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Back to School:
*Make A Fresh
Start This Year!*

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Minister of Middle School &
College and Young Professionals



NEW EDUCATION BUILDING

Check Our Progress!



LEARN GOD'S WORD

Kick-off August 19th

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Check the Gauges Before You Start

by Dr. Ed Carney, Senior Pastor



Dr. Ed Carney

IF YOU LISTEN YOU COULD HEAR A COLLISION!

The intersection of work and family is always congested, but adding school to the mix multiplies the chances of “crashes.”

The beginning of the school year is a great time to make some changes in your approach to the new “traffic-schedules.” Move out of the fast lane from time to time, put your foot on the brake, pull over and “check the gauges.”

One gauge is your marriage. When pressures mount, don’t ask your spouse “What’s wrong?” Rephrase the question to invite some sharing of ideas and thoughts. For example:

- “Something seems to be bothering you. When you want to talk about it, I’m available.”
- “I think we’re doing all right around here; what do you think?”

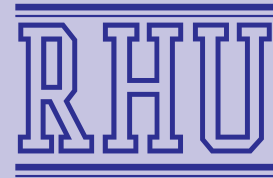
With the kids you’ll have to be specific. Try this series of questions that Andy Stanley likes to use with his kids at least twice a week (especially at bedtime):

- Is everything okay in your heart?
- Did anyone hurt your feelings today?
- Are you mad at anyone?
- Did anyone break a promise to you?
- Is there anything I can do for you?

That will slow all of you down long enough to “count fingers and toes.” You’d be surprised how much better life can be if we move cautiously through those dangerous intersections. Everyone will arrive at his or her destination safely and happily.

My prayer is that this school year will be the best yet, for your entire family.

Ed



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. This basic introduction to our church family is designed to clearly explain who we are and what Riverland Hills is all about. The course is divided into four sessions covering: Our Salvation, Our Statements, Our Strategy and Our Structure. (Required for church membership)

CLASS 201: Discovering My Spiritual

Maturity. What does a mature Christian look like and how do you become one? You will be introduced to the basic habits that every fully developing follower of Christ needs: Time in God’s Word, Prayer, Tithing, and Fellowship.

CLASS 301: Discovering Your Ministry.

Every follower of Christ is designed for ministry. In CLASS 301, you will discover your unique S.H.A.P.E., a combination of your Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences. Understanding your S.H.A.P.E. will help reveal how God wants you to minister at Riverland Hills.

Saturdays, August 11
and September 15
9 am to noon
Fellowship Hall

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



wmu women's ministry opportunities

Back to School Bash

August 11th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at River Oaks Apartments. Call 338-8848 to volunteer! WMU is collecting back to school supplies for the children at the River Oaks Apartments complex. There are marked containers to collect these supplies near the grand staircase. If you would like to help with the Back to School Bash.

Supplies Needed: tissues, #2 pencils, crayons, Zip-lock bags, red ink pens, 2-inch binders, spiral notebooks, pocket folders

Women's Prison Picnic Saturday, September 8

If you would like to participate, please call David Lee at Lexington Baptist Association to get background check completed prior to the event. We will be collecting food to take to the picnic. **For more information contact Janet Foard at 338-8848.**



WMU Kick-Off Brunch

**Saturday, August 18
11 am to 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
New church members are encouraged to find out what WMU is all about and join a WMU group. Come meet other women in our church and learn how you can become involved in Missions. Please call Nancy Corbett at 732-9215 to make reservations to attend. Current WMU members, please call Nancy Corbett to volunteer.

FOOD DRIVE FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Bags will be distributed after each Worship Service
on Sunday, August 5

with a list of needed items inside the bag.

Please bring filled bags back to church on Sunday, August 12th.

For more information contact Tim Hawkins at 772-3227.



NEW EDUCATION BUILDING UPDATE

The Facilities Committee is working with staff on programming to determine space needs.



The architect has been selected and is working with us on project.



The general contractor will be interviewed and selected soon.



Schematic design will begin then drawings to go out for bids.



Plans will be available in spring 2008 for church approval.

Adult Bible Fellowship Leadership Huddles

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Hospitality Room
ALL ABF leaders should plan to attend.

- Building relationships and teamwork
- Information and training
- Explore the Bible Study Lesson Preparation

Your ABF exists to reach people and grow the church. It's not just about the fellowship and a few minutes of Bible study each week.

If you've ever participated on a sports team of any kind, played in band or sang in chorus, you know the importance of practice.

Your ABF is so much more important than any game. And we need everyone fully engaged every week. We also need "practice" time to get ready for Sunday.



**That's what these huddles are all about.
Leaders – make it a priority to be there!**

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.

Wacky Wednesdays

Children who have completed 1st - 6th grade are invited to join us this summer on Wednesday evenings in the gym at 6:45 p.m. for Wacky Wednesdays! We have a devotion time, play games, make crafts and have lots of wacky fun!

Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS beginning September 6. Registration during August.

Preschool Parent Meetings

Preschool children's parent meetings on August 26 in room 203 - 205 at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

AWANA

for children ages 3 – 5th grade.

Awana reaches children with the gospel and trains them to know, love and serve Christ. Awana blends Bible teaching, Scripture memorization and tons of fun. Awana will kick-off on Sunday, August 19th so sign-up now to be a part of Awana Club.

Cubbies – Ages 3 and 4 **Sparks – K-5 – 2nd grade**
Truth and Training (T&T) **3rd grade – 6th grade**

Register in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or you can register in the Church Office. 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.

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

Youth Communion & Baptism Service

Sunday, August 19, 6 p.m., Lake Murray Sailing Club. Directions: www.lmsc.org. For the whole family! Cookout immediately following the service. Bring chairs or a blanket. If you are interested in being baptized, Middle School should contact Bart Cook (bart@riverlandhills.org) and High School contact Jonathan Chapman (jonathan@riverlandhills.org) by Sunday, August 12.

college ministry

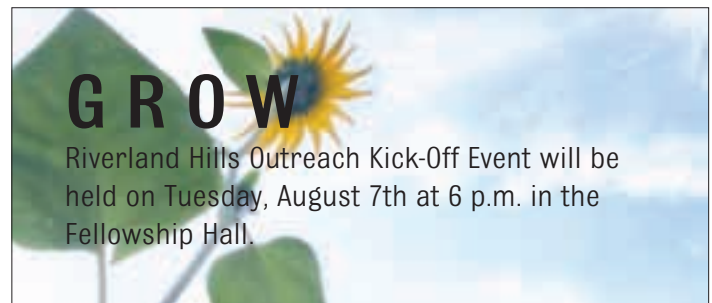
Weekly Bible Study

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.



GROW

Riverland Hills Outreach Kick-Off Event will be held on Tuesday, August 7th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

DiscipleLife kick-off!

Come sign-up for a class for the Fall semester.

Sign-up: August 26, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall. **Classes:** Begin September 9.

SinglesMinistry

Tubing Down the Congaree

Saturday, August 4
2:15-7:00 pm
Host: Martha Carter

Brian Center Visit
Saturday, August 11
10:00 am
Host: Elaine Green

**Sunday Afternoon
at the Lake**
Sunday, August 12
2:00-5:00 pm
Host: Mike Keyes

Prayer & Praise Gathering
Sunday, August 12
6:30 pm
Jill Clark (407-8201)

Thursday Nite Dinner
Thursday, August 16
6:30 pm, Miyos
Georgia Johnson

**A Day At The Beach
Folly Beach, SC**
Saturday, August 18
9:00 am-9:00 pm
Mike Keyes (318-8070)
Martha Carter (348-6096)



Game Night
Saturday, August 25
7:00-10:00 pm
Host: Georgia Johnson
(556-5958).

Holiday at the Lake
1:00-7:00 pm
Mike Keyes

On the Horizon!
September 16 - 23
Kentucky Mission Trip

October 12 - 14
Singles Fall Retreat – Lake
Junaluska, NC

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

taking the next step

**Mark Your Calendars:
Promotion Sunday is August 19**

This is the day when RHBC children and students are promoted to a new Sunday School class, based on their age or their new grade in school. This is a time of new opportunity, when students meet new people and begin to build new relationships.

Coming soon: You'll be receiving information about your child's new classes and room assignments.




**Women of Faith Conference
October 26-27, 2007**

This is the greatest way of all that joy can sing – to God, in praise and thanksgiving. As we sing our hearts out to God, He increases our joy and happiness.
— Luci Swindall



Riverland Hills Baptist Church has 30 tickets available at half price at \$25 each (RHBC covers half your cost!) We also have 15 hotel rooms held at the Ramada until September 25th at \$99 per room. Tickets are available first come first serve and usually sell out fast! To reserve your ticket and hotel room please call Janet Foard at 338-8848 or email Janet at djfoard@msn.com.

**Crown Financial
Small Group
Orientation**

Sunday, August 12 – 4:30 p.m.
Rooms 11 & 12 – Fellowship Hall

For anyone interested in participating in the 10-week Crown Biblical Financial Study (begins September 9th). Trained leaders teach God's financial principles with practical application. Receive study details and register for the class. No charge for the orientation. Small group study materials are \$45 for individuals and \$55 for couples. Call Tim Hawkins at 772-3227 for more details or to pre-register for the orientation.



August 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

***Youth Super Size Sundays** 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.
GROW (Outreach), 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
***Youth Meet, Greet and Eat** 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

Wednesday Night Meal 5:00 p.m.
Wild Willy Wednesdays - Youth 6:00 p.m.
Wacky Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.
ABF Leadership Huddle 6:30 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.
Precept Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING

Foot Movements 10:00 a.m.

August Usher Team Schedule

August 5	Usher Team 1
August 12	Usher Team 2
August 19	Usher Team 3
August 26	Usher Team 4

* These events are off-site

Precept Classes

Come hear powerful Biblical truths that will change your life forever! The book of Ephesians from Aug 29th and 30th through Nov 7th and 8th. The cost will be \$21. Wed. 9:30 a.m. or Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Contact: Kaye Moore 781-7592 home or 238-1371 cell





55+ MinistryNews

Oasis

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

Oasis: Current Series “Slaying the Dragons”

We all struggle with “dragons” that seek to slay us and keep us from serving God. Romans 8:37 says that in Christ, we are more than conquerors. Come join us as Dr. Phillips teaches life application lessons on how to become a dragon slayer. If transportation is needed contact Suzanne Patterson at 772-3227. Lunch is \$1.00 per person.

August 7: Slaying the Dragons: Painful Memories

August 14: Slaying the Dragons: Panic Attacks

August 21: Slaying the Dragons: Negative Thinking

JOY Club begins!

Thursday, September 13, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. No cost. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Program: Frances Austin, pianist FBC, Irmo, “Name that Tune: An evening of sing-along and piano music.” You can sign up at the JOY Club table in the lobby on Sunday mornings, ABF classes or by calling the church office. Please sign up by Monday, Sept. 10.

JOY CLUB TRIP

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

Visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte NC. See the NarroWay’s Production of “Loaves and Fishes” in Ft. Mill, SC.



1 PM Matinee - Cost \$25.95 (Lunch included)
Leave RHBC at 8:30 a.m. & return by 5:30 p.m.

For information & reservations contact Merle Brigman at 749-1799.

fall term:

2007 music ministry studios

The Music Ministry Studios 2007 fall term will begin on Monday, August 20, 2007. Registration is being accepted for private studies in piano, voice, organ, guitar, violin, viola, cello and percussion.

For more information and enrollment forms call Cindy Hix, Director, at 803-772-3227.

Memorials / Honorariums

JUNE 10, 2007

TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Mike Free** by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis, Barbara and Ray Goodbred, Betty Hatchell, Ron and Jeannie Feaster, Martha Shearer, Barbara Dickens, and Mr. and Mrs. George Magruder. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Freddie Huggins’ Brother** by Mr. and Mrs. George Magruder and Carolyn Berry. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Blake Neal** by Jim and Joye Hughes. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Allen Dickens** on the first anniversary of his death by Barbara Dickens. TO BENEVOLENCE in memory of: **Freddie Huggins’ Brother** by Angie McClam. TO BUILDING FUND in honor of: **Matthew Gandy** by J. Claudette Gandy. TO BUILDING FUND in honor of: **Ray and Fay Efirid’s** 50th Wedding Anniversary by Ron and Jeannie Feaster.

JUNE 17, 2007

TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Mike Free** by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mathis, Dr. and Mrs. George Fann, Sam and Betty Strickland, Paul and Dorothy Huggins. TO BUILDING FUND in honor of: **Gabriella Stephens** by Catherine Carriker and Nova Stephens.

JUNE 24, 2007

TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Pam McLawhorn’s mother** by Mr. and Mrs. George Magruder. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Jack Parrish’s mother** by Emery and Amelia Smith. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Blake Neal, Estelle Floyd, Jenelle**

Martin’s mother, Billy Martin’s mother, Jerry Shearer, and Alan Dickens by Dorothy Huggins. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Mike Free** by Gene and Helen Ouzts. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Kathryn Turner**, mother of Karen Fisher by Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

JULY 1, 2007

TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Pam McLawhorn’s mother** by Mr. and Mrs. George Magruder, Jeff and Shirley Beavers, David and Lesli Lockwood, and Mike and Terri Bamonte. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Mike Free** by Michael Baxter, and James and Beverly Zorn. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Freddie Huggins’ brother** by Raymond and Faith Efirid. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Royce Easterlin, brother of Freddie Huggins** by Bernie and Faye Hawkins. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Marlyn Hardee’s sister, Carol Bohanna and Glen Ross’ father, Homer Ross** by Raymond and Faith Efirid. TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Karen Fisher’s mother** by Mike and Terri Bamonte.

JULY 8, 2007

TO BUILDING FUND in memory of: **Billy Martin’s mother** by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mathis. TO BENEVOLENCE in memory of: **Frances Weathersby** by Annie Boyd. TO BENEVOLENCE in honor of: **Homebound Ministry** by Annie Boyd.

Parent Seminar

Date: Saturday, September 22

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Place: The Attic

Riverland Hills Baptist Church

Title: Sex in Your City



Silver Ring SC, a Christian non-profit organization, is holding a seminar to educate parents of elementary, middle and high school students about the hidden epidemic that is crippling our youth and to introduce their ministry's mission which is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our youth and call them to a life of purity and sexual abstinence until marriage.

Topics in this seminar will include the extent of the sexual crisis problem and how it differs from past generations, the high cost of premarital sex, how to open the lines of communication between parents and children and ways to resist sexual pressure. Call April at 772-3227 to reserve your spot for the seminar & child care (birth - 6th grade).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Student Event - Silver Ring Thing
For middle and
high school students.
DECEMBER 1st



Riverland Hills Baptist Church is pleased to welcome Bart Cook

as the new Minister of Middle School & College/Young Professionals Ministries.

Bart has been on staff since January 2007 as the College &

Young Professionals Ministry Associate and we are excited to see him move into this expanded role. Bart will graduate from Columbia Biblical Seminary with a Master in Divinity in December 2007. Bart is married to Jen who will be a teacher at Irmo Middle School in the fall. Please welcome Bart in his new role. **Bart can be reached at bart@riverlandhills.org or at 772-3227.**

2007 Men's 30+ Basketball Recap

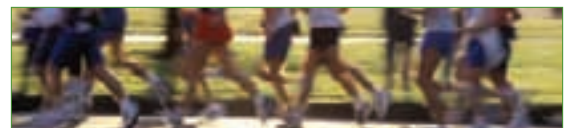
The first season of Men's 30+ Basketball at Riverland Hills was a great success!

A special thanks goes to this year's league coordinator Robbie Kinard and the coaches and prayer leaders. Because the league filled so quickly this year, plans are being made to expand the league from eight to 12 teams next spring. You will not want to miss the opportunity to play and fellowship with other men in the church and community through this league!

Commit 3 on 3 Basketball Recap

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. - Proverbs 16:3

It was a great inaugural season for the Commit 3 on 3 Basketball League for 7th & 8th graders! The spring league filled with 48 players leading to a packed gymnasium each Sunday evening of the season. Thanks to the leadership of Eddie Best along with the volunteer coaches and referees, the kids experienced clean competition and powerful devotions each week. Don't miss the chance to be involved with this league next spring!



Mark Your Calendars

Men's Pick-up Basketball

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

Foot Movements

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., and Fridays, 10:00 a.m.
Contact Elaine Marlow at 625emarlow@bell-south.net.

55+ Walking Club Kick-Off

Thursday, September 6th, 8:00 a.m.
Columbiana Center Food Court.

children's choir and missions kick-off

Everyone is invited to participate on

September 5 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.! There will be games for all children ages 3 through 6th grade who register for choir and missions groups. Registration will be in the hallway leading up to the grand staircase. Preschoolers will register in their respective rooms.

Childrens' choirs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. followed by missions groups from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Childrens' Choirs

Children age 3-6th grade. To volunteer, call Suzanne Lee at 781-2380.

Missions

Mission Friends - Ages 2-K5
RA's for boys 1st-6th grades
GA's for girls 1st-6th grades

To volunteer, call Merri Christy Tolar at 772-3227.

choir notes



Youth Choir starts September 9th!

All students grades 7-12, join us in the choir room from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday and especially Sept. 9th for our “kickoff.” I am really looking forward to directing you, and learning & worshipping with you. We’ve picked out some great music and we’re making some great plans! Bring your friends – church membership is not required.

New! Earlier Adult Choir Rehearsal Time!

Our Adult choir weekly rehearsal is now at 7:00 p.m. This new earlier rehearsal time will enable many more of you to join the choir. Visit with us this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room and see what you think. As always, childcare is provided.

Join the Choir for Christmas!

Yes, it’s not too early to plan ahead to be part of this year’s Christmas concert. August 25th will be our “Christmas Music Kick-Off Party.” Neither church membership nor audition required. Contact Stuart Condra at stuart@riverlandhills.org for more information.

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