Am A Church Member**” by Thom S. Rainer. Our Finance Ministry enlightened us with financial giving comparison for the months of January – April in 2017 and 2018. Pastor Hewlett and Deacon Rudolph McCollum, Jr. gave remarkable presentations on “**I Am A Church Member.**” Both events were well attended and enjoyable.

Learning is a continuous method of growth. Remember, “A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.”

CHURCH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Deaconess Brenda Cheeks, Superintendent

It is our prayer church school attendance will increase with more children. We need you to help get our children back in church school.

Riverview’s **2018 Vacation Bible School** will be held June 25–29. **The theme is: “24/7: Jesus Makes a Way Every Day!”** The program will help participants learn God’s promise of abundant life is gained by having a strong faith FOUNDATION, sharing in COMMUNITY, seeking JUSTICE, persistent

PRAYER, and having FORGIVENESS as initiated by the knowledge and love of Christ.

“**24/7: Jesus Makes a Way Every Day!**” is based on how God makes a way out of no way. The Lord will make a way somehow, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

With **24/7: Jesus Makes a Way Every Day**, participants will:

- Experience God’s abundant life through community sharing and fun!
- Be introduced to people who inspire abundant living!
- Hear that God’s Word provides a firm foundation for everyday life!

Workers are needed. Let us know if you are interested in working with our youth and adults to help make the **2018 VBS** a memorable event.



EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, Co-Chair
Barbara Haynes, Co-chair

Goochland Correctional Center for Women

Submitted by
Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins

On Sunday, June 10, we worshipped with the women at Goochland Correctional Center for Women. Deacon Roz Johnson served as Worship Leader and Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins delivered the Word, “**When God is Silent.**” The biblical reference was Psalm 10:1; 83:1. Additional persons travelling with us were Deaconess Rita Henderson, and Deacon Fennon Henderson, who transported us to the facility.

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

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Helen Gary, Chair

Stewardship is a Way of Life!

Our Stewardship Ministry core values are the center of our principles. (1) We will provide a Christ-centered ministry; (2) We will strive for excellence in all we do; (3) We will be faithful in our stewardship practice; (4) We will encourage the use of spiritual gifts; and (5) We will be faithful to Riverview Baptist Church.

We are still encouraging members to contribute to our ADOPT-A-PEW Rally. Presently, we only have a march for July, August, and September before the designated date. This is an effort to lessen the possible stress of reaching the requested goal of \$100.00 per member by Homecoming.

The Stewardship Ministry participated in the church-wide retreat, "Fanning the Flames #2," sponsored by our Christian Education Ministry and our Deacon Ministry. "The Importance of Stewardship" and "The Components of Stewardship" were shared with the group. This event was informative, enjoyable, and well attended.

It is our objective TO GROW IN STEWARDHIP as we GROW IN CHRIST.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY

C.O.P.S. (Children of a Powerful Savior)

Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

Rev. Creasy McQueen-Kenney, Co-Chair

Children's church is held on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

The Children's/Youth Ministry sponsored the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 6, at the home of Deacon Woodrow and Mary J. Jackson.

There were games, prizes, grilled food, and snacks! The children and adults had a wonderful time. Each child received a gift card from McDonald's, and additional prizes were

given to lucky winners. We are sincerely grateful to all who contributed to this event; as a result, the children were privileged to have another joyful Easter Egg Hunt.

The Children's Day Weekend began on Saturday, June 9, with a movie in the courtyard. On Sunday, June 10, we experienced a high praise and worship service during our morning worship. The theme was "An Awesome God During a Time Like This." Rev. Brian K. Harris, II, Associate Minister, New Mount Calvary Holy Church, Washington, DC, delivered an inspiring message, "How to Stand Up to Your Giants." All participants were superb. After service the Children/Youth enjoyed snacks and a magic show.



DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Deacon Fennon Henderson, Chair

Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, Vice Chair

With grateful hearts the Ministry observed Family and Friends Day on Sunday, June 3, during the morning worship service. Pastor Hewlett delivered a powerful message. The program participants were superb, and the Male Ensemble led the way with music that lifted our hearts in praise.

We are grateful to our Hospitality Ministry, chaired by Rose Turner, who served a delicious repast after service.

We welcome our most recent disciple, Carolyn McQueen-Kenney, and pray for her continued growth in the Lord. We also encourage her to use her spiritual gifts for the growth of our church.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 church family member requesting donations to support our scholarship fund. We encourage each member to contribute generously to the fund so we may continue to award \$1,000.00 scholarships to our graduating seniors.

As a result of our church's generosity, we have been operating and able to award scholarships for 20 years. As you know, every little bit helps. We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on Education Sunday which is Sunday, July 1. We thank you in advance for your support.



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.

Our church's Robocalls are now in effect. This system allows contact to the entire church family with just one call. If you wish to be placed on our Robocall list, please contact the church office.

May your summer be blessed and enjoyable!

OUR MISSION MINISTRY

Carolyn Washington, Chair
Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

The Missionary Ministry is working to support FeedMore. Our Riverview family donated and delivered 156 pounds of food to FeedMore. We will continue to collect monthly donations of specific food items. We appreciate the generous donations given by our church family. Below is the FeedMore list of most-wanted items:

Month	Food Items
June	Lean Canned Protein (tuna, salmon or chicken in water)
July	Canned Fruits (in its own juice or water)
August	Whole Grains (pasta, brown rice and quinoa)
September	Healthy Snacks (fruit cups, raisins and granola bars)

The 119th Annual Session & Congress of Christian Education will be held June 24 – 28 at the Richmond Marriott Hotel in Downtown Richmond.

The Shiloh Baptist Association of Virginia's Annual Session Women's Division will be held on Thursday, July 12 – 8:30 a.m. at Parish Hill, 12401 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA. The theme is "**Reviving Our Roots: Prophetic Preaching and Our Missional Mandate.**" Our very own Rev. Dr. LaVerne Briggs will be the guest speaker. All missionaries are requested to participate. The attire for the occasion is white with a red flower. The Youth Retreat will be held on Thursday, July 12 - 3:00 p.m., at Virginia Union University. The Moderator Session will be held on Friday, July 13 - 11:00 a.m., at First African Baptist Church. New Missionaries are always welcome. **#MissionariesMatter**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT MINISTRY

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

Mother's Day 2018

Submitted by
Trustee Joyce Woodson

Trustee Joyce Woodson, Mother's Day Chair
Linda Lewis, Mother's Day Vice Chair

Theme: "Ode to Mother's Teachings" Proverbs 31:26 (NIV)

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 luncheon and trip to the Black History Museum and Cultural Arts Center here in Richmond. The guided tour included history of the museum with photos of persons from our church family on exhibit. They are Jean T. Edwards (currently Williams), West End Elementary School; Lillian Briggs (deceased), St. Phillips School of Nursing; Justine Coleman, Deacon Bessie Hicks and Deacon Emeritus Vera T. Johnson (deceased), Commonwealth of Virginia Girls Scout Leaders. It was an afternoon filled with vital information and fun.

On Mother's Day, our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Kanisha Adkins, Associate Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Beaverdam, Virginia, blessed us with an inspirational message. Her sermon, "Learned Behavior," was spirit-filled and enlightening. Other members of the Mother's Day Committee were Justine Coleman, Birdia Thomas, and Janet Zimmerman. It was truly a Blessed Mother's Day weekend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Trustee Kirk Jones, Chair

In Virginia, the season of change has been the position of the Virginia General Assembly on Medicaid expansion. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was designed to: expand coverage, lower health care costs, hold

insurance companies accountable, guarantee more choices, and enhance the quality of care for all Americans. Funding would come from the federal government at a rate of 100% in 2014 and reduced to 90% in 2020. The individual states would cover the other costs. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled "the expanding of Medicaid eligibility is an option for states."

Virginia had not adopted this option until May 2018. The newly approved state budget will expand health care coverage to more than 300,000 additional Virginians. This includes single working residents whose income is up to 138% of the federal poverty level. The compromise was reached by creating TEEOP (Training, Education, Employment and Opportunity Program).

All able-bodied adults in Medicaid will be required to work 80-hours a month; this excludes individuals who are (1) age 18 in secondary education; (2) 65 and older; (3) blind or disabled; (4) institutionalized; (5) medically frail; (6) seriously mentally ill; (7) pregnant or postpartum; (8) former foster care children under age 26; (9) the primary caregiver of a dependent child or adult dependent with a disability; and, (10) already in compliance with TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Requirements may be satisfied through job skills training, job search, education related to employment, general education (including GED), enrolled in courses for industry certification, vocational education or training, community work experience programs, community or public service (excluding political activities), or care-giving services for a non-dependent relative or other person with a chronic, disabling condition. For additional information, refer to the sources below:

(1) Medicaid.gov (2) Senate of Virginia Finance Committee May 29, 2018 presentation

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

A CHANGE IS GOING TO COME!!!!

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

A Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

~Kirk Loadman~

HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!

FINANCE MINISTRY
Submitted by
Deacon William Jackson, Chair

ADOPT-A-PEW

With the success of the Adopt-A-Pew Homecoming Appeal, we are excited to announce it again as our Homecoming Appeal 2018.

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.

We welcome our Stewardship Ministry members who have joined us in helping to promote this effort. They suggested we have an Adopt-A-Pew March on the third Sunday of each month, excluding March and June. This has resulted in an increase as compared to this time last year.

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

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



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Deacon Rudolph McCollum, Jr., Chair

Men's Day/Father's Day 2018

Theme: "Encouraging Men to Fulfill Their God-Given Responsibility"

The mission of Men's Fellowship Ministry is to strengthen the spiritual life of men through shared fellowship and involvement in the ministry of the church.

Men's Day/Father's Day weekend was celebrated with great anticipation and enthusiasm. On Saturday morning, June 16, at 9:00, Men's Fellowship hosted a buffet breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant, Broad and Skipwith. The guest speaker was Tory Edmonds, Vice Chair of the Carol Adams Foundation. She shared vital information explaining the mission of the program. The Carol Adams Foundation Program will be held in the Annex building at Riverview. This event was enjoyed with warm church family fellowship.

The speaker for Sunday morning worship service was Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker, Executive Minister, Baptist General Convention of Virginia. His sermon, "The Right Man on My Side", was inspiring. Everyone enjoyed highly spirited music rendered by the Gospel Ensemble, accompanied by Sterling Hines, acting Director of Music; Darryl Baugh, string bass; and Carl Holland, drums. Father of the Church, Charlie Garner, was recognized, and Man of the Year named.

**Happy
Father's
Day**

Rise Up O Men of God



2018 MAN OF THE YEAR NAMED

Dr. Thomas Andrew Elliott was named Man of the Year during our Annual Father's Day/Men's Day Worship Service and Celebration on Sunday, June 17, at 11:00 a.m.

Thomas is one of nine children born to the late James and Annie Elliott. He is a native of Mt. Olive, North Carolina. Thomas graduated from North Carolina Central University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Social Science. He received his Master of Arts Degree, with honors, from Hampton University, and a certificate of advanced graduate studies from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Elliott earned the Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Administration and Leadership, with honors, from Virginia Tech.

Our recipient has been a member of Riverview for more than twenty-five years. At Riverview, he served as chair of our Leader Development and Scholarship Ministry for a number of years. Under his able leadership, the E. E. "Jeep" Smith, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established as an endowment in November 1997. He is an advocate for young people to realize their career dreams. Dr. Elliott has also chaired our Trustee Ministry, served as worship leader, and on numerous committees. Presently, he is a member of the Male Ensemble and Men's Fellowship.

Thomas is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and has been the recipient of numerous achievement awards.

After serving 40 years in the field of education, Dr. Thomas A. Elliott retired as Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Education and Licensure, for the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2007. Since retirement, he worked as a professor of Education and Leadership at Virginia State University for a short time.

Dr. Elliott is a devoted family man who has been married to his loving wife, Vardreane C. Kellum, for more than thirty-eight years. They are very proud of their two sons, Anthony and Todd. They have two daughters-in-law, Chiquita and Kimberly, and five grandchildren.

We congratulate our 2018 MAN OF THE YEAR, Dr. Thomas Andrew Elliott.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

John B. Cary Elementary School

Theme: "Riverview and You, Let's See What We Can Do!"

The Award of Excellence resulted from a discussion during a Pastor's Advisory Council (PAC) meeting. It was decided to choose students in the fifth-grade at John B. Cary Elementary School since it was in our geographic area. Deaconess Threnodiez Baugh and Joan Taylor agreed to spearhead this project.

The idea was to present two \$100 gift cards. Trophies were to be presented to other members of the fifth-grade class. These presentations were awarded at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Threnodiez and Joan met with the students and teachers in January to explain the criteria for winning the Award of Excellence. The meeting generated excitement with teachers as well as students.

On June 15, the Moving On Ceremony was held at Fifth Baptist Church on Cary Street. Riverview donated trophies to students for their outstanding performance on the Standard of Learning (SOL) Test in the areas of English, Mathematics, and Science.

An Award of Excellence \$100 gift card was presented to the student with the Highest Grade Point Average and the other \$100 gift card was presented to the Most Improved Student. The students and teachers were very appreciative of our efforts. We hope these awards were encouraging to the recipients.

We appreciate your generous donations to help with this project.



RIVERVIEW SENSATIONAL SENIORS Stephanie Cason, Coordinator

The Mission of the Sensational Seniors 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 on the move! We attended anniversaries at the following churches: Fountain Baptist Church, Great Hope Baptist Church, Fourth Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church, Centralia. We also attended the Eleone Dance Theater Performance at the Glen Allen Culture Arts Center. Our events included lunch at O'Charley's Restaurant.

The Sensational Seniors final activities for the year included a Lunch Cruise on the ***Spirit of Washington*** down the Potomac River on Wednesday, June 13, and a luncheon, celebrating birthdays, on Wednesday, June 27.

We have been truly blessed and highly favored.

Please come and join our Senior Ministry in the fall. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September – June from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.





National Conference for Women and Girls

July 19-22,
2018
Judson
University
Elgin, Illinois

Sponsored by
American Baptist Women's Ministries
and American Baptist Women in Ministry

As National Convenor for AB Girls, Driana Arceneaux will be attending the National Gathering. She has represented us exceptionally well as the leader of this national group. Girls from across the United States and Puerto Rico will be in attendance.

Hello Everyone,

I am so pleased to inform you all about the AB Women/AB Girls national gathering. The theme for this year is FEEL (Fully Exploring and Engaging in God's Love). The gathering will take place in Elgin, Illinois, from Thursday, July 19 to Sunday, July 22. I invite women and girls who would like to join me in the venture. For further information regarding the gathering, please contact me. My email is: arceneaux.driana@yahoo.com and my cell is (804) 585-5117.

Driana Arceneaux

AB GIRLS

Rev. Creasy McQueen-Kenney, Co-Chair
Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

We know sometimes youth are less inclined to speak up in mixed crowds, and often hold back from sharing their true feelings around the other gender. Alongside traditional children's and youth ministry programs, a ministry with girls is a way for them to have the opportunity to deal with tough questions honestly, to build close relationships with each other and with caring adult women and to build a program that will meet their particular needs as growing women of faith.

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In September, AB Girls will resume their meetings on every fourth Saturday. This is a fun outreach ministry for young girls to grow, learn about God's love, and minister to those who are in need. We are currently seeking new members; non Riverview members are invited to participate also.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY I

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

Thoughts to Ponder

Any ministry is a must
For in God we put our trust,
Yet to be young and trust in the Lord
Is a step forward in getting on board.

With a fresh young adult mind
There's many hills you may have to climb,
The devil knows you are our future to be;
He's on the job, and so should we.

You have many ideas to fill this earth
And spread the great news of Jesus' worth.
Touch the hearts of your peers
For the world has filled them with fears.

Please minister to one another
All of you are sisters and brothers,
Don't ever fear man
For God still has the master plan.

Terry C. Lewis - Adapted



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kaila Lambert will be returning to St. Gertrude High School as a sophomore.

Quentin Lambert will be returning to Seven Hills School as an 8th grader.

Travis Cambric will begin his senior year at Varina High School.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Martha J. Ruley (Center) Receives Award

On Thursday, April 26, our very own church clerk, **Martha J. Ruley**, received the Frist Humanitarian Award at Henrico Doctors Retreat Hospital. The Frist Humanitarian Award recognizes the highest achievement in serving others. This honor is given to special individuals who consistently go beyond the call of duty in serving patients and communities. This distinctive award, founded in 1972, by Thomas Frist, Jr., is given in memory of Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr., the founder of HCA, who believed in putting patients and community first.

We congratulate Martha as the recipient of this incredible honor.

On May 5, **Ashley Woodson** was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success at Virginia Union University. Ashley is an Elementary Education Major and plans to teach on the K-5 grade levels.

Kyndall Phillips received A/B honor roll on her last report. She was a rising star in her first season of softball and has been promoted to the 3rd grade.

Kameron Phillips received all As this past school year and will be applying for the Junior National Honor Society. He was promoted to the 8th grade.

William McCollum graduated from Richmond Community High School with a 3.7 GPA. He will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall majoring in Business Administration. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, William plans to attend law school.



Jordan Franisco, a fourth grader at Linwood Holton Middle School, was inducted into the Elementary National Honor Society on May 10. He will be entering the 5th grade this fall.

Victoieria Butler, a Scholar Roll student at John B. Cary Elementary School, passed her first two SOL tests with As in math and reading. Victoieria graduated from John B. Cary on June 15, and has been accepted in the Higher Achievement Program again this summer. Victoieria will enter the 6th grade in the fall.

Toie and Victoieria Butler performed a mime presentation at the Jackson Blacksmith Shop 23rd Annual Event in Goochland on Saturday, June 9.

Logan Thornton was a 7th grade Scholar Roll student at Oak Knoll Middle school. She played violin with the orchestra; earned a superior rating and won first place in their competition. Logan will enter the 8th grade in the fall.

Lauren Thornton was an honor student during her freshman year at Wingate University. Her track team won the conference championship. She will return to Wingate as a sophomore in the fall and continue to participate with the track team.

Charles Nicholson, III has completed two years in the Ford ASSET Program at Tidewater Community College in Chesapeake, VA, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.72. He works part-time at Richmond Ford West and his goal is to become a master automotive technician.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

REGINALD "REGGIE" G. JACKSON
CLASS OF '80
INDUCTED 5-29-18

On May 29, **Reginald Gerard Jackson, Sr.** was inducted into Hermitage High School Band and Marching Panthers Hall of Fame. Reginald was recognized for his excellence in band performance as a trumpet player and drum major. He served as drum major his senior year and was the first African American to hold this position at Hermitage. Reginald is the son of Deacon Woodrow and Mary J. Jackson

Yolanda "Y.B." Taylor is one of five recipients of Henrico County's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee's 2018 Award of Merit. The award is in recognition of distinguished contributions to historic preservation in the County of Henrico, Virginia. Y.B. Taylor was recognized for her dedication to providing education and insight into her African American experience through her writing and public outreach.

Y.B. Taylor appears publicly at churches, schools, conferences, and professional seminars, and encourages her audiences to reflect on their history and life experiences. Her inspirational writings and publications of poetry depict her personal and other's African American experiences. Her books of poetry are "What I Know ... Poems of Life," "Journeys of Freedom," "Out of Bounds In An Inbound World," "Keeping It Real! and No Excuses," and "I See You!"

Y.B. Taylor is currently working on a sixth book of poetry, which she hopes to publish early 2019. Learn more about Riverview's poet by visiting her website, www.ybtaylorwrites.com.

Jasmine Denise Turner, one of the ten alumni who graduated in the past 10 years, was recognized with the **Top 10 Under 10 Alumni Awards** on April 14 for their professional success, service as difference-makers in their communities and loyal support of Elon.

The awards recognize alumni from the past decade who have achieved major professional success, served as difference-makers in their communities and loyally supported Elon as partners, advocates and investors.

Jasmine joined Elon Local News as a first-year student at Elon. While at Elon, she served as an anchor and reporter for ENN and ELN Morning. One week after graduation, she started her career as a multimedia journalist and weekend anchor at WECT News, the NBC affiliate in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Jasmine served as a youth trustee on the Elon University Board of Trustees from 2015 to 2017. After a little more than a year in Wilmington, Jasmine moved back to her hometown, where she is a reporter for NBC12 News. Jasmine is the daughter of Larry and Carolyn Turner.

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On May 15, **Shelby Giles** received the **Washington Women in Public Relations Emerging Leaders Award**.

The awards recognize up-and-coming female communicators in the Washington, D.C. area. Eighteen finalists were selected from six categories: Large Agency, Boutique-sized Agency/Independent, Association, Nonprofit, Corporate and Government/Public Affairs.

Shelby won in the category of **Boutique-sized Agency/Independent**. As an Account Supervisor at Vanguard Communications, Shelby helps clients take a research-driven, yet intuitive approach to developing strategies that employ inspiring storytelling and compelling data to engage audiences around today's most pressing issues. At Vanguard, Shelby leads the conceptualization and development of health communications campaigns and materials with a focus on underserved communities. Recently, she helped develop Vanguard's newest business vertical. Shelby is the daughter of Larry and Perida Giles.

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