



Adult Sunday School: April 7—May 12

The Seekers: Book Study *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr

In *Falling Upward*, Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness. The Seekers will study this book together as they contemplate how growth and transformation is for all of God's people, no matter where they are in life.

Led by Nancy Ayling & David Dixon | Room 201

Discover RCPC

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.

Teacher: Andrew Whaley / Room: 202

During Sunday School: April 14 - May 5

Parent is a Verb

The Parent is a Verb class will continue throughout the spring! Led by Leigh Sackett, Wade Whitehead, & others | Room 102

The Bible in Black & White



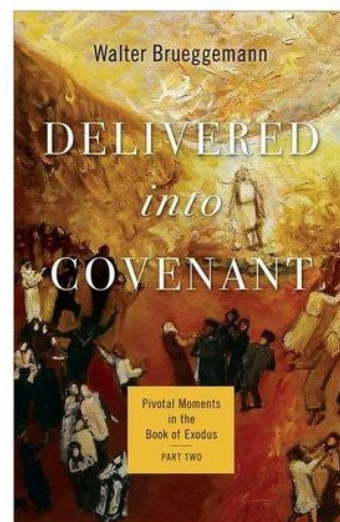
THE
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For several years, Second Presbyterian Church has sponsored conversations and Bible studies called "The Bible in Black and White," gathering people of diverse racial backgrounds for discussion of the scripture, to create opportunities for listening across differences and together encountering the Holy Spirit. This year, these studies are expanding to include members of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Hill Street Baptist Church. Joining members of Second Presbyterian Church and Loudon

Avenue Christian Church, this study offers opportunity for people from three historically black congregations to join with two predominantly white congregations to grow in our knowledge of one another and help bridge differences in race and story in our city. The pastors of all of the congregations will participate in leadership throughout the weeks of the study. Please plan to join us for this rich opportunity!

Wednesdays in April at Noon at Second Presbyterian Church

Book: *Delivered into Covenant* by Walter Brueggemann



Sermon Series: From Generation to Generation

In this Season of Easter, we move from the Resurrection of Jesus to the coming of the Holy Spirit. This year we mark Pentecost, the birth of the Church, by celebrating the 100th anniversary of our congregation, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. In 1924, Dr. G.M. Maxwell crafted a poem to mark the church's founding, calling it "The Church of the Open Door." During these Easter weeks, we will look at some of the stanzas of that poem and where, biblically, they originate. We will also be sharing stories and anecdotes from the 100 years of RCPC in sermons each Sunday in April and May to frame our life together in Jesus Christ as we begin to ask, "Who is God calling us to be in our next hundred years?"

April 14: A Temple for Service
Exodus 22:21-24 & James 1:19-27

April 21: A Haven of Rest
Psalm 15 & Exodus 25:1-9

April 28: A Beacon of Hope
Children's Ministry Sunday
Exodus 13:21-22 & John 8:12-16

May 5: For the Travel-Stained, Weary & Sore
Graduate Sunday
Matthew 11:28-30

May 12: My Spirit Responds to the Call
Psalm 100 & 1 Samuel 3:1-18

May 19: The Church of the Open Door
Pentecost
Isaiah 6:1-8 & Revelation 3:14-4:6

Youth Fundraiser—April 24

Join the Youth of RCPC for one final Fellowship Dinner of the year on April 24 at 6:15 PM. The youth and their adults will be cooking up a baked potato bar for your enjoyment. All proceeds go to support summer trips!

Confirmation Stoles

It is time to make stoles for our 11 confirmands! We will gather on Friday, April 19 at 10:00 AM at Emily Jarrett's home. If you are interested in helping, we need all skill levels, please email Emily to RSVP at dodsonjarrett@yahoo.com.

Blessing of the Animals—April 21

Join us on the front lawn of RCPC on Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 PM for a blessing of the pets. Pets who are good in a crowd are welcome to join in person and for those pets who are a bit trickier to bring in person, we invite you to bring a picture of them! We'll give thanks for the way our furry friends help us to know and experience God's love and we'll bless each pet present in person or picture form.

Children's Ministry Sunday—April 28

PAY ATTENTION today, the light of the Lord guides you wherever you are!

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people. -Exodus 13:21-22

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12-16

Come worship with us on Children's Ministry Sunday, April 28 in both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. Our preschool, God Alive kids, and even some youth and adults will lead us as we praise our Lord Jesus for all the ways his light guides us from generation to generation! With the expansion of the area in front of the Chancel, we are able to include expand the number of children participating in this year's worship. You are invited to join us after the 11:00 AM service for cookies and lemonade on the front lawn.

Graduate Sunday—May 5

We'll celebrate all the graduates within our church family during worship on May 5. Please submit a picture of your graduate with their name and where they are graduating from to julie@rcpres.org by April 21 in order that we can celebrate them. If you're a high schooler who is graduating, we'll celebrate with you during the 11:00 AM worship service on May 5 and again at Youth Group in the evening with our traditional Senior Send Off .

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Melissa Schaefer
3 Kristyn Brogan
 Joe Clark
 Robynn Onyett
 Mary Lou Prillaman
4 Treva Carter
 Judy Coombs
 Kylie Ralston
6 Scott Flowers
 Aleasha Stanley
7 Elizabeth Schmidt
8 Maegan Hardison
9 Gail Price
 Emily Thisdell
10 Bentley Bowes
 Maren Newman
 Vivian Mason Powell
11 Meggie Austin
 James Michael Butler
 Charlie Garland
 Eddie Martin
 Jane Harvey Sisson
12 Ann Rutherford
13 Liz Holsinger
14 Navi Reynolds-Saint
15 Robyn Decker
 Joshua Jager
16 Katherine Davis
 Grace Hamlin
 Vickie Haynie
 Sara Skinner
17 Eli Boylan
 Les Brown
 Dinah Morris
 Bobby Pickel
 Deanne Vance
18 Emilie Biddle
18 James Davis
19 Paula Mitchell
 Ryan Mutcherson
 Christopher Pugh

20 Leslie Baldwin
 Matt Cook
 Forrest Naff
 Amari Saint
 Susan Waddell
21 Caitlin Brash
 Catherine Burtis
22 Susan Ard
 Carol Brash
 Ruby Lockaby
23 Molly Bullington
 Penny Johnson
24 Clare Arnold
25 Maureen Guelzow
26 Karen Blackburn
 Donna McGuirt
 Griffin Shaver
 Katie Williams
27 Burton Newman
28 Sandra Carson
 Stella Sganga
29 John Thisdell
30 Clay Nash
 Logan Pugh
 David Ralston Jr.

Special Birthday

Wishes:

Vivian Mason Powell on celebrating her 100th birthday on April 10.
 Charlie Garland on celebrating his 91st birthday on April 11.

Special Anniversary

Wishes:

Thomas & Carol Hahn on celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary on April 29.

Fellowship Dinners

Doors open at 6:15 PM each Wednesday, and the professionally prepared meal is \$8/person with \$25 maximum per family. March Menus:

4/3 - Chicken Pot Pie, Side Salad, Homemade Bread, Alt Veggie Casserole, Dessert Death by Chocolate Cake

4/10 - Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Homemade Garlic Bread, Alt Veggie Lasagna, Cobbler

4/17 - Jambalaya, Corn on the Cob, Roasted Broccoli, Alt Stuffed Squash, Dessert Brownies

Earth Care Congregation



The Earth Care Committee is excited to announce that RCPC is officially a certified Earth Care Congregation! Over the past few months the committee has worked hard to evaluate where our church is already earth care friendly and where we can improve.

Updating the HVAC system and replacing windows, choosing locally grown flowers for the sanctuary, and having children and youth programs involved in nature and the environment this past year has not only allowed our church to be more energy efficient and earth care focused, they are some of the things that has enabled us to become earth care certified! We are looking forward to strengthening and growing our earth care focus in and outside the church community. You might have noticed some more recycling opportunities and we hope to begin composting our food waste at Fellowship dinners in the near future. Please be on the lookout for two exciting opportunities as the Earth Care Committee hosts a Blessing of the Animals service on April 21 and a tree planting event later in April.

Justice, Equity, & Belonging Mission Group Update

On Saturday, April 13, you are joyously invited by the Presbytery of the Peaks Racial Equity Subcommittee, to share in a wonderful learning experience as we gather in Farmville VA to visit former Robert Russa Moton High School, now a National Historic Landmark and museum, and the birthplace of America's student-led civil rights revolution. Dreamed of by 16-year-old Barbara Johns, in 1951, a strike by Moton students to protest the poor conditions of their segregated school led to the construction of the new Moton High School for Blacks in 1953. The "field trip" begins with a "Lunch-n-Learn" at Longwood University to include a boxed lunch (no cost to you) and presentations by Dr. W. Taylor Reveley, President, Longwood University, and Ken Woodley, author of *"The Road to Healing."* After this session there will be a private tour of the museum (again, at no cost to you). Registration closes April 3, register online at peakspresbytery.org/events.



ROBERT RUSSA
 MOTON MUSEUM

Opportunity for Generosity: Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Work Days



Habitat
for Humanity®
in the Roanoke Valley

This spring RCPC will once again partner with Habitat for Humanity by sponsoring two volunteer work days. Habitat for Humanity provides affordable mortgages, financial education, and training for families who are unable to obtain a home through conventional means. To qualify for a no-interest 30-year loan from Habitat, candidates are required to complete

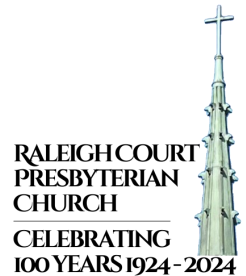
over a year of homeownership classes and sweat equity hours on other properties as well as their own. Mortgage payments are used to build future Habitat houses.

Although it is too early to know which specific site or sites we will be working on, the focus of construction will be in the City Target Area in SE Roanoke City. Our sponsored work days will be Wednesday, April 24 and Saturday, April 27. Sign-up to volunteer online at tinyurl.com/RCPCHabitatVolunteer2024 or at the link in the This Week @ RCPC.

All work days will be 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and daily groups must be 12 volunteers or less. No experience is necessary but all volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Habitat will provide all required tools and safety equipment, water, coffee and snacks. Volunteers will need to provide their own lunch and a refillable water bottle, work gloves are strongly advised. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy closed-toed shoes like hiking boots.

Centennial Celebrations May 17—19, 2024

Join our church family to celebrate the 100th anniversary of RCPC Pentecost weekend, May 17-19. Be sure to make reservations by March 30 for the celebratory dinner on Friday, May 17 at 6:00 PM followed by an evening of RCPC in story and song. Come on Saturday from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM for the Centennial Carnival with fun activities for children, and self-guided tours of the building while exploring the history and happenings of RCPC. Worship in the style of 1924 will be in the Roberson Chapel at 9:00 AM. At 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, we will celebrate the milestones in our life at RCPC.



Celebration Stories

We look forward to hearing about a special mission trip, interaction with a pastor, Sunday school lesson, music memory or any time you knew your life was inspired by God and being at RCPC. Below is a guide to help you record a short video sharing your fondest stories of how God and RCPC made a difference in your life. We plan on sharing videos throughout the weekend of May 17-19. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact Bill Johnson at wjohnson1@aep.com or call 540-494-7312.

Try not to read any prepared statements but rather have a few bullet points if needed, to guide you through your individual story. Video length should be no longer than 5 minutes. Video needs be recorded in a quiet indoor setting with good lighting

To standardize formats for ease of presentation we are asking all videos to be recorded horizontally and on an Apple iPhone 6 or better and emailed to Bill Johnson at wjohnson1@aep.com. If you do not have an Apple iPhone please find a neighbor or friend to help or contact Bill Johnson for assistance.

Do a practice video or two to make sure video length, lighting and sound compliment your story. If you can clearly understand and see your face others will appreciate your story so much more.

Photos Pre-2000

The Centennial Committee is looking for photos of RCPC families, members and activities prior to 2000 and cell phones. Photos of adult and youth events or activities, worship, Sunday School, PW, retreats, the list goes on. If you would like to share, secure your photos with your name on it and place in the envelope in Julie Satterwhite's mail box outside the office. The Committee would also like items of memorabilia. Items from Sunday school classes, wedding albums, old pictures, events are all welcome. Photos and memorabilia should be dropped off by April 15. If you have questions, contact Molly Koon at mgkoon48@gmail.com or 540-330-6287.

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church Office Closed Preschool Spring Break 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am—Centering Prayer* 6:30pm—Cub Scouts 7pm—BSA Troop 2	2 9am—Preschool 9am—Staff Meeting 9:30am—PW Coordinating Team 10:30am—Primary Purpose: AA 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Tai Chi 6:45pm—Eagle Board of Review 8pm—Small Group Biddle	3 9am—Preschool 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Confirmation Class	4 9am—Preschool 10:30am—Primary Purpose: AA 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 5:30pm—Tai Chi 6pm—BSA Council Meeting 6:30pm—Hip Sober Chicks	5 9am—Preschool 11:45am—Al-Anon 5pm—Girl Scout Troop 170 3pm—Adult Scout Leadership Training	6 Adult Scout Leadership Training
7 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 6pm—Youth Group	8 9am—Preschool 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am—Centering Prayer* 10:30am—Small Group: Whaley 6pm—Canvasser Training 6:30pm—Cub Scouts 7pm—BSA Troop 2 7pm—Deacons	9 9am—Preschool 9am—Staff Meeting 10:15am—Presbyterian Women 10:30am—Primary Purpose: AA 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Tai Chi 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm—Small Group Biddle	10 9am—Preschool 12:15pm—Preschool Staff Meeting/Planning 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Confirmation Class 7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	11 9am—Preschool 10:30am—Primary Purpose: AA 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 5:30pm—Justice, Equity, & Belonging Committee 5:30pm—Tai Chi 6:30pm—Hip Sober Chicks 6:45pm—Adult Scout Leadership Training	12 9am—Preschool: 11:45am—Al-Anon 5pm—Girl Scout Troop 170	13
14 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School & Discover RCPC 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12pm—Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders & Deacons 12:15pm—Earth Care Committee 12:15pm—Officer Training 5:15pm—Youth Music 6pm—Youth Group	15 9am—Preschool 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am—Centering Prayer* 10:30am—Small Group: Whaley 5:30pm—Stewardship & Finance 6:30pm—Cub Scouts 7pm—BSA Troop 2 7pm—Personnel & Administration	16 9am—Preschool 9am—Staff Meeting 10am—Primary Purpose: AA 1:15pm—Worship & Music 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Endowment Board 5:30pm—Tai Chi 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm—Small Group Biddle	17 9am—Preschool 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Confirmation Class 7pm—Preschool Committee 7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	18 9am—Preschool 10:30am—Primary Purpose: AA 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 5:30pm—Tai Chi 6:30pm—Hip Sober Chicks 6:30pm—Young Adult Trivia Night at Olde Salem	19 9am—Preschool: 11:45am—Al-Anon	20 1pm—Living the Word: Cucumber Planting
					Congregational Retreat	

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28 Children's Ministry Sunday 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School & Discover RCPC 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm—Officer Training 5:15pm—Youth Music 6pm—Youth Group	29 9am—Preschool 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am—Centering Prayer* 10:30am—Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm—Cub Scouts 7pm—BSA Troop 2	30 9am—Preschool 9am—Staff Meeting 10:30am—Primary Purpose: AA 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Tai Chi 7:15pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm—Small Group: Biddle	*Centering Prayer meets at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church on Mondays at 10:00 AM			

Youth Lock-In



Easter Egg Hunt

