




First Tuesday Dinner

First Tuesday Dinner will be April 2, 2024 at 6:00pm. We will again have our dinner catered by Brano's Italian Grill and the menu will be Chicken Marsala, pasta, veggies, garden salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$12 per person.

Following dinner, Caroline Burns will share her work with Back2Back ministry. Caroline was raised here at Riverside, the daughter of Rebecca and Steve Burns. Back2Back ministry serves orphaned and vulnerable children and their families in many countries. Please join us as Caroline shares about her work in God's kingdom. You do not need to attend the dinner to hear Caroline. Her presentation will begin around 6:40pm. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

Sign up after church in Fellowship Hall, phone the church secretary or Betty Peterson at 406-750-9202. All reservations must be made by Easter Sunday, March 31st, by noon.



Worship with Us!



IN-PERSON AND "LIVE" BROADCAST
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:00am

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Care & Support



The Care and Support Committee is a ministry to provide comfort and support to those with short- or long-term illness, personal struggle and sorrows of life. Our goal is to encourage those in need to live and not just survive by demonstrating the love of Christ in all we do.

One of our ministries is to organize blood donation. This is a vital part of our service to the community. Every two months the Oneblood's BIG RED BUS parks in our parking lot during worship so that members, friends, and passers-by can have an opportunity to donate blood. Oneblood has created a year-long challenge for whole blood donors. The donor receives a \$25 gift card for the first donation increasing by \$5 for each of the second, third, and 4th donation. Please consider donating. For more information visit givelife.io/rewards.

Because YOU care, come to Care and Support meetings and be a part of this wonderful ministry of caring. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month.

For more information, contact Susan White at 614-561-9794 or slwhite408@gmail.com

New Members In the Spotlight

Richard and Janice Eastes relocated to Merritt Island, FL, in January 2001 for a new job opportunity in Richard's field as a space physics researcher at KSC. Their only child, Amelia, was 12 at that time, and enjoyed attending the local public schools as well as obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees in education in UCF. Amelia is now married, lives in Oviedo, FL, and is a mom to Adalynn (almost 5) and Eliza (almost 2). Richard now works for the Laboratory of Space Physics at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado where he heads up a team of researchers who help monitor and interpret the data returned from a space weather satellite launched in 2018. Richard lives in Longmont, CO (just outside Boulder) for part of every month while Janice maintains the home front, enjoys the weekly Disciple Bible study and dotes on their 15 yr. old toy poodle, Lady. Babysitting their granddaughters brings Richard and Janice much joy, laughter and delight (and sometimes takes them away on a Sunday morning). Both Richard and Janice are genuinely excited to be an "official" part of RPC and look forward to serving God through this vibrant community of faithful servants.



Extended Family Database

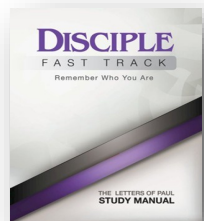


To ensure we are able to provide excellent care of one another, we are forming an Extended Family Database. If you'd like us to be able to contact family members, should the need arise — celebrations, emergencies, etc., please provide contact information to Betsie in the church office. This information will be used only to provide care.

Disciple Bible Study

Starting Monday, May 6th we will begin the next Disciple Study on The Letters of Paul. This will be a 12-week study and will be on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm. If you would like to be part of this study, please contact Pastor Chris or Betsie in the church office. The cost for the study book is \$20 per person.

We will be ordering books April 15th, please sign up by then.



Tithely.com

Riverside is offering another convenient option for you to give your donations! You can scan the QR code below, with your phone, and it will take you to our online giving through tithely.com. This is a secure and easy way to give your contributions.



A Word from Pastor Chris

All,

Happy April! I hope this finds you well! If it doesn't and I can stand with you in any way, please let me know.

I offer to stand with you each time I write one of these columns. I write those words so often, I'm afraid they eventually come across as trite; they are anything but! This is especially true this time of year.

This time of year, as I've said before, is my favorite time of the year. There are many reasons for this. You probably share some of them. The weather is changing. Things are starting to bloom. While I don't like the increase in pollen, I love the hope of what is to come: colors, smells, fruit hanging off trees, all reminding us of new life, which is timely, given we are also in Easter!

I love this time of year because baseball is starting. The Masters will soon be played. By the time this goes out, March Madness will have come and almost gone. As I am each year, I am in a tournament pool. I'm only in one, which is odd for me; typically, I'm in three or four! I have dropped the others, but can't envisioning ever leaving the one. The one I'm in is with a group of fraternity brothers, all of whom went to school about the same time I did. Many of these I have not seen in thirty years, but, every year, their names pop up through the pool. I hear their voices in the chatter. I am reminded of stories I long ago forgot. Through our interactions, I am taken to places and people who have been instrumental in shaping me into who I am.

As cool as it is to reengage, each year another name, voice leaves our group and we are reminded that time is short and relationships are precious. So, I offer to stand with you because I know the opportunity to do so is a privilege, one I don't take for granted! My hope is that each and every person has people that offer to stand with them!

Blessings on your heads, Chris



The Deacons at Riverside want to thank our Riverside Family!!!

Riverside gave over \$800 in gift cards to Cape View Elementary students! The gift cards go to help families in need over Spring Break.

Thank you so much and we are so grateful for your amazing generosity

April Birthdays

Claire Burton	4/1
Roxann Stout	4/1
Jenny Walker	4/1
Mike Reed	4/10
Harry Peterson	4/17
Joan Newman	4/20
Tom White	4/25
Linda Gibson	4/26
Becky Reed	4/26
Laurie Casto	4/24
Darlene Pals	4/27
Paula Yost	4/27



Does reading the Bible prompt you to learn more about God and Jesus? Last month, using the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8, we discussed how the Word of God is an essential tool for expanding God's witness to the "end of the earth."


Both circles meet in person in Knox Parlor.

Hannah/Ruth/Rebecca meets the 3rd Tuesday at 1 pm
Deborah meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm



The Wednesday night Ladies' Bible Study resumes our study using "Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas in April. Looking at the parables from a different perspective has sparked much discussion as we see them in a different light.

Join us Wednesday nights at 7 pm meetings in Knox Parlor (also available via Zoom).



We come together each Wednesday morning at 10am to pray for the needs of our church family and friends. There are blue cards in the pews that you can fill out, or you can email me at biddle310@gmail.com

We always welcome new members!

Jane Lovett

Pray with Us For...

- Loved ones
- Those who have illness or loss
- Our military personnel
- Our missionaries
- Our nation
- Our church



Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday's at 8:30am in-person in Knox Parlor and via Zoom.

We plan to go to breakfast following each meeting for more fellowship time together.

If you prefer to join us via Zoom please contact Tom White at 614-849-8741 or via email at didymus623@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting invitation. Gentlemen, if you are not already a participant, we invite you to join us.

Sunday School

9am

K-5th grade

Fusion Youth
"Petites Bouchees" (tiny bites)
Fusion Youth Room

Adults
Colossians
Knox Parlor

The Beatitudes
(Ladies class)
Knox Galilee

**Learn More About
the God We Serve**

2024 Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary, the sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



After the flowers are enjoyed on Sunday morning, you have the option taking them home or the Deacons can deliver them to those who can no longer join us on Sundays. The cost remains \$35.00.



2024 Financial (as of Feb 29th)

Income	\$ 79,434
Operating Expenses	\$ 61,933
Net Income	\$ 17,501

Faithful Stewardship

Thank you for your continued financial support!

God's work never stops...and therefore, neither does ours, blessings!

Douglas Kasimier , Treasurer, (dkasimier@aol.com)

SESSION UPDATE

The Session met in-person and via Zoom on March 19. Pastor Chris moderated.

Updates on the upcoming Easter Sunrise service were given—advertising has gone out to hotels in area, as well as signs at church. Service will be held at Sidney Fischer Park at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Work is being done on sanctuary doors so they will meet fire code. It should be done by April.

Next meeting will be April 16, 2024 at 7 p.m.

DEACON UPDATE

The Deacons met in-person and through Zoom on March 13th. Fern Wolle moderated.

We welcomed new Deacons; Carolyn Hattaway and Janice Eastes, and our new Session Liaison, Teri Beeler.

Caring person for April is Wauneta Lehman.

The following officers were elected: Moderator: Marianne Pluchino, Vice-Moderator: Fern Wolle, Secretary: Tammy Ivan, and Treasurer: Walter Scott

Much of the meeting was to discuss and plan the flower delivery for Easter. Lilies and mums will arrive on Good Friday.

There was encouragement to gain more \$10 gift cards for Capeview School.

Our next meeting will be April 9th in Knox Hall.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Chris Carson
Pastor

Betsie Germann
Administrative Assistant

Diana Amtower
Traditional Music Leader

Griffin Sinclair
Praise Band Leader

Doug Kasimier
Treasurer

Chuck Torgler
Custodian

Karen Ward
Web/IT/AV

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Debbie Burleigh 23	Paula Yost 23
Carl Plaugher 23	Sally Friend 24
Bob Howard 23	Tom White 24
Anda Ray 23	Jenny Lyons 24
Mark Gordon 23	Carlos Assemany 25

DEACONS

Valerie Kellum 23	Marianne Pluchino 24
Claire Burton 23	Walter Scott 24
Jorge Castillo 23)	Lindalee Torgler 25
Tammy Ivan 23)	Susan White 25
Wauneta Lehman 24	Fern Wolle 25
Mary Mullin 24	

APRIL SCRIPTURE

April 7th	John 20:19-31 Acts 4:32-35
April 14th	Psalm 4 Luke 24:36-48
April 21st	Psalm 23 1 John 3:18-24
April 28th	1 John 4:7-14 Psalm 22:25-27



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6pm First Tuesday Dinner	3 8:30am Men's Study 9:30am Stitchin' Sisters 10am Care & Support 10am Prayer Circle 7pm Women's Study	4 7pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
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