



## From the Pastor's Heart

### *"This World Is Not Our World"*

It's been two years since we're without a called pastor and I know some are getting a little anxious as to what the future holds. One thing that I can guarantee all of you is that your faithful Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) members are committed as ever, hard at work, trying to discern God's will for Riverside's pastoral leadership.

However, as people of faith, we also know we are a people of hope, and we know we can trust God's steadfast love — which endures forever — to get us through this transitional time. So, even though we don't know what the future holds, we know who holds the future, and we need to reach deep down inside each and every one of ourselves to see what we can and should do to better serve our community, state, country, and yes, even the world; and to look up to God to bind up our brokenness, to bring about healing. To know the One who one day will wipe away our every tear.

Actually this realization is very important for us as Christians because it once again puts us in our rightful place — in our rightful relationship to God. We can no longer take for granted that we have control over what happens to us, that this is our world. We have to come to grips that if God is indeed in control then this is really God's world and we are, at best, stewards of God's world. And this should make a real difference in our relationship to God as we must then live our lives accordingly. Otherwise we would be just like the tenants in the following story:

According to a January 15, 1989 article in the Lexington Herald-Leader, the family living in a home in West Palm Beach, Florida, told a film crew it was okay to use the front lawn as a set for an episode of the "B.L. Stryker" television series. They knew cars would be crashing violently in front of the house.

While the front yard was being blown up, the owner of the home was tipped off and called from New York, demanding to know what was happening to his house. It seemed the people who were living in the house were only tenants and had no right to allow the property to be destroyed as the cameras rolled.

Many times we live our lives under the mistaken impression that they belong to us. Paul tells us we were "bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23). We must then live as those who know God will call us to account for the ways we have used this life entrusted to us.

This realization should also help us to better understand and appreciate the biblical concept of stewardship.

Very often when we think of stewardship, we only think of money. For example, when I looked up "stewardship" in the Index in one of my Bible encyclopedias, it referred me to look under "money." But we know that's not all there is to it! The proper understanding of biblical stewardship brings with it the concept that all that we have and all that we are actually belong to God, which include our time, talent, and treasure.

So, let's live faithful lives as we allow the Holy Spirit to live in and through us, to understand that God's timing is the perfect one!

Yours in Christ,

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## ***Worship with Us!***

**IN-PERSON or "LIVE" BROADCAST  
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:00 a.m.**

**[www.RiversidePC.org](http://www.RiversidePC.org)**



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# July Birthdays

Jane Wesson	7/1
Susan White	7/5
Chili Lindsay	7/5
Betty Peterson	7/14
Bea Lewis	7/16
Joyce Klahr	7/17
Debbie Burleigh	7/20
Mary Mullin	7/25
Robert Ward	7/27
Marlin Swanson	7/29
Jeanne Kelley	7/30

JOIN US FOR A  
*Fourth of July*  
**BARBECUE**  
 Sunday, July 5th

Join us as we celebrate America's 250th Birthday! We will have a picnic-style lunch after worship. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

# August Birthdays

Mike Meighen	8/1
Bob Howard	8/2
LindaLee Torgler	8/4
Coleen Castillo	8/7
Tammy Ivan	8/18
Joe Fanning	8/28

# One Blood Drive

The One Blood Bus will be here on  
**Sunday, July 12**  
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are preferred and can be made at [www.oneblood.org/donate-now](http://www.oneblood.org/donate-now).  
 Every donation saves lives!

## New Roof and Cross

Due to your generous donations and commitment to Riverside we have received **\$65,276** towards a new roof and cross!

Work began on replacing the Roof over Calvin/Knox Halls on **Monday, June 29**. The installation of the Cross will be coming soon!

**Thank you for your amazing and continued generosity!!**

## First Tuesday Dinner

First Tuesday Dinner took a break for the month of July but will return on **Tuesday, August 4**.

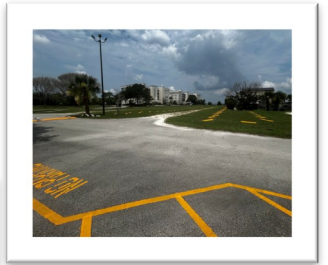
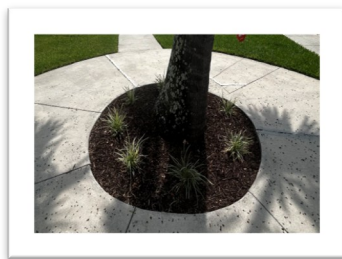
First Tuesday Dinner meets on the first Tuesday of Each month in our Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Our meals are catered by Brano's Italian Grill and after dinner we have a presentation by our guest speakers.

# Riverside Work Days

On Saturday, May 30, volunteers came to help “beautify” our campus and WOW! What an amazing job! Our volunteers dedicated their own time to help make our campus even more beautiful! The next work day is on **Saturday, July 25**.







A BIG thank you to all who donated their time, talents and money to help make our campus even more beautiful! It was hard and hot work, but your dedication

is recognized and very much appreciated! A special Thank you to Chuck Torgler and friends for painting all of our curb stops and speed bumps!



# The Children's Hunger Project

We will be starting our collection for The Children’s Hunger Project in July - August, in preparation for Brevard County’s back to school. Its never too early to start collecting much needed items, such as:

- ◆ Zero -sugar added 4 ounce fruit cups 
- ◆ Zero-added sugar 4 ounce applesauce
- ◆ Boxed 6.75 ounce 100% fruit juice
- ◆ Individual 1.2 ounce Sunflower Kernels 
- ◆ Individual 1 ounce boxes of Craisins 
- ◆ Individual 1 ounce Teddy Grahams, snack size bags
- ◆ 1 ounce Goldfish Cracker, cheddar or whole grain pretzels 
- ◆ Individual Mac-n-Cheese microwaveable bowls (no boxes) 
- ◆ Chef Boyardee ‘Pop-a-top’ microwaveable pasta
- ◆ Horizons Organic low-fat milk, 8 ounce 

More information will be coming via Riverside Net and our Sunday Bulletin, so be on look-out for more information to come. Your donations are much appreciated and needed in our community!

*Thank you for you continued generosity!*

# 2026 RIVERSIDE 70TH YEAR: Continuing the Momentum

So much has already happened this year as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Riverside Presbyterian Church. The “refresh the campus” momentum is huge. Look below:

### First Impressions



On our First Workday May 30, 2026. 32 Volunteers showed up polished our plaques and beautified the AIA landscape.

### Honoring the Past



The polished plaques were mounted in Fellowship Hall reminding us of the church members “service-past” and inspiring us to “service-now!”

### Roof & Cross Campaign



Generosity is overwhelming with over \$65,000 raised so far! Roof and Cross installation in the next 2 months.

### Safety Savors (upcoming)



In July, members from a special interest group sponsored by our Sexton, Chuck Torgley, plan to repaint the yellow parking curbs and speed bumps.

### Welcome to Cocoa Beach (upcoming)



The Kiwanis new Community Welcome signs, seen when entering Cocoa Beach from the north, east and south will have new Riverside Signs in July.

### Backdoor Blessings (upcoming)



Join us for the last Work Day of the year on Saturday, September 19. We will work to beautify the entrance to Fellowship Hall and back areas.

### Celebrating the Architecture (upcoming)



Have you noticed that the windows on Calvin Hall facing A1A are actually “crosses”? These will be painted to stand out, by the end of August.



### Celebration Sunday BRUNCH (upcoming)



**October 4, 2026, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
After church we will celebrate the official 70 years in Cocoa Beach with a Buffet Brunch at the Hilton STAR-LITE Restaurant. The Starlite Hotel is the only other major business that began in 1956 in Cocoa Beach—the same as Riverside!  
**\$20/pp (reservations later)**

# RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2006 - 2016

## 70th Anniversary

On October 1, 2006, Riverside celebrated “50 Years of Christian Joy” with a special Communion service and reception. The following Sunday was the premier of “*Appalachian Gospel*,” with Old Time gospel singing, Pickin’ & Fiddlin’ by the choir.

A Spring Praise Fest debuted in May 2007, followed in 2008 by the first season of the Dr Vernon Boushell Concert series.



During 2008-10, Carillons on the Chapel were restored, the Manse was placed for sale, the One Room School House was established, & the exterior of the Sanctuary was refurbished. In 2012 a new roof was put on the Sanctuary, a new electronic sign was donated, new sound system and speakers installed, and a new pulpit and Communion table were purchased for the Chapel.

In 2013, after 5 years of dedicated work, a chronological record of Riverside’s first 50 years was completed and presented in a 2-volume Scrapbook and a DVD. Also in 2013, Riverside hosted for the first time “Family Promise of Brevard.” An Acoustic Video System with A/V screens were installed in the Sanctuary in April 2014 and the Contemporary Service moved to the Sanctuary from the Chapel. Also in 2014, after 47½ years, Glenn Arnold retired as Organist and Choir Director.



Pastor Dan Robinson retired effective August 1, 2015 and Pastor Melanie Ruta became Interim Pastor in November.

**CELEBRATING  
AMERICA'S 250TH**  
May God Bless the U.S.A.  
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**JULY 4, 2026**

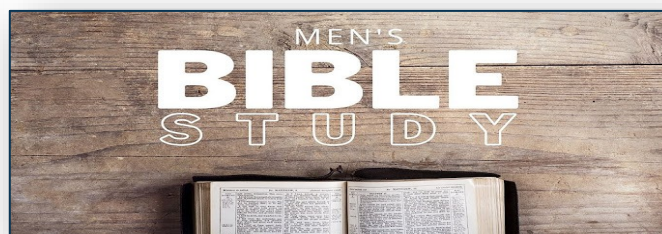
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Next year's Presbyterian women's study book is entitled:  
*"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other:  
 Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians."*

**Both circles are on a break for the summer and will resume meeting in September.**

If you are interested in joining one of the circles, please contact Gail Marshall, Betty Peterson or Paula Yost.



Men's Bible Study meets **Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.** 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](mailto:didymus623@gmail.com) for a Zoom meeting invitation.

**We will continue to meet in the month of July, but will take the month of August off.**



The Wednesday Afternoon Ladies' Bible Study is using a Ray Vander Laan study entitled "The Mission of Jesus".

In this study we will learn more about Jesus and the ancient world where the crucifixion, ascension and Pentecost took place. We meet Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Knox Parlor (also available via Zoom).

Contact Paula Yost for more information if you would like join us Wednesday afternoons.

## Prayer Circle

We come together each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. 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](mailto:biddle310@gmail.com)

*Jane Lovett*



**Each Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall** our youth ages 12-18 meet for a safe, relaxed, and inviting place to grow together, laugh, belong, and be themselves.

Evenings include social time (sometimes dinner!), games, movies, cozy coffee-house atmosphere followed by short Bible-based conversations grounded in faith and real life,

*Please pray for our youth as they grow in faith and grow together!*

## Sunday School

**9:00 a.m.**

**K-5th grade**

**Fusion Youth**  
Pfieffer Room

**Adults**  
*Angels*  
Knox Parlor

*Romans*  
(Ladies class)  
Knox Galilee

***Learn More about  
the God We Serve!***



2026 Financial (as of April 30th)

Income	\$197,643
Operating Expenses	\$189,553
Net Income	\$ 8,090

# 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

Session met on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Pastor Bill Teng moderated.

The roof and cross campaign has had overwhelming support, and the roof replacement will hopefully begin the week of June 29.

Rental agreement for use of church grounds and/or facilities was discussed and needs to be updated.

The Nominating Committee is looking for 4-5 new people to serve on Session in the coming year, and 1-2 others interested in serving on the Diaconate.

Pastor Bill will attend General Assembly in Milwaukee, WI from June 22-July 2.

**Session will not meet in July**, but will meet on **August 18** for a joint meeting with the Diaconate.

## Diaconate Update

Deacons met in-person on June 9, 2026. Pastor Jane Wesson led with Devotional and opening prayer.

May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Caring Person for July: Jorge Castillo

Discussed 4th of July picnic on July 5, there will be no First Tuesday Dinner in July. There will be a Labor Day picnic at the end of summer (date to be determined).

Pastor Jane reviewed the list of members currently needing care and support.

Communion servers for July 5: Tammy Ivan and Janice Eastes.

Communion Servers for August 2: Martha Williams and Fern Wolle.

Deacons will not meet in July, but will meet on August 18 for a joint meeting with Session.

Pastor Jane closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

## Church Staff

- Rev. Dr. Bill Teng**  
*Interim Pastor*
- Rev. Jane Wesson**  
*Parish Associate*
- Betsie Germann**  
*Administrative Assistant*
- Doug Kasimier**  
*Treasurer*
- Diana Amtower**  
*Traditional Music Leader*
- Keaton Belliveau**  
*Psalm 66 Praise Band Leader*
- Chuck Torgler**  
*Custodian*
- Karen Ward**  
*Web/IT/AV*

## Church Officers

### SESSION

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Terri Beeler '26   | Meghan Johnson '27   |
| Anda Ray '26       | Robert Howard '27    |
| Ann Stone '26      | Paula Yost '27       |
| Carl Plaughter '26 | Girard Middleton '28 |
| Tom White '26      |                      |

### DIACONATE

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Janice Eastes '26    | Martha Williams '28 |
| Carolyn Hattaway '26 | Fern Wolle '28      |
| Tammy Ivan '26       | Bob Yost '28        |
| Jorge Castillo '27   |                     |



# July

# 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9a Youth & Adult SS 10a Worship 11a Fellowship Time Picnic-styled Luncheon	5 7p NA Meeting	6 5:30p Anchor Youth	7 8:30a Men's Study 10a Prayer Circle 3p Women's Study	8 11a Staff Resource Team Meeting 4:30p PNC Meeting	9 10	10 4th of July
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# August

# 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9a Youth & Adult SS 10a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11a Communications	3 7p NA Meeting	4 5:30p Anchor Youth 6p First Tuesday Dinner	5 9:30a Stitchin' Sisters 10a Prayer Circle 10a Care & Support 3p Women's Study	6	7	8
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