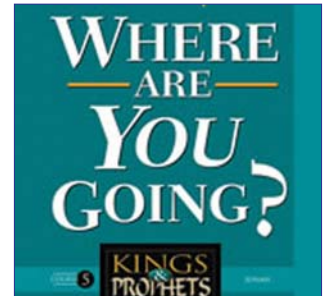


“Praise be to the God  
and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ! In his great  
mercy he has given us new  
birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the  
dead . . .”

1 Peter 1:3



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by Dr. Ed Carney, Senior Pastor



Dr. Ed Carney

**JAMES MERRITT TELLS A STORY** about Charles Colson being released from prison; he was the guest speaker at George Washington University. He was speaking to a very hostile crowd there in Washington, DC. Questions were being thrown at him rapid-fire, and the crowd was becoming increasingly angry.

One student stood up and referred to a vicious criticism that Henry Kissinger had leveled at Richard Nixon. Then he asked Chuck Colson this question: "Do you agree with this criticism?" Chuck Colson said as he scanned the room, he could tell every ear was listening and every eye was watching to see what he would say.

He took a deep breath, set his jaw, looked straight into the crowd and said, "We all know Mr. Nixon's negative qualities. He's been dissected in the press like nobody in history. I could tell you his good points, but I don't believe I could persuade you to accept them. But what it comes down to is, "No, I don't go along with Henry Kissinger's comments. Mr. Nixon is my friend, and I don't turn my back on my friends."

Colson said for an instant he thought the roof would cave in, and it did, but not like he expected. After a moment of silence, the students stood up and gave him a prolonged standing ovation. Because even they could appreciate loyalty to a friend. Friendship is a marvelous gift from one person to another. Do you have a loyal friend?

You do, because it is Easter. Along with the wonderful message of having our sins forgiven and receiving Eternal Life through Christ Jesus, comes a most unexpected message, Jesus calls us friend!

Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." John 15:15-16

Looking back over the past months as we wrestled together about the future of this congregation and our giving, it is evident that we've chosen to share His mission. RHBC is full of Christ's friends.

I am so thankful to be your Pastor, and thank you for your faithfulness to Him.

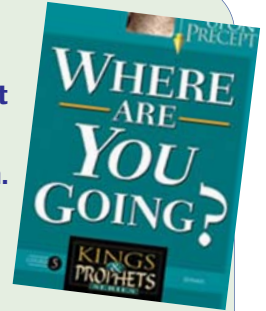
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“... Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

– John 15:15

### Where Are You Going? Precept Upon Precept

Begins Wednesday,  
April 25th at 9:30 a.m.  
(Childcare available  
by reservation only)  
or Thursday, April  
26th at 7:00 p.m.



**Kings and Prophets Series. A Study of the Book of Jonah** - Have you ever tried to run away from God? Can a mere man hide from the presence of an all-knowing, all-powerful God? God used a reluctant prophet to tell an evil city of His compassion for them. When God calls you to deliver a message to someone you don't love, will you run, or get angry, or comply? Would it take a great calamity, an earthquake, or flood for God to get your attention? (2 weeks / 2 lessons) **Workbooks should be picked up in class the week before or by contacting Kaye Moore @ 781-7592. Cost \$5.00**

# RHU

## RIVERLAND HILLS UNIVERSITY

### Equipping Believers For Priority Living

Riverland Hills University (RHU) is the place where we equip believers with the essentials for church membership, spiritual maturity, and ministry. Though other courses may be offered, the basis for RHU are Class 101, Class 201, and Class 301. Classes are held in the Fellowship Hall.

**CLASS 101: Discovering Church Membership**  
**CLASS 201: Discovering My Spiritual Maturity**  
**CLASS 301: Discovering Your Ministry**

**Saturday, April 21**  
**9 am - 12 pm**

Childcare is offered and preregistration is strongly encouraged as class availability may vary each month.  
Contact Sharon at 772-3227.

# Easter

## at Riverland Hills Baptist Church

Will this Easter come and go without making a difference in your life?

This year, why not start your day off with a remembrance of the first Easter. Join us this Easter Sunday for a special celebration that has something for everyone – beautiful music, a powerful message and the fellowship and support that can make a difference in your life forever. Come celebrate Easter with our family at Riverland Hills.

**Sunday, April 8, 2007**

Traditional Worship Services 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service 11:30 a.m.

*No Adult Bible Fellowships, youth or children's Sunday School. Children will be available for birth through 4 year olds during all three worship services.*



✝ Everyone is encouraged to participate in bringing live flowers to put in the cross we will create on Easter Sunday, in celebration of Christ's resurrection – The Living Cross. This is a Riverland Hills tradition and please don't forget your camera to take a family photo in front of the cross this year!

## Is God calling you to be a mission volunteer in South Asia in 2007?

South Carolina Baptists are celebrating 2 years of partnership with South Asia and the sending of over 375 missionaries on short-term projects.

Pray about participating in a project such as scripture distribution, prayerwalking, leadership training and personal evangelism. Approximate cost of a two-week project is \$2700 (includes round-trip airfare, lodging, meals, insurance, visa and in-country transportation). Information, complete with projects and dates for 2007 are available at the Missions Center, or contact Tim Hawkins at 772-3227.

### Judea Project 2007

The Judea Project is an opportunity for you to partner with another church for community transformation in SC. Answer the call to serve as a missions volunteer this summer. June 23-30 & July 21-28, in Summerville, Moncks Corner, and the surrounding area. Projects needed include: Multihousing Ministry, Sports Camps, Church Planting Assistance, Hispanic Ministry, Construction Ministry, Evangelistic Block Parties, Kids Clubs, and Prayerwalking. Registration Preferred by May 1. Cost: \$120 per person; includes housing and meals.

If you or a group are interested in this mission opportunity and would like more information, contact Tim Hawkins at 772-3227.

# change



# your world

Participate in the Week of Prayer for North American Missions, April 1-8

Give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions on Easter Sunday, April 8  
 Church Goal: \$15,000  
 Challenge Goal: \$20,000

# Experience Riverland Hills

## preschool and children's ministry

### Sunday Mornings

For preschoolers and children. Sunday School is offered for boys and girls ages birth through 6th grade at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. During the 11:30 a.m. service we have classes for birth through 4 years old. This is a time for children to have fun and learn in a wonderful Christ-centered environment.

### Wednesday Evenings

For preschoolers and children. Age graded choirs are offered for boys and girls 3 years old through 6th grade at 6 p.m. Mission Friends for boys and girls 2 years old through kindergarten. Royal Ambassadors for first through 6th grade boys. Girls in Action for 1st through 6th grade girls – 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Mothers of Preschoolers

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Thursday, April 5 and 19. Guests are welcome! Call Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227.

### AWANA

Join us for Club! **Cubbies** – Ages 3 and 4. **Sparks** – K-5 - 2nd grade. **Truth and Training (T&T)** 3rd grade – 6th grade. Meets Sunday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Cost: \$30 for new members; \$10 for returning members and covers cost of shirt for T&T and/or vest for Cubbies and Sparks. Contact Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227.

### Vacation Bible School- Game Day Central Where Heroes are Made!

June 11 - 15, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Children born before

9-1-02 through 5th grade. Look for registration forms beginning in May. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227.

### Summer Activities: Kids for Christ

1st and 2nd grade Kids for Christ- June 18 - 22

Kindergarten Kids for Christ- June 25 - 29

3rd and 4th grade Kids for Christ- July 16 - 20

5th grade Kids for Christ- July 23 - 27

\*Summer activities are the grade just completed.



## youth ministry

### Youth Bible Fellowships

Get connected on Sunday morning!

9 a.m. - Middle School, The Attic

10:15 a.m. Middle School / High School, The Attic.

### Link'd

Are you linked up to a small group yet? Sundays, 5:30 pm

### Youth All Nighter

April 6-7, 2007. Cost \$35 due by Sunday, April 1.

Late Registration cost \$50.

### Senior Retreat

April 13-15, 2007. Cost \$45 due by Sunday, April 8.

Late Registration \$60.

### High School Graduation Luncheon

Sunday, May 20, 2007 – 1 pm Fellowship Hall.

### Beach Blast at Garden City Beach, SC

Middle School, June 3-6, Cost \$130, 2nd payment \$75 due April 13

High School, June 6-10, Cost \$150, 2nd payment \$80 due April 13

**See Youth Newsletter for more information on these and other events planned during the month!**

## college ministry

### Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m., Room 207.

## young professionals ministry

### Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Contact Bart Cook at bartleycook@gmail.com.

### Graduation Recognition Service (All Graduates)

Sunday, May 20, 2007. Recognition Service during 9 am worship. Registration information is coming soon!

### Graduates: We need pictures!

Please send us a baby picture and cap & gown picture. You can bring them to the church office or mail them by May 6 to:

**Riverland Hills Baptist Church**  
C/O April Storey  
201 Lake Murray Blvd.  
Irmo, SC 29063





Marvelous Music Camp is back this year for kids who have finished grades 1-6!!

**9 am -12 pm, June 25-29**

**Cost: \$25.00 – includes camp t-shirt**

Kids enjoy drama, guitar, fun and games in music, tone chimes, prop-making, and Orffestra (playing Orff instruments like xylophones) together. We will again learn, produce, and perform a musical on the last day of camp at 7:00 pm.

To learn more, email Suzanne Lee at [slee@sc.rr.com](mailto:slee@sc.rr.com).

# kids for Christ!

**A week of Bible lessons, meeting new friends, and going cool places.**

Children who have completed K-5 through 5th grade come for a week of fun that includes trips to Chuck E.

Cheese, the Zoo, Edventure, Frankie's Fun Park and The Plex. T-shirt included in the cost.

Contact Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227.

## 2007 Victorious Family & Marriage Conference May 18 - 19, 2007

Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC

Featuring Guest Speakers: Michael & Amy Smalley

Workshops offered on Parenting Enrichment (single and married) and Marriage Enrichment (married and engaged couples)

Cost: March 1st through April 9th - Early Registration: \$55/individual  
April 10th through May 14th: - Registration: \$75/individual

For more information, contact Tim Hawkins at 772-3227

# April AT A GLANCE

## WEEKLY

### SUNDAY MORNING

**Traditional Morning Worship** 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

**Contemporary Worship** 11:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Fellowships** 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m.

**Middle School Bible Fellowships** 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m.

**High School Bible Fellowships** 10:15 a.m.

**College Bible Fellowship** 10:15 a.m.

**Nursery and Preschool Sunday School** 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School** 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

**Middle School Handbells** 3:30 p.m.

**AWANA** 4:30 p.m.

**Discipleship Groups** 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Choir** 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Snack Supper** 5:15 p.m.

**Youth Link'd** 5:30 p.m.

**Celebration Ringers** 5:30 p.m.

**High School Handbells** 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY EVENING

**Foot Movements** 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY MORNING / EVENING

**OASIS** Senior Adult Bible Study & Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.

**OASIS Handbells** 1:10 p.m.

**Outreach** 6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

**High School Prayer Breakfast** 8:00 a.m.

**Precept Bible Study** 9:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

**Children's Handbells** 4:30 p.m.

**Tone Chime Choir** 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Meal** 5:00 p.m.

**Preschool/Children's Choirs** 6:00 p.m.

**Youth PrimeTime** 6:30 p.m.

**Mid Week Bible Study** 6:45 p.m.

**Mission Friends** 6:45 p.m.

**RA's & GA's** 6:45 p.m.

**Adult Choir** 7:30 p.m.

**College Bible Study** 8:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY EVENING

**Young Professionals Bible Study** 6:30 p.m.

**Precept Bible Study** 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY MORNING

**Foot Movements** 10:00 a.m.

### April Usher Team Schedule

April 1	Usher Team 1
April 8	Usher Team 2
April 15	Usher Team 3
April 22	Usher Team 4
April 29	Usher Team 1

# 55+ MinistryNews



## Oasis

Every Tuesday  
Fellowship Hall  
11:30-1:00 pm.

If transportation is needed contact Suzanne Patterson at 772-3227. Lunch includes sandwich, soup or salad, dessert and drink. \$1.00 per person. A great time of singing and fellowship. Life application Bible Study led by Dr. Tim Phillips on the gospel of Mark: "Jesus on the Move."

### REGISTER NOW!

Adult 55+ Fall Celebration  
October 15-19, 2007  
Ridgecrest, NC



Join us for an inspiring time of worship, fellowship and spiritual renewal in the mountains of N.C. Dynamic Bible teaching, uplifting worship, breakout groups and loads of fun for seniors!

#### Featured Speakers:

**Danny Singleton**, Pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven, MS  
**Larry Crabb**, Founder and director of NewWay Ministries  
**Mike Harland**, Director of Lifeway Worship Music Group  
**Bret Robbe**, Director of leadership for LifeWay Christian resources  
*Special music by the Dixie Melody Boys, Southern Gospel group based in Kinston, NC.*

Cost for individual: \$365.00 (2 per room, deluxe). Cost includes program fee, room, meals and materials for conference. Deposit of \$178 due by July 1, 2007. For further information contact Dr. Tim Phillips at 772-3227.

### JOY Club Day Trips

**Tuesday, April 10 - Trip to Charlotte, NC to enjoy a concert by the Queen's Charlotte Chorus.** There is no cost for the program. We will leave RHBC at 3:45 pm. for the concert, which begins at 8 pm. We will eat dinner in Charlotte. For more information, call Ralph or Marcia Varnadoe at 749-1028.

#### Tuesday, April 10 - Oasis on the Road.

Lizard's Thicket, Irmo, 11:30 am.

**Thursday, April 12 - JOY Club.** guest soloist, Kathy Barker, 6:30 pm. Call 772-3227 for reservations.

**"Bible Blast" May 7 - 10, 10 am to 12 pm.** Learn the Bible from the inside out, including learning how to study it and apply it to your life. Led by Dr. Tim Phillips. Special mission project on Thursday, May 10 to Alterra Sterling House.



## Memorials / Honorariums

### FEBRUARY 18, 2007

TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in memory of: **Virginia Talbert's sister** by Mr. and Mrs. Emery Smith, and Ron and Jeanie Feaster. TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in memory of: **Phillip Posey's sister** by Mr. and Mrs. Emery Smith.

### FEBRUARY 25, 2007

TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in memory of: **Zelda Cowsert (Ann Martin's mom)** by Janice and Myron Jennings and the CRC Class. In memory of: **Peggy Reading's sister, Vicki Watts' sister, Don Earles aunt, and Louise Pitts' mother** by Beverly and Don Lindsay. In memory of: **Vance Buff (father of Judy Johnson)** by the Sunshine Class. In memory of: **Tammy Wallace's mother** by Mr. and Mrs. George Magruder. TO BENEVOLENCE in memory of: **Betty Moss' brother and Donna Nelson's dad** by Angie McClam.

### MARCH 4, 2007

TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in memory of: **Judy Johnson's father** by Mr. and Mrs. George Magruder and Jim and Pat Watson. In memory of: **Louise Pitts' mother** by Bill and Kathy Cogdill, Frankie Richards, Ronald and Anne Hill, Jim and Pat Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Smith, Ron and Jeanie Feaster, and Pat Garner. In memory of: **Mrs. Newman Boggs** by Ms. Wilhelmina Currin. In memory of: **Mrs. Edna Boggs** by Mac and

Betty McCarty. In memory of: **Tammy Wallace's mother** by Jim and Pat Watson. In memory of: **Cheryl Wolfe's father** by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mathis. In memory of: **Vicky Watts' sister** by Pat Garner. TO BENEVOLENCE in memory of: **Judy Johnson's father** by Anselle McClam. In memory of: **Phillip Posey's sister and Virginia Talbert's sister** by Larry and Brenda Caprani. TO BENEVOLENCE in honor of: **Jim and Pat Watson's 50th anniversary** by Larry and Brenda Caprani. TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in memory of: **Footmovements Class and Instructor Elaine** by Linda L. May.

### MARCH 11, 2007

TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in memory of: **Vicki Watts' sister, Frances French's brother, Phillip Posey's sister, Cheryl Wolfe's father and Virginia Talbert's sister** by Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Dill. In memory of: **Frances French's sister, Louise Pitts' mother and Judy Johnson's father** by Mac and Helen Brooks. In memory of: **Mrs. Edna Newman Boggs** by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blondin. In memory of: **Louise Pitts' mother** by Max L. Bades, Sr. TO BENEVOLENCE in memory of: **Louise Pitts' mother and Susan Marsh's father** by Angie McClam. TO BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR in honor of: **Praise Band** by Nancy Stephens Cooper. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in honor of: **Austin and Sarah Jane Pace** by David and Linda Lorick.

# RHBC Golf Tournament

**Saturday, May 19 at the Oak Hills Golf Club**

Registration is now open for the RHBC Golf Tournament. Entry forms can be picked up at the Information Center on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week. The tournament will fill up fast, so sign up today!

**Door Prizes Needed:** If you or your employer can donate items for the post-tournament awards ceremony, please contact Joel Sellers.



# Mark Your Calendars

## 55+ Walking Club

Thursday mornings, 7:00 a.m.,  
Columbiana Centre. Meet in the food court.

## Men's Pick-up Basketball

Age 18+, 6:00 a.m.,  
Friday mornings, RHBC gym.

## Scrapbooking

March 9, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
(Section C). If you plan to attend or you'd like more information, please contact Shirley Beavers at [jshbeav@bellsouth.net](mailto:jshbeav@bellsouth.net).

## Foot Movements

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., and Fridays,  
10:00 a.m. Contact Elaine Marlow at  
[625emarlow@bellsouth.net](mailto:625emarlow@bellsouth.net).

## RHBC Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 19 – Oak Hills Golf Club

Be Somebody's

# HERO

**Sign up to volunteer for  
Vacation Bible School!**

We're getting ready for Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made! If you would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, please come by the Volunteer Registration table on Sunday mornings beginning May 6th or by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator, Elise Kirkpatrick, @ 407-8348.

# The Secret of Forgiveness

Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.  
in the Worship Center



## The Secret of Forgiveness

is a drama combining modern day man and biblical man together to tell the story of "The Last Supper." We will take you to the Upper Room to witness Jesus washing

the feet of the disciples and their fellowship together. Plan to attend this compelling drama as we prepare our hearts and minds for the beautiful Easter season. Immediately following the drama, Dr. Tim Phillips will give a devotion and we will have communion.

**Director: Howard Norris**

# There's A Hero In Every Kid!



## Vacation Bible School

**June 11-15, 9 a.m. to Noon**

Get ready for Game Day Central:

**Where Heroes Are Made!\***

A week of nonstop action as you learn what it means to play your position on the team, get in the game by believing God's plan for salvation, take action to serve others and recruit new teammates. The stats will show that when you stay focused and keep your eyes on Jesus, you will become a true hero.

*\* Based on Hebrews 12:1-2*

**Game Day Central:  
Where Heroes Are Made  
will be an event to remember!**



Children born before September 1, 2002 through 5th grade are invited to participate in VBS this year. In this one-week season, you will hear play-by-play Bible stories, participate in successful crafts, warm up to motivating music, eat snacks from the concession stand, and train in the recreation field house.

**Come join us!** Contact the VBS Director, Ashlie Williams, at 749-1814 for more information or to volunteer, contact Elise Kirkpatrick, @ 407-8348. Register online at [riverlandhills.org](http://riverlandhills.org), beginning May 6th on Sunday mornings, or come by the church office at 201 Lake Murray Blvd to register.

## riverlandhills.org

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