



Back to the Basics

We continue our Back to the Basics sermon series with the next 4 stories from the curriculum we use with our 4-year-olds through 1st Grade students each week during Children's Worship. These stories, along with all of the stories this year, are the primary characters and themes that reveal to us the heart of God.

October 5:

Covenant with a Family
Genesis 12:1-9

October 12:

Covenant with a Nation
Exodus 3:1-20 & Exodus 14:5-20

October 19:

The Ten Best Ways to Live
Deuteronomy 6:4-6
& Exodus 20:1-17

October 26:

Tent Camping
Exodus 25:10-22
& Exodus 40:1-16



SAVE THESE DATES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Generosity Presentation

following the 9:00 AM worship service in
the Fellowship Hall

Generosity Presentation & Luncheon
following the 11:00 AM worship service in
the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
Commitment Sunday &
Reformation Sunday

Turn in pledge cards & prayer
concerns at worship

Fall Festival Sunday, October 26

You don't want to miss our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26. This is an evening full of fun, joy, and a little bit of spookiness to support our preschool. This year in addition to our usual Fall Festival activities (dinner, games, a basket raffle, and a trunk or treat), you can join us in the Chapel at 5:00 PM for an Organ Spooktacular. Come early and hear your favorite Halloween organ pieces live! Besides attending Fall Festival on the day of, here are ways you can be involved:

- **Host a trunk for Trunk or Treat** - Decorate your trunk, hand out candy to those who come by, and you might just win a prize! If you're hosting a trunk, your car must be in place by 5:30 PM.
- **Donate Candy** - purchase candy to support those hosting a trunk. Donated candy can be dropped off at the church in the designated box in the Gathering Area up through worship on Sunday, October 26.
- **Purchase Raffle Tickets** - Purchase tickets to win baskets put together by our preschool. Tickets can be purchased at Fellowship Dinners, on the night of the event until 6:30 PM, or look for the order forms available in the Gathering Area.



Contact Betsy Prillaman (betsy@rcpres.org) or
Isabella Fagiani (isabella@rcpres.org) to
volunteer or to donate.

All proceeds benefit the RCPC Preschool

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School Classes—October

Full class descriptions available online at rcpres.org/adult-education

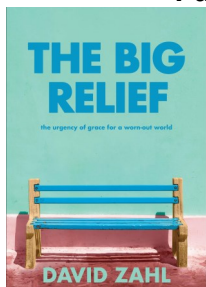
Exploring Christian Theology—Room 101

Led by Mike Lockaby

Join Mike Lockaby and others as they dig into the past to explore biblical and theological themes.

Parent as a Verb—Room 102

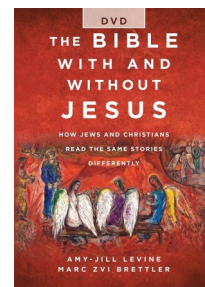
October 5—November 23: *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace in a Worn-Out World* by David Zahl. Parents feel overburdened and overwhelmed by expectations on them and their children in our modern life. Constant judgment and comparison abound. Is there another way? David Zahl invites us to consider how the core Christian message of Grace offers an alternative way to understand our existence and our roles in life. Join Andrew Whaley for this study this fall. You are invited to buy the book and read a chapter a week, or you can simply show up and participate in the discussion. We hope to see you there!



The Seekers—Room 201

14—Amy-Jill Levine's Ted Talk

September 21—October 26: The Bible With and Without Jesus (DVD Study) by Amy-Jill Levine and Dr. Marc Zvi Brettler



Discover RCPC—Room 202

Led by Andrew Whaley

October 5 & 12: Following the 11:00 AM worship service (12:15 PM—1:30 PM)

Discover RCPC is a way to learn more about our life together as followers of Jesus. In these gatherings, we will get to know one another better. We will learn about how and why we worship and what is distinctive about being a Reformed Church. We will learn about how Presbyterians practice their life in covenant with each other, and we will learn the story specifically of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church: The Church of the Open Door. This is a great opportunity for those interested in membership in our congregation.

WEDNESDAYS IN OCT. | 12 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Second Presbyterian Church | 214 Mountain Ave SW | Roanoke, VA 24016

Conversations —THAT CHANGE US—

What happens to faith when it becomes more about talking *about* Jesus than talking *to* Jesus? Do we risk reducing a living relationship to abstract ideas—Jesus becoming a topic rather than a presence? The Gospel of John resists such drift. It is a Gospel built on conversations—long, rich, and transformative ones. From Nicodemus under the cover of night to the Samaritan woman at the well, from a man born blind to Mary, Martha, and Pontius Pilate—Jesus doesn't just talk *at* people, he speaks *with* them. And they are never the same.

This October, the Bible in Black & White community will listen in on these conversations—and join them. Our hope is to encounter Jesus as we encounter each other, with open minds, honest hearts, and a willingness to be changed.

Schedule: October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2025.

Learn more: www.spres.org/the-bible-in-black-and-white



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MUSIC MINISTRY

Music in Raleigh Court—October Schedule



Roanoke Baroque: Music of Vivaldi Saturday, October 4 at 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Roanoke Baroque was founded in 2022 by Artistic Director Dr. Michael Shasberger. The professional chamber orchestra specializes in historically informed performance on period instruments, presenting musical masterpieces from the Renaissance to Contemporary periods with an emphasis on the music of the 18th century. The "Music of Vivaldi" concert program includes the Sinfonia for Strings, RV 131; Motet: In furore justissimae irae, La Folia, and more. Guest artists: Adelaide Trombetta, soprano Alexandra Calabrio, violin



Blacksburg Master Chorale: "Let the Pipes Resound! Music for Choir & Organ" Friday, October 17 at 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Celebrating the best of what the instrument and voices can do together. The Blacksburg Master Chorale will be joined by the Blacksburg Children's Chorale for a portion of the performance.



Organ Spooktacular Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 PM—Chapel

Our Fall Festival begins with a festive organ concert in the Chapel featuring music from movies and classical selections with a spooky flair. Each year the concert begins with J.S. Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor" and the rest is crafted new each year. This year's concert will feature movie music and Halloween 'scarols! This concert is given by Director of Music Ministries, Dillon J. Swanson.

YOUTH MINISTRY

College Care Packages

We have 20 RCPC Youth Group Alums in college this year. We need your help in sending them a gift box of items that remind them just how loved by God and their church family they are! Please drop off flat items (silly, serious, studious, or a good snack) in the Gathering Area by Sunday, October 12 to be packed. Some ideas: pens, post-it notes, ramen, granola bars, a handwritten note, a stress ball, candy etc.

Christmas Concert Choir

Those interested in participating in the Christmas Concert Choir may contact Director of Music Ministries, Dillon J. Swanson at dillon@rcpres.org for more information, rehearsals begin October 1.



MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

October Mission Partner: House of Bread



House of Bread is a ministry of support for under-resourced women looking to make a fresh start. Through relationships built by baking one bread loaf at a time, House of Bread shares tools for restoring confidence, dignity, and hope. Over the course of a six-week session, women learn job and personal skills through hands-on training, coupled with emotional and spiritual support, while baking and selling bread alongside volunteers from the Roanoke community. In addition to learning basic kitchen and baking skills, women receive ServSafe food handler and/or manager training, develop customer service experience, and partner one-on-one with mentors who work with them to set and meet goals. Throughout the year, House of Bread Operates three sessions for students with each session costing \$10,000 which covers supplies, stipends to students, and leadership of the program. For more information, please contact Lisa Goad at lisa.goad@houseofbreadroanoke.com.

Fellowship Dinners

Join us for dinner on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM from October 1 to the end of April. Check the bulletin and This Week @ RCPC each week for the menu. The food and the fellowship around the table are worth it each week.

The Fellowship Committee is always looking for people willing to help with Fellowship Dinner. Sign up to set up, serve food, or take leftovers on Thursday morning by contacting Kathy Sebolt at ksebolt@rvgs.k12.va.us or using the Sign Up in the This Week @ RCPC.

October Menus

October 1: Pizza Casserole, Italian Green Beans, Fresh Garlic Bread, Veggie Pizza Casserole, Lemon Cake

October 8: Chicken Divan over Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli, Homemade Bread, Cauliflower in Chasew Cream Sauce, Deluxe Chocolate Cake

October 15: Meatloaf, Country Green Beans with Fresh Garlic, Homemade Bread, Cauliflower/Lentil Loaf, Marble Cake

October 22: Chicken Fajitas, Yellow Rice & Black Beans, Toppings Bar, Chips & Salsa, Veggie Fajitas, Sopapillas



Family Promise

Family Promise Overnight & Dinner Hosts

Tuesday, October 21—Thursday, October 23, 2025
Contact Isabella Fagiani at isabella@rcpres.org to sign-up to cook dinner or stay as an overnight host.

Church Beautification Day

Before the weather gets cold and dreary, join us on Saturday, October 18, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM for a church beautification day. We have plenty of outdoor tasks that need to be completed, while the weather is still nice, as well as indoor projects. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the online form at tinyurl.com/RCPCWorkDay or email Mike Stacy at rcpcbuiding@rcpres.org for more information.

Senior Session

SAVE THE DATE! Senior Session #3 coming to you on Tuesday, November 18, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Plan on hearing from community organizations to see what they have to offer YOU! And...enjoy fellowship afterwards with a pizza lunch. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



Our first Senior Session back on July 21!

MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Compton Biddle, Jr.
Janet Davis
Sarah Stephenson
2 Marinne Williams
3 Michael Lockaby
Joseph Mallory
Henry Ward
4 Katelyn Burton
5 Courtney Cronin
Joe Gray
6 Camilla Cabaniss
7 Haley Arnold
Ginny McLelland
Beverly Oliver
8 Nora Kessler
9 Josie Cook
Lola Landers
Charley Stephenson
Betty Whitehead
Ed Whitehead

10 Lee Cabaniss
Josh Williamson
12 Donna Britt
Albert Sganga
13 Ann-Muir Moomaw
14 Andy Bowes
15 Dawn Long
16 Andy Harvey
Caitlin Smith
Sandra Whitt
17 Donn Branch
Andrew Williams
19 Bill Snyder
Bev Stroud
20 Roger Lovern
Henry Schaefer
Henry Sganga
21 Alison Allsbrook
Compton Biddle, Sr.
22 Bill Honeycutt

Cindy Neathawk
Autumn Quinn
Autumn Visser
23 Leonard Lindstrom
24 Tom Blackburn
J.D. Hansard
Abby Pierson
25 Brian Marsh
Cailainn Ptomey
28 Luke Carignan
Alec Travers
29 David Price
Maisy Smith
30 Ruth Whaley

Special Anniversary

Wishes:

10/16: Dale & Cecilia Hanslik
60th Wedding Anniversary

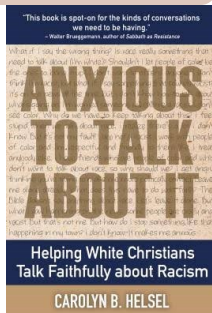
Special Birthday Wishes:

10/17: Don Branch 93rd Birthday

Presbytery of the Peaks' Racial Equity Subcommittee Book Study

Thursdays, October 2 & 9
7:00 PM—8:00 PM on Zoom

On the four Thursdays from September 18 to October 9, join the Presbytery of the Peaks members to discuss Presbyterian pastor and professor Carolyn Helsel's book "Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism" (2nd edition). Helsel draws on her successful experiences with white congregations to offer tools to embrace and explore anxious feelings and more faithfully engage in crucial conversations about race in America. The Zoom registration link is available in This Week @ RCPC emails.



Earth Care Committee: Plastic Recycling



URBAN REBLOK'D

We are expanding our recycling efforts by connecting with Urban Reblok'd to collect many more types of items. Urban Reblok'd will have a step van in the church parking lot from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on the following Wednesdays: October 29, November 19, December 17. You are welcome to bring any of the following: Styrofoam, any hard plastic (numbered 1 thru 7, and unnumbered), plastic film (that we have already been collecting), E-waste (electronics). Please encourage your friends to also be part of this community project.

Presbyterian Women

Join us for Women, Wine, and the Word at Ellen Austin's home on Friday, October 24, at 6:30 PM. This will be a relaxed evening of conversation and fellowship for RCPC women of all ages. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvres to share. RSVP by Sunday, October 19 to Ellen at ebaustin11@gmail.com or on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Save the date for upcoming PW events:

- Flower Arranging for the Holidays:
Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 AM
- Game Night: Friday, January 23 at 6:30 PM
- Line Dancing & Hors d'oeuvres:
Friday, February 20 at 6:30 PM

Book Group

Nancy Ayling's monthly book group will meet on the following dates in room 201 at 10:30 AM: October 8, November 12, December 10. For book information or more details email ayling42@verizon.net



Longtime Hunger Mission volunteer Nancy Trussell was honored at Tailgate for Hunger!

October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3:15pm—Genesis Ringers 4pm—God Alive 5pm—Hospitality Committee 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45pm—Chamber Choir 7pm—Christmas Choir 7pm—Wednesday Small Group 8pm—Sanctuary Choir	2 10am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Thursday Small Group 5:30pm—Small Group: Parents of Young Children 7pm—RCNA Board Meeting	3	4 7pm—Music at RCPC: Roanoke Baroque
5 World Communion 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm—Discover RCPC 4:30pm—Alleluia Ringers 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	6 12:30pm—Monday Small Group 7pm—Men's Small Group	7 9am—Staff Meeting 9:30am—PW Coordinating Team 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5pm—Mission Committee 7pm—Youth Committee 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Women's Small Group	8 12:10pm—Preschool Committee 3:15pm—Genesis Ringers 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45pm—Chamber Choir 7pm—Christmas Choir 7pm—Wednesday Small Group 7pm—Wednesday Small Group 8pm—Sanctuary Choir	9 10am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Thursday Small Group 5:30pm—Justice, Equity, & Belonging 5:30pm—Small Group: Parents of Young Children	10	11 10am—Living the Word
12 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm—Discover RCPC 12:15pm—Earth Care Committee 4:30pm—Alleluia Ringers 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	13 12:30pm—Monday Small Group 6pm—Fellowship Committee 7pm—Deacons 7pm—Men's Small Group	14 9am—Staff Meeting 10:15am—Presbyterian Women 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Women's Small Group	15 12:15pm—Preschool Staff Meeting 3:15pm—Genesis Ringers 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45pm—Chamber Choir 7pm—Christmas Choir 7pm—Presbyterian Women Evening Circle 7pm—Wednesday Small Group 8pm—Sanctuary Choir	16 10am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Thursday Small Group 5:30pm—Small Group: Parents of Young Children	17 7pm—Music at RCPC: Blacksburg Master Chorale	18 12pm—Young Adult Outing
4th & 5th Grade Campout						

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Generosity Presentation 10am—Sunday School & Called Session for New Members 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12pm—Generosity Lunch & Presentation 4:30pm—Alleluia Ringers 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	20 12:30pm—Monday Small Group 4:30pm—Personnel & Administration 5:30pm—Stewardship & Finance 6:30pm—Generosity Committee 7pm—Men's Small Group	21 9am—Staff Meeting 1:15pm—Worship & Music 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Endowment Board 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 6:30pm—Small Group—20somethings 7:30pm—Women's Small Group	22 3:15pm—Genesis Ringers 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45pm—Chamber Choir 7pm—Christmas Choir 7pm—Wednesday Small Group 8pm—Sanctuary Choir	23 9am—Presbytery Meeting at Northminster Presbyterian 10am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Thursday Small Group 5:30pm—Small Group: Parents of Young Children	24 6:30pm—PW Event: Women, Wine & the Word
Family Promise Overnight Hosting & Dinners					
26 Commitment Sunday & Reformation Sunday 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary & New Member Welcome 5pm—Organ Spooktacular 5:30pm—Fall Festival	27 No Preschool 12:30pm—Monday Small Group 7pm—Men's Small Group 7pm—Session	28 9am—Staff Meeting 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Women's Small Group	29 3:15pm—Genesis Ringers 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45pm—Chamber Choir 7pm—Christmas Choir 7pm—Wednesday Small Group 8pm—Sanctuary Choir	30 10am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Thursday Small Group 5:30pm—Small Group: Parents of Young Children	31

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

Monday-Friday at 9am	RCPC Preschool	Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30am	AA: Primary Purpose
Monday at 10am	Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal	Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30pm	Tai Chi
Monday at 7pm	Scouts—Troop 2B	Thursday at 6:30pm	Hip Sober Chicks
Monday at 7pm	Roanoke Valley Choral Society	Thursday at 7pm	Opera Roanoke Chorus
		Friday at 11:45am	Al-Anon