

You are reading the first newsletter of Radiance Community Church! What a joy to have a name to share as we talk about our new church! We still have much to do (and you can read a little about those logistical things inside this newsletter), but we also have much to celebrate about where we are right now and how God is working through us, helping us to reflect the light of God's love in our community.

Do you remember the phrase that is guiding our new church? "Nourishing hearts for God, being a home to friends and strangers, and being a hub for sharing God's love"

As we look around, we see those things happening already, with much more to come! You can read more about many of these things inside the newsletter.

"Nourishing Hearts for God"

- Many of us are gathering for Bible study on Sundays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.
- Our worship is a combination of tradition and creativity as we offer praise to God and spend time listening to the Spirit. We're even trying new ways of praying – with play dough!
- Our children are learning how to worship on our PrayGround and then learning more about God in children's church each week.
- Our youth are headed to Passport Camp this summer where they will learn about God in the morning and put what they learn into action in the afternoons.

"Being a Home to Friends and Strangers"

- We provide space for community groups like the Parkinson's Society and Journey Church to meet.
- You have provided meals for our youth on Sunday evenings, and there's nothing that makes us feel at home more than a good meal shared around a table!
- Our Men's Breakfasts and Women's Coffee Fellowships allow time to build relationships – and are a great way to introduce friends and neighbors to our church.
- We're seeing new faces in worship, some friends who have been invited and some strangers who we hope will soon be friends.
- Our children and youth families will be gathering several times this summer for fellowship and support.
- We're planning church-wide fellowships during the summer, the first of which will be a "Red, White, and Blue" Dessert First on June 30.

"Being a Hub for Sharing God's Love"

- During the year, we have donated hundreds of books to TAP and to the Roanoke City Jail Library.
- We have provided weekend meals for the children of Keystone Community Center throughout the school year.
- This summer, we are leaning into our mission of feeding the hungry! We're feeding youth mission teams working in our community on July 8- 12, and we're spending the week of July 22-27 serving alongside community mission partners who all help feed the hungry.

The future – and the present – are bright, Radiance! We are so blessed to be serving alongside you, and we can't wait to see how God's light continues to shine on, in, and through Radiance Community Church!

Your Pastors,  
Steve and Melissa

## June Birthdays

Sam McCown	June	1	Dolores Laprad	June	20	Tamra Sloan	June	26
Michael Agee	June	3	David Seidel	June	22	Violet Pruitt	June	28
Sally Crawford	June	8	Jim Bryant	June	23	Briana Nix	June	29
Robert McKinney	June	8	Arnold Horsley	June	23	Mary Harris	June	29
Jean Grady	June	14	Jane Price	June	23	Jane Bryant	June	30
Easton Krawchison	June	19	Kathy Martin	June	25			

## Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Sue Epperly, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Sylvia Shortt, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair, Frances Williams, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Beth Bankston (friend of Debbie & Gordon Williams), Linda Dwyer, Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Meredith Martin (friend of the Kinseys), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist & Linda Dwyer), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Declan (four year old friend of the Morrisises), Carolyn Young
- Our congregations, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- Betty Hall, recovering from a fall
- Debbie Foutz
- Cheryl Nicely
- Herb McBride
- Janet King's son-in-law, Chuck Bruen
- Vilas Secrist, with broken leg bone
- Karen Viele's aunt, Faye Jones, with multiple health issues
- Karen Viele's father, Barry Jones, recovering from a knee replacement

## Giving

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the designated plate in the foyer, via mail, electronically through your bank or our websites at: <https://cabcbchurchtrac.com/give> or <https://bit.ly/givecalvary>. You may also donate by scanning our QR codes:



NOTE: Please continue to write check to the individual church names until our new church account is in place.

## Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30 am.
- **Midweek Bible Study** meets Wednesdays, at noon, in the conference room and on Zoom: ([www.bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy](http://www.bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy)). Rev. Steven Harris is leading us in a study of the book of Romans.
- **Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study:** Young adults (20s-30s) are invited to join us for dinner & Bible study Thursdays at 6 pm, hosted by Pastor Melissa and Ric. Our next Bible study will be **June 13**.

## Faith Lending Library

- We have seasonal resources for Pentecost and the "Growing Season" of Ordinary Season on the bookcase in the foyer. Feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done so that others can enjoy them as well!

## Radiance Kids Are Wild About Jesus this Summer

- **Family Greenway Walk & Shaved Ice, Sunday, June 9**, 3 PM: Join Pastor Melissa for a nature prayer walk on the Greenway and some yummy shaved ice or dole whip. We'll meet at Hang 10 (805 Winona Dr.).
- **Family Farm Day, Saturday, June 29**, 10:30 PM-1:30 PM: Pack a lunch and join us for a trip to the Krawchisons' farm! We'll have fun meeting the animals, playing on the farm, and hearing a Bible story about the animals. We'll carpool from the church parking lot.
- **Salem Red Sox Faith & Family Night, Friday, July 19**, 7 PM: Join us for an evening of fun cheering on the Salem Red Sox at their faith and family night. The game begins at 7:00. If you sign up in the foyer (or by calling or e-mailing the church office) by June 30, the cost of your general admission ticket is \$14, and that includes a \$5 concession gift card.
- **Monkey See, Monkey Do Party, Sunday, July 21**, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM: Come join us for a WILD time of games, crafts, and fun in the fellowship hall as we learn how to imitate Jesus. Lunch will be provided.
- **All Ages "Feed the Need" Local Missions Week**, July 22-26: We will have activities during the week that are appropriate for all ages. A complete schedule is coming soon!
- **Mill Mountain Zoo Scavenger Hunt, Friday, August 9**, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM: Come see the wild animals, go on a scavenger hunt, and learn how God is wild about us! Bring a picnic lunch. Cost is \$10 for children and \$12 for adults.
- **Back to School Blessings, Sunday, August 11**, 10:30 AM: During worship, we will have a time of blessing the children for their return to school. We'll have a special gift for each of them, too!

## Youth Summer Schedule

- **Family Greenway Walk & Hawaiian Ice, Sun., June 9**, 3 PM. We'll meet at Hang 10 (805 Winona Drive).
- **Serve & Play Day, Mon., June 17**, 9 AM-3 PM. We'll stain a picnic shelter at Explore Park and then cool off with a pool party.
- **Passport Missions Camp** at Eastern Mennonite University, **July 8-12**
- **Pizza and a Movie** at Ric & Melissa's house, **Wed., July 17**, 5-8 PM
- **Salem Red Sox Faith & Family Night, Friday, July 19**, 7 PM: The game begins at 7:00. If you sign up in the foyer (or by calling or e-mailing the church office) by June 30, the cost of your general admission ticket is \$14, and that includes a \$5 concession gift card.
- **All Ages "Feed the Need" Local Missions Week, July 22-26**: A complete schedule of how we will serve the hungry in our community is coming soon!
- **Family Olympics, Sat, Aug. 3**, 2- 4 PM: We'll have some friendly field day competition, parents vs. youth.
- **Carowinds, Wed., Aug. 7**, 7:00 AM-10 PM Cost is \$50/person. There is a waterpark, so bring a swimsuit and towel.
- **Back to School Blessings, Sun., Aug. 11**, 10:30 AM: We have prayers and a gift for you!
- **Aquapocalypse Water Games, Sun., Aug. 11**, 4 PM: Wear a swim suit/clothes you don't mind getting messy. Bring a towel!



## *Women's Coffee Fellowship*

Women of the church are invited to a coffee fellowship **Sat., June 1**, 10 am. Invite your friends to join the fun, too!

## *Red, White, & Blue "Dessert First"*

**Sunday, June 30:** Following worship on Sunday, June 30, we will have a time of fellowship and giving thanks for our freedom. Join us in the fellowship hall for lemonade or coffee, red, white, and blue desserts, and a patriotic sing-along!

## **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, June 19-21**

As we continue to set up the structure of our new church, our pastors are recommending that we affiliate with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia. This year, the CBF General Assembly is in Greensboro, NC. Because it is so close, we would love for some of our church to attend! Pastor Melissa will be going for the entire assembly, but if you can only come for one day, Thursday, June 20, would probably give the best picture of the ministry of CBF. To see the schedule or to register, go to <https://cbf.net/general-assembly>.

## *Book & Magazine Collection*

The Evelyn Townsend Circle wishes to thank the congregation for your generous donation of books to the Roanoke City Jail library and TAP. We will be pausing this collection until the fall, but be sure to set your donations aside so we will be ready to begin again in September!

## *Missions This Summer*

- **Impact Virginia Lunches:** The week of July 8-12, we are helping to feed youth mission teams who are working in our community. If you can help prepare or deliver lunches, please contact Robert McKinney or the church office.
- **"Feed the Need" All Ages Mission Week**, July 22-26. We're putting feet to our faith by feeding the hungry in our community. Each day, we'll work with a local mission partner, and there will be projects for all ages and abilities. A full schedule is coming soon!

## *Radiance Community Church: What's Next?*

Our staff and implementation team are hard at work! Some of the next steps include:

- Working with Missional Business Services on the financial and legal aspects of forming our church
- Deciding on our denominational affiliations (our pastors are recommending that we be affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia)
- Working with a graphic designer on a logo and branding
- Assessing the improvements needed on our church facilities (including audio visual needs in the sanctuary)
- Finding ways to live out our mission to feed the hungry (spiritually, emotionally, and physically) Much of this work will be taking place this summer. As the work grows, so will the need for each member to be involved as you can. One question that we have been asked is how to make donations to Radiance Community Church. Our first steps forward will be to establish the new church legally, and then we will be able to set up a bank account. Until then, continue to give to Calvary Baptist or Colonial Avenue Baptist.

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### Summer Worship Series

• **Re-Shaped:** For the first few weeks of summer, our worship series, Re- Shaped, is focused on the idea of being shaped and re-shaped by God. Scripture tells us that just like the clay in the potter's hand, we are in God's hand. As we continue our journey of becoming a new church, it's a great time for us to remember that as individuals and as a church, we are created for a purpose, formed into something spectacular—not just created, but recreated again and again. It's time to be re-shaped!

• **Putting Feet to Our Faith:** From June 23- July 28, we're focusing on what the Bible says about faith in Hebrews 11-12, how some of the people of the Bible demonstrate faith in action, and what we can learn about putting feet to our faith.

