

**Father's Day  
June 18, 2006**

**Rivermont Presbyterian Church  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

*"Thus Joseph who was surnamed by the apostles Barnabas (which means, Son of Encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field which belonged to him, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."  
Acts 4:36-37*

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE:** "My Lord, What A Morning" Robert Lau  
*Please use this time in quiet, reverent preparation for worship.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dr. Dan Sansbury

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY**

*Take a moment to greet and welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ. After you are seated again, please pass the red Ritual of Friendship pad to each person on your pew.*

**\*\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WE WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER**

**\*\*CHORAL INTROIT:** "Down On My Knees" arr. Joseph Linn

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Heather Shortlidge

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary:

Praise God in his mighty firmament!

People: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his exceeding greatness!

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

People: Praise God with timbrel and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise God with sounding cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

(from Psalm 150)

**\*HYMN:** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" # 476

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious and Almighty God, we thank you again for the gift of family relationships, and all the wonderful memories of extended family gatherings, plus one-on-one conversations with parents and grandparents that have made us who we are. And yet, O God, we confess that there have been times that we were wayward sons and daughters. We have not always been the obedient and respectful children of God, or children of our parents, that you wanted us to be. As parents ourselves, we have not always modeled the encouraging love you intended for our families. Forgive us, O God, for all of our failures. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us anew. Assure us again that you are making us into the kind of people and families that honor you, and honor our heritage of faith and faithfulness. We ask this in the name of your obedient Son, the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:** "Faith of Our Fathers" (see insert)

**\*Congregation, please stand**

**\*\*At 11:00 a.m. service only**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Apostles' Creed, p. 14

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory: "Prayer on 'Jesus Loves Me'" Timothy Albrecht

\*Doxology (Hymn # 592) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*(Young people are invited forward for a short message. Afterwards, they may return to their seats or go to the nursery accompanied by a parent.)*

**SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-37, 9:26-29 Pew Bible, pp. 951 & 956  
David and Debby Casson

**\*\*ANTHEM:** "Just As I Am" arr. Alice Parker

**SECOND READING:** Acts 11:19-26, 15:36-41 Pew Bible, pp. 958 & 963

**SERMON:** "Portrait of an Encouraging Christian" Dr. Sansbury

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" # 391

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE:** "My God Is Real" arr. Joseph Linn  
*Kathy Taber, soloist*

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE OUR LORD**

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Promised Land" Donald Hustad

**PARISH NOTES**

**WELCOME** to the worship of Jesus Christ at Rivermont Presbyterian Church on this Father's Day! We are glad that you are here! We are especially glad to welcome back Dr. and Mrs. David (Debby) Casson and their children, as they join us for today's 11:00 service.

**YOU** can become a member of Rivermont Church by a transfer of your membership from another Christian Church, or by affirming your faith in Jesus Christ as the crucified Savior and resurrected Lord. Speak to the pastors or one of the elders about joining Rivermont.

**ALL ARE INVITED!** The Red, White and Blue Lunch is Sunday, July 2. Wear red, white and blue to worship that morning and join us for lunch after the 11:00 worship service. All visitors are especially encouraged to join us – your lunch is on us! On the menu will be fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw all topped off with juicy watermelon and a yummy dessert. Members, please turn in your reservation by using the forms in the pew rack or by calling the church office no later than Tuesday, June 27. Adults - \$4, children - \$2 with a \$12/family max. See you for lunch!

**FIESTA!** – Vacation Bible School 2006 begins tomorrow! If you haven't already signed up to attend or help, please talk to Connie Farrar today.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – There is a sheet in the Atrium for volunteers to sign up to provide flowers in our Sanctuary for Sunday worship services through June 2007. Please sign the list or call the church office (877-8527). This is a great way to honor special people or events!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18-24**

Sunday	8:45 a.m. Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Everyone 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Monday	9:00 a.m. FIESTA! Vacation Bible School Begins 10:00 a.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Recovery / Library
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. VBS 10:30 a.m. SA Bible Study 1:15 p.m. ARD / Session Room 4:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline 5:30 p.m. PW Circle V Meeting 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting 7:00 p.m. Prayer Time 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. VBS 10:00 a.m. SA The Comforters 3:00 p.m. WOW Youth – Sir Gooney's 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Da Vinci Code Discussions / Commons 3
Thursday	9:00 a.m. VBS 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Overeaters / Kerygma Room
Friday	9:00 a.m. VBS 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Karl's 8:45 a.m. Community Kitchen 9:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study / Robinson Room
Saturday	5:30 p.m. Young Adults Potluck at Slagles'

**THE WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL** this week is written by Dr. Dan Sansbury. If you would like to receive the Weekly Devotionals, please e-mail [cautry@rivermontpc.org](mailto:cautry@rivermontpc.org).

**ELDER OF THE MONTH** for June is Kathy Taber.

**USHERS** today for the 8:45 worship service are Doug and Jonnie Esther and for the 11:00 worship service are Mike and Ann McLaughlin and Joe and Connie West.

**GREETERS** today are Dick and Margaret Lynch.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** have been given to the glory of God and in memory of a friend to all of us, George M. Clark, Jr., by Steve and Dolores Harvey.

**PRINTED COPIES** of Dr. Sansbury's sermon on June 11 "Believing, Belonging, Becoming – and Beginning to Make a Difference" are available in the Narthex and on the website. Previous sermons are available on our website or upon request to the church office.

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:** Sunday School, 142; 8:45 worship service, 34; 11:00 worship service, 262; total worship attendance, 296.

**FOR OUR CARE AND PRAYERS:** Carolyn Smith, Douglas Jack, Bob Watkin, Stacy Johnson, Glenn & Jo Bushey, Anna Evans, Jim Farrar, Matthew Hopper, Rosa Linville, Nan Webb, Mary Whelchel, and Virginia White.

**VISITORS TO WORSHIP** from the Chattanooga area last Sunday included: Charlie and Karen Jones, Roger and Max Riemer, Bill and Jimmy Miller, Del McDuffie, Cassie Butler, Cynthia Stone, Kevin and Zach Hayward, Fred Schendel, Buddy Hayes, Ann Pope and Betty Patterson.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Friday, June 23, at 8:00 am at Karl's Restaurant, followed by Bible study at Rivermont in the Robinson Room. Join us!

**CALLING ALL** artists, musicians, and chefs! Summer Fun is looking for volunteers to assist between 10 am-2 pm on July 12, 19, and 26. Please contact Connie Farrar or Rev. Heather Shortlidge if interested.

**YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK** – Saturday, June 24, 5:30 pm. Our Mexican-themed evening is hosted by Dave and Judy Slagle at their home at 2023 Marina Cove Drive, Hixson. Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP and reserve church childcare at 847-0950.

**EXCITING NEWS!** This summer, Rivermont Church will be gathering school supplies and backpacks for 40 Pre-Kindergarten and 75 Kindergarten students at Rivermont Elementary. Please watch for a display and a list of items needed in the Atrium. If you wish to contribute money, make your check payable to Rivermont and mark it "School Supplies." We will have a "backpack packing" event later in the summer and the supplies will be delivered to the teachers on August 3.

**THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN** is in dire need of the following: canned vegetables, flour, sandwich bags and coffee. Donations may be placed in the marked basket in the Atrium.

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO** if you wanted to attend church but had no transportation to Rivermont? The Service Committee is coordinating drivers to provide transportation specifically for two adults to and from the Hosanna Community (off Hwy 153 at Grubb Road). At least three drivers will be needed to rotate driving responsibilities. Interested? Contact Susan Ruch (344-4513).

**"POPS BY THE RIVER"** is Monday, July 3 at Coolidge Park. Meet at Rivermont at 5 pm and take the church bus with us! Dress for the hot, muggy weather, and bring water.

**50 YEARS!** – The children and grandchildren of Bob and Jean Phillips invite their Rivermont friends to join them for a reception honoring the Phillips' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Join them in the Commons on Sunday afternoon, June 25, at 2:00-4:00 pm.

**"SINGING' IN THE RAIN"** Thursday, Aug. 6 at Cumberland County Playhouse. Sign up in the Atrium now to enjoy this fun, fabulous musical, because we have to order tickets by the first week in July. The cost is \$30 per person (make checks payable to Rivermont Presbyterian), plus lunch at Cumberland State Park. We can't refund your ticket if you decide not to go, but you may be able to sell your spot to someone else.

**PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** at UTC is on the lookout for a car for one of their new interns, Kirsten Hawkins. Kirsten is from Washington and does not have a car or the funds to purchase one when she arrives here. If you have a car that you would be willing to let her use for the school year, or perhaps one you wish to donate to her, please contact us at 265-2227 or [jason@thehouseutc.org](mailto:jason@thehouseutc.org). Thank you, as always, for your continued support and faithfulness to our ministry!

**THE DaVINCI CODE DISCUSSIONS** continue Wednesdays at 7 pm, through June 28, in Commons 3. Never mind if you missed the first segments - you can pick up where the conversation resumes. Some of us gather at 6:30 with a sack supper.

**THE LATEST ISSUES** of Presbyterians Today and These Days devotionals are available in the Atrium. Pick up your copies today!

## Youth News ~ June 18, 2006

Remember VBS is this week, Monday through Friday, from 9-12 am!! Please come and help the kiddos have a great week! Talk to Connie or Dee Dee about this if you are interested!

Next week, our group for Great Escape leaves. Keep Lizzie Ruch, Will Ruch, Cole Wood, Jenny Snyder, Catherine Slagle, Steve Snyder, Glen Wood, Dee Dee Porter, and Zach Ragsdale in your prayers as they enjoy this conference and spend time together in worship and fun!

Next week for WOW, Wednesday June 28, we will eat lunch at Lupi's in Hixson and hit the bowling alley for a few hours! Meet at Lupi's at noon and plan to be picked up next door at the Holiday Bowl at 3 pm. Bring \$10 for bowling and money for lunch. Feel free to bring friends! See you there!

Summer Banzai gets a break tonight, due to Father's Day. Enjoy the night with your Dad and save up your energy for next Sunday night! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! WOW this week heads to Sir Gooneys!! Meet at the church on Wednesday at 3 pm with about \$20 to spend at Sir Gooneys. We will play for a few hours, grab some dinner (so bring extra \$\$ for that), and then return to the church at 6:30 pm. Feel free to bring friends with you to hang out! See you Wednesday!!! Sign up with Zach TODAY!

Reminder to Great Escapees! Medical release forms and money were due last week! If you haven't filled one out you should get one from Dee Dee and fill it out ASAP. Without the medical release form you cannot go! We will leave next Monday at 3 pm and return on Friday night at 11:30 pm!! Get a packing list from Dee Dee and start getting excited for your week of fun!