



The Children's Hunger Project

We are collecting food items for The Children's Hunger Project. The CHP is dedicated to helping elementary school children in need by providing them with food to take home for weekends and during school breaks. Our goal is to ensure that children have access to basic nutrition when they may not have access to school meals. We will collect food items for the next 5 weeks and, as a church, we will pack the food items on March 9th after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Feb 2 ~ Chef Boyardee "pop-a-top" microwavable pasta dishes **(*must be microwavable, no cans)**

~ Juice boxes - all boxes must be 6.75 oz and 100% juice, sugar-free



Feb 9 ~ fruit cups and applesauce cups - all cups must be 4 oz and sugar-free

Feb 16 ~ prepackaged Goldfish crackers - packages must be cheddar (.75 oz) or pretzel flavored (1 oz)

~ prepackaged graham crackers - graham crackers must be made of whole grain; packages must be 1oz (Teddy Grahams or Animal Crackers are okay)

Feb 23 ~ Horizon Organic Chocolate Milk boxes - must be brand specific; each box must be 8 oz

~ prepacked sunflower kernels - packages must be 1.2oz

Mar 2 ~ All Items

Mar 9 ~Packing Day

Extra Items:

~Craisins (1oz box or 1.16 oz bag)

~Ze e Zee Bars (whole grains & nut free)



Worship with Us!



IN-PERSON AND "LIVE" BROADCAST

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:00am

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Annual Congregational Meeting

We will have our Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 23rd immediately following worship. We will review 2024 as well as vote on the nominees.

Join us following the Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a taco bar and fellowship!

Thank you!

Words are inadequate when expressing my deepest gratitude for the displays of kindness shown to me by the members of Riverside when my precious Barbie left me for Heaven on December 22nd.

You have helped lessen the loneliness and sadness with your cards, words and hugs, just being there, taking my hand, walking with me and bringing me a cup of tea.

Your love means so much and I am thankful!

God bless you!

~Wauneta Lehman

First Tuesday Dinner

Our next First Tuesday Dinner will be held February 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our dinner will be catered by Brano's Italian Grill and the menu will be Roast Pork Marsala, roasted potatoes, cooked veggies, garden salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$12 per person.

Following dinner, our program will be presented by our own Caroline Burns as she shares her ministry with Back2Back ministries. She began her work in Mexico as a house parent for small boys, and recently has been working globally in trauma prevention and establishing schools for children in need.

Sign up for dinner reservations after church in Fellowship Hall after worship, or phone your reservations to our church secretary or Betty Peterson at 406-750-9202. Invite friends, neighbors and family.

February

- **Sonja Buckley** • 2/3 •
- **Jak Burton** • 2/3 •
- **Mick Ray** • 2/7 •
- **Ellen Tibbits** • 2/7 •
- **Mac Carson** • 2/10 •
- **Anita Olton** • 2/13 •
- **Evelyn Whitehurst** • 2/20 •
- **Debbie Swanson** • 2/22 •
- **Elizabeth Deak** • 2/24 •
- **Lucy McCoy** • 2/26 •
- **Charles Talbot** • 2/27 •
- **Pam Weiger** • 2/27 •



One Blood Drive

The OneBlood Bus will be here on Sunday, February 9th from 9am - 1pm. Walk-ins are welcome. However, reservations, which can be made on the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, are preferred. Please consider donating blood before or after church. Each donation changes lives!

Please consider donating to this very important organization that saves lives!



Meet Our New Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. William C. (Bill) Teng



The Rev. Dr. William C. (Bill) Teng will become our Interim Pastor effective February 1st and will lead our February 2nd service. Pastor Bill retired from 40 years of active ministry both teaching and serving congregations in New York, Texas, Hong Kong, Florida and Washington, D.C. Bill retired from called ministry in 2019. Riverside will be the 4th church he has served as Interim/Transitional minister.

Please welcome Pastor Bill and his wife Karen to Riverside.

Thank you!

Thank you for your donation of 10 bicycles for local foster children! Your generosity is truly making a difference. These bikes will bring so much joy to kids who need it the most.

Thank you, Riverside Presbyterian Church, for helping us bring joy and brighten the lives of foster children in our community.



TACO BAR

Join us February 23rd after worship and our Annual Congregational Meeting for fellowship and tacos! We will have a full Taco Bar to enjoy!
Hope to see you all there!

Soup Sunday

Join us Sunday, February 9th after worship service for Soup Sunday! Bring your favorite soup to share and enjoy fellowship with your Riverside family.



Riverside Commissions

Where do you fit in? What is God calling you to do?
A commission is more than the leader of the group, it takes all of us working together to make things happen!

Congregational Life



Oversees the fellowship experiences, and the care and support ministry within the congregation. Works to integrate new members, and continually explores opportunities to strengthen the body of Christ through fellowship. Facilitates a line-of-sight and additional communication bridge between Session and the Deacons.

Care and Support meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. Deacons meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Congregational life meeting time is to be determined.

Property



Oversees the use and maintenance of the church property.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am

Community Engagement



Works actively to seek to build relationships with and serving members of our community as a key part of Riverside's spiritual journey.

Meeting times are determined a month in advance.



Staff Resources

Works with paid church staff to develop an agenda that supports the church's goals and values.

Meets monthly.

Communications



Responsible for sharing information to keep members, visitors and the community informed and engaged. Supports and offers guidance to all Commissions to ensure their information is effectively provided to both internal and external audiences.

Meets 1st Sunday of month at 11am.

Worship



Assists in the planning for all worship services. Volunteer opportunities include serving as liturgist, as greeters, in the A/V room and as liaisons during special services.

Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am.

Missions



Oversees and facilitates congregational involvement in mission opportunities locally and internationally. Provides the organization for the Dr. Vernon Boushell Concert Series.

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm.



Education & Spiritual Development

Oversees the educational programs of the church and continually explores opportunities for spiritual growth.

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm

Stewardship & Finance

Works in conjunction with the church treasurer, to maintain adequate fiscal records and oversee the financial stewardship program and campaign.

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Contact: Mark Gordon



Interview with the Producer of Dr. Boushell Concert Series, Steve Hoagland

1. Steve, tell us a little about how the January 12, 2025 Rockin' at Riverside concert was received?

The Rockin' at Riverside concert was such a hit last year that we were thrilled to bring them back for the 2025 Boushell Concert Series. With over 400 attendees, it clearly was a hit in the community. The music of the Melbourne Municipal Band was a fusion of country, jazz, R&B, and gospel with energetic beats and soulful voices. Their electric performances brought people together, singing along, even a little dancing in the aisles. The blend of great musicianship and infectious energy made it a night to remember.

January 12, 2025 *Rockin' at Riverside* Concert



2. How long has the Dr. Vernon Boushell concert series been running?

The Dr. Vernon Boushell Concert Series has been a beloved community tradition for 17 years, thanks to Riverside Presbyterian Church, which has sponsored the series since its inception. As an active community partner, Riverside continues to offer these free concerts as a gift to the public. While the concerts are free, tickets are required to attend, until we reach full seating capacity.

3. What do you think will continue to make the series a success?

The Dr. Vernon Boushell Concert Series remains a success because of its commitment to offering diverse, high-quality performances that appeal to a wide range of musical tastes. By offering these concerts for free, Riverside Presbyterian Church ensures that the joy of live music is accessible to everyone in the community. The series continues to build on its reputation for providing exceptional performances in a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere—making it a cherished part of the local cultural calendar.

4. What do you look forward to bringing to audiences as part of the series this year?

The remaining concerts in the 2024-2025 Boushell Concert Series continue to be packed with exciting performances. The series will continue with a tribute to Neil Diamond on February 16th, featuring the *Nearly Diamond – A Sensational Neil Diamond Tribute Show*. On March 30th, the Riverside Chamber Orchestra and Community Chorale will perform a beautiful Oratorio concert featuring Schubert's *Mass in G, D167*, as well as works by *Fuchs and Mendelssohn*. We'll wrap up the season with our patriotic summer program, *America the Beautiful*, on June 29th, just in time to kick off Independence Day celebrations. It continues to be a season full of incredible music.





Did you ever wonder what the crew members of the ships in Port Canaveral do in their free time? They have limited time off and are far from home. Right in our backyard, close to the port is where Canaveral Port Ministry (CPM) is found. Their mission is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of crew members serving on the ships that come into port, as well as to share the love of Christ with them.

So the next time you drive by the port and see the ships, think about the service that CPM provides the crew members who are far away from home as they work on the cruise ships and freighters. Praise God for the staff and volunteers who give their time to serve the crew.



In an abusive situation? The Salvation Army Brevard Domestic Violence Program in Cocoa is a certified Domestic Violence Center that serves adult and child survivors of domestic violence through shelter and supportive services by providing shelter, safety planning assistance, counseling, advocacy, victim compensation filing assistance and relocation assistance. Services are available to survivors residentially and non-residentially.

While you may not need the services of the Spousal Abuse Center, Riverside does support this (unfortunately) needed program. The center in Cocoa was established in 1984 and has helped many women over the years. Through our giving, Riverside helps, too.

DUVALL HOMES **L**ocated near DeLand, Duvall Homes provides residential care and services for people with development disabilities with a goal to provide the highest quality of life and greatest level of independence for each resident.

Residents thrive in a family environment, both in the group homes and at day training where the number one priority is to empower them to become as independent in their lives as possible.

Duvall Homes operates 16 group homes throughout West Volusia County. While more than half of their residents are Floridians, the rest come from 24 different states. Check out their website (duvallhomes.org) for more information, pictures and videos. You will be inspired!

~ Special Gathering ~

The Special Gathering is dedicated to sharing the good news within the mentally-challenged community in Brevard County. Chapels are held in several locations: Merritt Island, Titusville, Melbourne and Vero. They meet on Sunday, allowing a respite time for families to be able to attend the worship services of their choice. For many of their members, this chapel time becomes their church.

Besides the chapel services each Sunday, Special Gathering helps mentally challenged persons and their families advocate for themselves and helps them know what options are available to them. They also provide fellowship opportunities with an annual camp, field trips and socials. Other activities include an annual Christmas play, a choir and a newsletter written by and for their clients

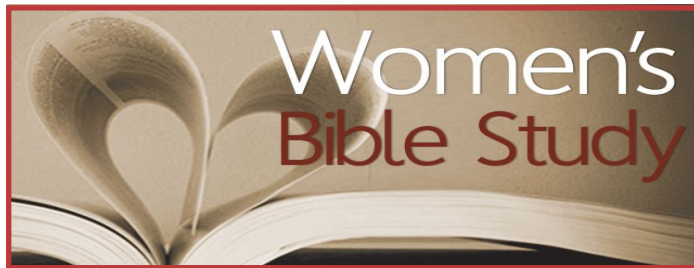


This year the Presbyterian Women are looking at God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation with a study entitled "Let Justice Roll Down." If you are interested in joining one of the circles, please contact Gail Marshall, Betty Peterson or Paula Yost.

Both circles meet in Knox Parlor.

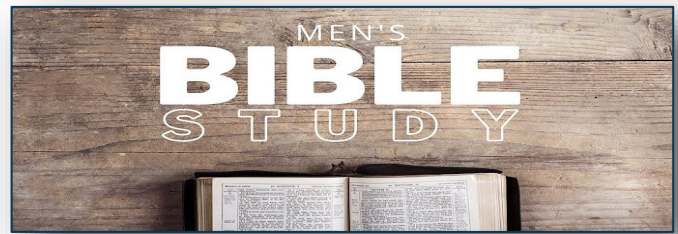
Hannah/Ruth/Rebecca meets the 3rd Tuesday at 1pm.

Deborah meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm.



The Wednesday night Ladies' Bible Study is **moving to Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. in Knox Parlor**, beginning February 5. (also available via Zoom)

Our next study is "Old Testament Stories from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Contact Paula Yost for more information if you would like join us Wednesday afternoons.



Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday's at 8:30am in-person in Knox Parlor and via Zoom. Afterwards we go to breakfast for more fellowship time.

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.



Sunday School 9am

K-5th grade

Fusion Youth

Adults

Christian Doctrines
Knox Parlor

Essentials of Faith: Why Do We Need the Bible?
(Ladies class)
Knox Galilee

**Learn More About
the God We Serve**

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

Jane Lovett



2024 Financial (as of December 31st)

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| Income | \$333,564 |
| Operating Expenses | \$334,353 |
| Net Income | \$(768) |

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 on January 21st, Rev. David Lindemer moderated

The 2025 budget was presented by Treasurer, Doug Kasimier and approved by Session. The budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday February 23rd immediately following worship.

Pastor Bill Teng will serve Riverside as Interim Pastor beginning February 1st. Bill is looking for housing for 2-3 months if anyone knows of space available.

Next meeting is February 18th at 7pm.

Deacon Update

The Deacons met in-person on January 14th. Marianne Pluchino moderated. Janice opened our meeting with a beautiful devotional and prayer for all those in California that have been impacted by this tragedy and those responding and caring for those individuals and the animals too.

Caring person for February is Janice Eastes.

Deacons are excited to hear the news of our new Interim Pastor, Dr. Teng

The Deacons would like to thank ALL that helped "take down" Christmas and also a huge thanks to Chuck Torgler for removing all the boxes and storing them until next Christmas!

Our next meeting will be February 11th in Knox Hall.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Bill Teng

Interim Pastor

Betsie Germann

Administrative Assistant

Diana Amtower

Traditional Music Leader

Keaton Belliveau

Psalm 66 Praise Band Leader

Doug Kasimier

Treasurer

Chuck Torgler

Custodian

Karen Ward

Web/IT/AV

Church Officers

SESSION

Tom White '24

Mark Gordon '26

Carl Plaugher '24

Teri Beeler '26

Jenny Lyons '24

Ann Stone '26

Anda Ray '26

Meghan Johnson '26

DEACONS

Wauneta Lehman '24

Fern Wolle '25

Mary Mullin '24

Carolyn Hattaway '26

Marianne Pluchino '24

Janice Eastes '26

Lindalee Torgler '25


Tammy Ivan '26

Susan White '25



FEBRUARY

2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 11am Communications | 3 1pm Disciple Study 7pm NA Meeting | 4 6pm First Tuesday Dinner | 5 8:30am Men's Study 9:30am Stitchin' Sisters 10am Prayer Circle 10am Care & Support 2pm Women's Study | 6 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 7 | 8 |
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| 16 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 3:30pm Nearly Diamond Concert | 17 1pm Disciple Study 7pm NA Meeting | 18 1pm HRR Circle 7pm Session Meeting | 19 8:30am Men's Study 9:30am Stitchin' Sisters 10 am Prayer Circle 2pm Women's Study 7pm Deborah Circle | 20 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 21 | 22 4pm NA Event |
| 23 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time | 24 1pm Disciple Study 6:30pm Community Engagement 7pm NA Meeting | 25 7pm Missions Meeting | 26 8:30am Men's Study 10am Prayer Circle 2pm Women's Study | 27 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 28 | |