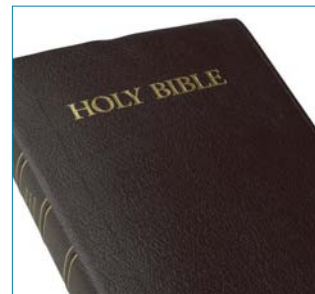




**High School Ski Retreat!**  
January 15-18, 2009  
Winterplace,  
West Virginia



**NEW SESSION OF OASIS**  
Exercising Biblical Discernment



**2009 WOMEN'S EVANGELISM**  
January 31, First Baptist Church



**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS**  
Join us the first Sunday  
of each month!

## WHAT FAILURE CAN TEACH US

by Dr. Ed Carney, Senior Pastor



Dr. Ed Carney

**WE'VE TAUGHT THIS PAST MONTH** that "God wants us to do all we can and then He will do what we can't." As we face a New Year, one of many things we "can do" is to take the time to learn from our failures.

Ford Motor Company produced the "greatest automobile ever invented," naming it the Edsel. No one liked it, bought it or wanted it. Ford failed miserably costing the company millions of dollars and becoming "the joke" for comedians and competitors.

The same designers of the Edsel refused to quit, taking time to learn from the failure. The technology of the Edsel was used to produce the Mustang, which became one of the most profitable cars for any automobile company in the world.

Failure becomes a valuable resource when we learn from it.

When one dad played games with his boys, he tried to beat them as badly as he could. They would get mad at him and storm out, but come back for more. He said, "If you talk to them today, they have never forgotten the day they beat me for the first time. I can't beat them at all now!"

Failures build character if we learn from them.

How did Michael Jordan become a basketball great? He admits, "I missed 26 winning shots!" He goes on to say, "My answer to those misses were, 'Give me the ball!'" His willingness to learn from his failure and determination not to quit makes him the most famous basketball athlete of our generation.

Thinking through our failures is a road map to future success.

Happy New Year!

## RIVERLAND HILLS UNIVERSITY

Equipping Believers For Priority Living

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS 101

Room 5 (during ABF/Worship)

9:00 a.m. -11:15 a.m.

Sunday, January 4

Sunday, February 1

New church members must complete this class. Anyone considering membership is also welcome.

Call Chris at 772-3227 to register.



### G.R.O.W. "God Rewards Our Witness"

resumes on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:00 p.m. You can make a difference and help your class grow in 2009! Volunteers are needed from every ABF and Sunday School class to help us reach people and minister. Dinner and childcare provided. Contact Tim Hawkins, Minister of Education at 772-3227 for more information.

### Adult Bible Fellowship Leadership Huddles

**ABF TEACHER HUDDLES** are held Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Explore the Bible lesson previews for teachers, substitutes, and members. Contact Tim Hawkins, Minister of Education at 772-3227 for more information.



# Life

## DISCIPLE

### The Winter/Spring 2009 Semester

begins on Sunday, January 11. Classes meet each Sunday beginning at 4:30 p.m. and concluding by 6:30 p.m.

**This semester includes:**

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman**, 10 weeks

**Men's Fraternity: The Great Adventure** (Sem. 2, Sessions 12-20), 9 weeks

**\*Crown Biblical Financial Study**, 10 weeks

**The Truth Project**, 13 weeks

**Introduction to Cults and World Religions**, 8 weeks

**2 Thessalonians: So You Won't Be Deceived** (Precept Upon Precept), 7 weeks

**Fireproof Your Marriage**, 6 weeks

**Effective Parenting in a Defective World**, 9 weeks

Pre-registration with fee payment is required. Register online today at [www.riverlandhills.org](http://www.riverlandhills.org) or come by the church office during regular hours. Online registration ends January 5 or whenever a class is full.

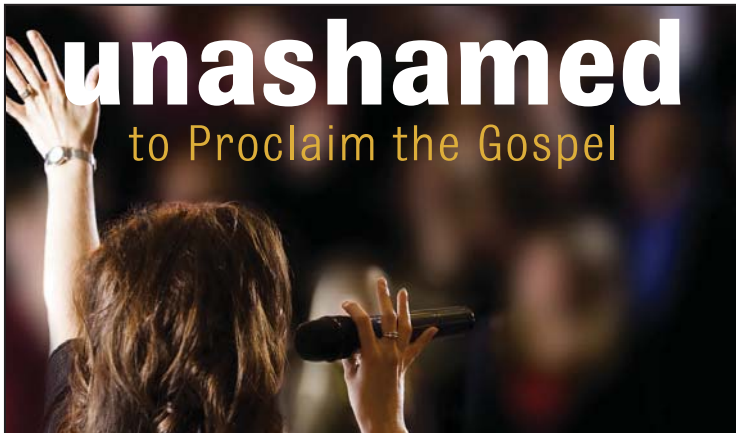


The Dorcas Class of Riverland Hills Baptist Church  
Annual Women's Event

## Releasing Your Giants

Saturday, March 7, 2009  
9 a.m. to noon in the Worship Center  
Cost: \$5 per person

Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall  
For more information contact the Church Office at 772-3227.



# unashamed


to Proclaim the Gospel

## 2009 Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference

January 31, 2009  
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Registration deadline in Church Office is January 5. \$5.00 for ticket MUST be paid at time of registration. Sign up if interested in bus/van transportation - \$2.00 donation.

Contact Laura Mohr at 781-0829 for more info.



# MEN'S

## FRATERNITY

The Second semester of the Great Adventure begins Wednesday, January 7, at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Discover your uniqueness as a man and find your life's focus. Even if you missed the first semester, all men are welcome.

Call Tim Hawkins at 772-3227 for more information.

## MEN'S MESS

Monday, Feb. 9, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Indigo Gun Club,  
14068 Garner's Ferry in Eastover (near Hwy. 601)

Old fashioned pig pickin' - \$10 per person  
Register at [riverlandhills.org](http://riverlandhills.org) by Feb. 8  
Bring your shotgun and shells! Skeet - \$4 for each box of shells used; range opens at 4:00 p.m.  
Shooters and non-shooters welcome! Contact Tim Hawkins at 772-3227 for more information.

# 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.

**Awana** is for children ages 3 years old through 6th grade. Awana meets on Sundays 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Awana blends Bible teaching, Scripture memorization and tons of fun! Contact Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227 or mctolar@riverlandhills.org

### MOPS- Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS meets January 8th and 22nd, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for children age birth – 4 years old. MOPS @Night meets January 8th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Childcare is available upon reservation. For more information, contact Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227 or at mctolar@riverlandhills.org



**Mission Friends, GA's and RA's**, Wednesdays, 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Mission Friends is for children ages 2 years old – K5, GA's for girls in the 1st – 6th grades and RA's for boys in the 1st – 6th grades. Children will learn to have a biblical world view through learning about missions at home and around the world.

## youth ministry

### Youth Bible Fellowships

Get connected on Sunday morning! 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m. Middle School & High School, The Attic. **Sundays** – Youth Choir - Sundays at 4:30 p.m., CRAVE – 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Starts back January 11th). **Wednesdays** – D-Groups 6:30-7:30 pm (Starts back January 14th).



**High School Ski Retreat – January 15-18, 2009, Winterplace, West Virginia, Alpine Retreat Center.** Cost is \$350 Price includes lodging, skiing, ski rentals, some meals, and t-shirt. Spaces are limited! Remember money reserves your spot! **Parent/Student Meeting, Sunday, January 4, 11:20 a.m. in the Attic.** (This is a very important meeting to attend). **Ski fitting is January 7th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Super Bowl Party – February 1, 2009.** Middle School will meet at RHBC from 5:30 until Halftime in the Attic (Dinner will be provided). High School will meet at the Carnaggio's house from 5:30 until end of game. (Girls bring something sweet and guys bring something salty; pizza and wings provided.)

**D-Now – March 6-8, 2009 – Mark your Calendars!**

**Parents of Teens in ABF Class**, Sunday Mornings, 10:15 a.m., Meet in the gym. Teachers: Roger and Kitty Spires. For more information or if you are interested in being a part of this class, please contact the Church Office or Roger and Kitty Spires at rkspires@bellsouth.net.

**Parents in Prayer**, Meeting weekly to pray for our youth, leaders, parents, and staff. Sundays, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Conference Room. "Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17. To get involved contact Lisa Simmons (749-1003 or csimmons42@sc.rr.com)

**Please check out our new website and sign up for the latest youth updates at [www.rhbcyouth.org](http://www.rhbcyouth.org).**

## college ministry

### Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m., Room 207. Free dinner provided.

## young professionals ministry

### Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Contact Bart Cook at bart@riverlandhills.org.



## Singles40+Ministry

### New Year's Day/Bowl Party

Thursday, January 1, 11:00 a.m.  
at River Room (100 Sunset Blvd)  
Host: Martha Carter

### Shoney's and The Barn

Saturday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Host: Paul Taibi

### Game Night

Saturday, January 3, 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
at Georgia's house  
Host: Georgia Johnson

### Caring and Sharing

Sunday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. at RHBC  
Host: Marva Larrabee

### Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 p.m. at RHBC

### Singles Leadership Conference

Friday, January 23 –  
Sunday, January 25  
Host: Jim Griffin

### New Day Youth Ministry

Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.  
at New Day Baptist Church  
Host: Trena Beckham

### Bowling and Dinner

Saturday, January 24  
Time TBA  
Host: Sue Daniels

### Dinner and Movie

Saturday, January 10, 5:30 p.m. at TBA  
Host: Sue Daniels

### Fellowship Meeting

Thursday, January 29  
6:00 p.m. at RHBC

### Thursday Nite Dinner

January 15, 6:30 p.m.  
at Cracker Barrel  
Host: Georgia Johnson

### Super Bowl Sunday

February 1, 2009  
TBA at 5:30 p.m.

### Brian Center Visit

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.  
Host: Elaine Green

### Tel-A-Single

Paul Taibi (238-2524)  
Call Paul and he will get the word out to all class members.

**Please see Singles 40+ weekly announcements for more details about these events!**



**Worship  
and  
Music**  
Riverland Hills  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**Choir/Orchestra Concert March 22nd**

Thank you, RHBC Music Ministry, for an incredible December of wonderful music – children, handbells, youth,



praise band, Christmas Eve – highlighted by our choir & orchestra's presentation of "Images of Christmas." **Put March 22nd on your calendar for a night of music from our choir & orchestra.**

**Join the Choir!**

Our choir & orchestra have been invited to lead a major statewide event in 2009. We'd love to have you join us as we prepare for that, for our spring concert, and as we sing some wonderful new music for the new year. **For information, call Stuart Condra at 772-3227.**

**"Ring in" the New Year!**

Coming soon is your opportunity to join a Riverland Hills handbell choir. The first meeting/rehearsal of this new adult group will be Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 202. Ringing experience will be appreciated but not required. **Call Cindy Burn at 772-3227 for more information.**

**Music Ministry Studios**

The Music Ministry Studios is accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 year. Private lessons in piano, organ, guitar, voice, violin, cello and percussion are offered. **Call Cindy Burn at 772-3227 for more information.**

*January* **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** 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
- College Bible Fellowship** 10:15 a.m.
- Nursery & 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**

- Youth Choir** 4:30 p.m.
- DiscipleLife** 4:30 p.m.
- AWANA** 4:30 p.m.
- GRAVE** 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY EVENING**

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

**TUESDAY MORNING**

- 55+ Prayer Team** 10:00 a.m.
- OASIS** 11:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY EVENING**

- G.R.O.W.** 5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
- PRAISE BAND** 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

- Men's Fraternity** 6:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING**

- Wednesday Night Meal** 5:00 p.m.
- Children's Choirs** 6:00 p.m.
- Youth D-Groups** 6:30 p.m.
- Children's Mission Groups** 6:45 p.m.
- ABF Leadership Huddle** 6:45 p.m.
- Mid Week Bible Study** 6:45 p.m.
- Adult Choir** 7:00 p.m.
- College Bible Study** 8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY EVENING**

- \*Young Professionals Bible Study** 6:30 p.m.
- Orchestra** 7:15 p.m.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

- Men's Open Basketball** 6:00 a.m.
- Foot Movements** 10:00 a.m.

**January Usher Team Schedule**

January 4	Usher Team 1
January 11	Usher Team 2
January 18	Usher Team 3
January 25	Usher Team 4

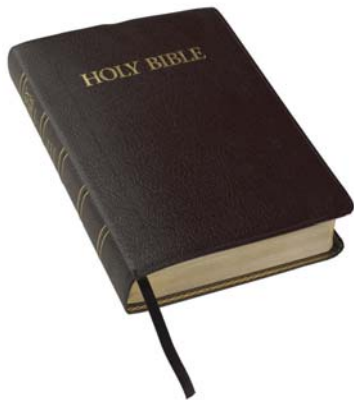
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# 55+ MinistryNews Oasis



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

Dr. Tim Phillips begins a new three-part series on Tuesday, January 6, entitled **“Exercising Biblical Discernment.”** The cost for the meal is \$2.00 per person. Please join us for this time of fellowship and Bible study.



**Tuesday, January 6**

“Exercising Biblical Discernment:  
Why is it Important?”

**Tuesday, January 13**

“Exercising Biblical Discernment:  
What is Biblical Discernment?”

**Tuesday, January 20**

“Exercising Biblical Discernment:  
How to be Biblically Discerning.”

**Alzheimer’s Support Group** meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.

## 55+ Retreat at White Oak March 6-8, 2009 / Leader: Jean Padgett Theme: “A Journey Through the Shepherd’s Psalm”

Cost: \$110.00 (2 per room – includes transportation, registration fee, lodging, meals, materials)  
\$20 non-refundable deposit due by Feb. 3, 2009.  
Room for 50 people.

**Saturday concert: Devon Shelton**

**For further information contact  
Dr. Tim Phillips at 772-3227.**

**Just Older Adults (JOY) Club** dinner and entertainment will meet on Thursday January 8th, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Welcome Beth Fallaw Greer, from Lexington SC. Beth is a well known Christian singer and member of First Baptist Church Columbia. You’re sure to receive blessings from this talented woman of God. **Sign up available at Oasis luncheon, ABF Sunday class, JOY Club display in hallway outside Sanctuary or call Church Office at 772-3227. Come enjoy the warm fellowship, and bring a friend. Cost \$2.00 each, payable at door.**

## Memorials / Honorariums

### NOVEMBER 23, 2008

TO BENEVOLENCE in memory of: **Helen Jean Martin, sister of Marcella McDowell** by Martha S. Vansant. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **George William Harvey** by James and Shirley Kirby. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Terri Wood’s grandmother** by Ed and Jean Taylor.

### NOVEMBER 30, 2008

TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Jim Hughes** by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mathias. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Courtney Harbaugh** by Mike and Terri Bamonte. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Bill Harvey** by Gerald Dixon, John Bowles, and Bobby Watson. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Jim Hardee’s mother, Pete Spearman’s mother, Diane Herod’s father, and Martha Rector’s sister** by Ray and Faye Efird.

### DECEMBER 7, 2008

TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **George W. “Bill” Harvey** by Dan and Verdine Christmus. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Larry Davis** by Don and Debbie Wiggins, and John and Suzanne Umberger. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Margaret Gore** by Ebbie Hall. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Jeanne Bridge’s mother** by Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Kelly. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in memory of: **Myrtle Gore** by Joe and Sandra Turbeville. TO RIPPLE EFFECT in honor of: **Cindy Hawkins and Winston Holliday, Families for Christ Teachers** by Eddie and Paula McWhirter.



## new members’ class

This informative class is necessary for all new members. Anyone interested in joining Riverland Hills is also welcome. We’ll answer important questions about our beliefs, our purpose, and how to get involved. The class is held the first Sunday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:15 a.m. Childcare is available. Please call Chris at 772-3227 to sign up.



### reLife Flag Football Recap

The inaugural reLife Flag Football season was a tremendous success! From playing hard as a team on the field to being led in postgame devotions off the field, players left each week with a better understanding of God's love for them.

Thank you to the coaches and team chaplains who served this season. Congratulations to the Green Team, coached by John Ecton along with team chaplain, Gary Williams, who captured the league championship.

We look forward to another great reLife Flag Football season next year!

### Race for Missions

After hearing Chris Hix and his son Joshua speak about their work in Africa, the RHBC RAs were inspired to find a way to help support the Hix family and other foreign missionaries. Their idea? The 4th grade RAs challenged the GAs to a "Penny Race" to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for missions. At stake: A Pizza Party for the winners, hosted by the losing team.

Throughout the month of November, kids showed up with jars, piggy banks, ziplock bags, and even a giant slurpee cup full of pennies. One GA brought in nearly 1,000 pennies by herself. On December 3, after much tallying, the RAs took the prize, raising \$141.60 in coins versus \$141.27 from the GAs. In addition to the coins, \$60 in bills was also collected, bringing the total to almost \$350 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This amount greatly exceeded our initial expectations of raising \$50 for missions.

**Congratulations to both groups for a job well done!**



# upward



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading is in full swing! Please keep the following dates in mind:

- January 10 – First Game Day
- January 31 – Picture Day
- March 5 – Awards Night Celebration

If interested in serving as a game day volunteer, please sign up at [riverlandhills.org/upwardvol.asp](http://riverlandhills.org/upwardvol.asp). Some ways to volunteer are:

**Greeter / Referee / Scorekeeper / Devotion Leader**

**"And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him."**

– Luke 2:40



### reLife Spring Basketball Leagues

Registration for the **reLife men's basketball leagues** at RHBC is coming soon! Two leagues (based on age) are being planned this year, so be looking for additional details.

**Key dates for the leagues are:**  
**March 9, 12, 16, 19 Evaluations**  
**Week of April 6 First Games**

If you are interested in serving as a coach or team chaplain, please contact Robbie Kinard ([robbiekinard@sc.rr.com](mailto:robbiekinard@sc.rr.com)), David Gainey ([zeekcat5@bellsouth.net](mailto:zeekcat5@bellsouth.net)) or Joel Sellers ([joel@riverlandhills.org](mailto:joel@riverlandhills.org)).  
*More details coming soon!*



## Get Connected!

### Foot Movements

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

### Men's Pick-up Basketball

Fridays 6:00 a.m. in the gym. Contact Richard Ouzts at 261-8186.



# Ladies Night Out “Called to Love”



February 2, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Our guest speaker will be **Cherie Nettles**, comedienne, author, cancer survivor, and mother of teenagers. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Tables may be reserved with the purchase of 7 tickets per table. Tickets go on sale January 4, 2009.

**Questions? Contact Debra Higginbotham at 530-1230.**



**Ministry Opportunity: Please bring ladies' toiletry items to be given to local women's shelters.**

**Childcare is available if reserved by January 28. Call 772-3227.**



## called to love

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