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# Radiance Community Church

## *Building Something Beautiful Together*

As we step into September and the beginning of our new church year, there's an unmistakable sense of excitement in the air at Radiance Community Church. Like the first crisp days of fall that invite us to embrace new possibilities, this season marks a significant milestone in our journey together-the start of our first full church year under our new leadership structure-guided by the excellent deacons and Administrative & Ministries Council members you've chosen to serve alongside our staff.

They won't be doing the work of nourishing hearts for God, being a home to friends and strangers, and being a hub for sharing God's love alone! Just as a master builder carefully selects the finest materials for a lasting structure, God has chosen each of you to be part of Radiance- exceptional church members who are ready to help build something beautiful in our community. I am grateful for your deep commitment and diverse gifts that strengthen every aspect of our church life. This new way of being church isn't just organizational Change-it's the foundation for the amazing things God is building!

As we move into this new church year, we're going to be focused on the building blocks of faith. On September 7th, we're launching a seven-week sermon series called "Building Faith." Each week, we'll explore how God builds His church in us and through us, illustrated through literally building a LEGO Notre Dame cathedral. From laying our foundation in Christ to becoming beacons of light in the world, we'll discover how every piece-every person has a vital role in God's grand design. Just as the architecture of cathedrals is wrapped in theological meaning, our miniature Notre Dame will give us imagery to help us better understand what the Bible says about supporting one another, making room for everyone, being shaped by the cross, and shining God's light in the world. Watch for our cathedral to grow each week as we grow in faith together!

But our building doesn't stop with Sunday morning worship! This fall, we're returning to the essential building blocks of our faith through exciting opportunities for faith formation. Whether you're curious about church history or ready to dive deeper into what it means to live like Jesus, we have a place for you to grow. Be sure to read more inside this newsletter about our upcoming church history study and "The Jesus Shaped Life" Sunday morning Bible study for all adults-both designed to strengthen our spiritual foundation and equip us for the work God has called us to do.

God invites us to be more than just observers; we are called to be builders! Participate in our worship series (and let me know if you have time during the week to help with our LEGO building!), join a faith formation study, take part in our mission opportunities (see this newsletter for more about those), and help us create a church that radiates God's love in our community and beyond.

The foundation is set. The blueprints are ready. The materials are gathered. Now it's time to build something beautiful together-brick by brick, heart by heart, life by life. Welcome to an exciting new year at Radiance Church. Let's see what God builds through us!

Building along side you,  
Pastor Melissa



# pray for one another

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Mary Durrer, Buddy Hawkins, Nadine Minnix, Cheryl Nicely, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Vilas Secrist, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair
- Those with cancer including Dalton Burgess, Linda Dwyer, Billy Foutz (Debbie Foutz' father), Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Wyatt Hodges (friend of the Kinseys), Barbara Kern, Susan Chambers Lasher (friend of Mary Ellen Gearhart), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Betty Nevin (friend of Betty Payne), Mary Seithalil (friend of Lisa Baker), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist), Lolly Quigley, Betsy White (Joyce Waugh's niece), Carolyn Young
- Sally Crawford, recovering from surgery on her knee
- Mary Shirley's son-in-law, Craig McCown, with multiple leg fracture
- Mary Harris, recovering from surgery
- Neal Kinsey, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Nancy Burgess, recovering from surgery

## Missions This Fall

- **Book and Magazine Collection:** The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting books (both paperback & hardback) and magazines for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.
- **Blessing Box:** Our little food pantry has continued to be well used by our community; food is taken as quickly as we can stock it. As you shop, please pick up a little extra to share with our neighbors. Please see page 4 for a list of requested items.
- **Keystone Community Center Weekend Food Bags:** During the school year, we provide weekend food bags for 15 children at Keystone Community Center (a couple of options for breakfast, some snacks, fruit, proteins for lunches & dinners, juice & milk boxes). We package the food in grocery bags and deliver them to Keystone by Wednesday each week. The cost for the food is usually around \$100. Sign up in the foyer to provide food bags for a week - even better, do it with a group of friends.
- **Save the Date:** Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 am-noon, we will be joining TAP in filling blessing bags with hygiene products for women who are escaping domestic violence. Join us in the fellowship hall as we learn more about preventing domestic violence and serve our neighbors by helping in this small way.



## Featured Dates

<b>Wednesday, Sept. 3</b> Mid Week Bible Study	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 7</b> Sunday Morning Bible Study Worship and Communion Youth-Food, Faith, & Fun	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday, Sept. 8</b> Evelyn Townsend Circle	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 10</b> Admin, Council Meeting Mid Week Bible Study	<b>5:30 PM</b> <b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14</b> Sunday Morning Bible Study Worship Youth-Food, Faith, & Fun	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 17</b> Mid Week Bible Study Ministries Council Meeting	<b>12:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 21</b> Sunday Morning Bible Study Worship Deacons Meeting Youth-Food, Faith, & Fun	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 24</b> Mid Week Bible Study	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 1</b> Sunday Morning Bible Study Worship Youth-Food, Faith, & Fun	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>

## **Faith Formation Opportunities this Fall**

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**, 9:30-10:15 am: We are making a change this fall: beginning Sept. 7, we will have one adult class that will meet in the fellowship hall, rather than our 3 smaller classes. We will be guided by Lisa Harper's *A Jesus Shaped Life: How Biblically Sound Theology Deepens Our Relationship with God and Each Other*. When we hear the word "theology," we may think of boring, difficult study of ancient Scholars. But theology is just a conversation about God, one that invites us to experience God in all his fullness rather than just memorizing facts about God. Have you wondered about things like the Trinity - how can God be both One and Three? Or how Jesus is both human and divine? This seven week study is your invitation to explore questions like these and examine the depths of God's character, God's love for you, and how your relationship with God transforms you. Whether you've never been part of a Bible study group, you've attended Sunday School from the time you were a child, or somewhere in between, this class is for you! Some of our current Sunday morning Bible study teachers will be leading the class. Come join us as we seek to shape our lives to look more like Jesus! We also have classes for our children and youth, so there is something for your whole family.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation**, Wednesdays at noon: Beginning Sept. 3, Rev. Steven Harris will be leading a midweek spiritual formations class on Church History. This class will provide an understanding of how the church and Christian beliefs evolved from the first century on. Join us in person or by Zoom: <https://bit.ly/radiancebiblestudy>.
- **Young Adult Bible Study**: All young adults (18-30) are invited for a monthly dinner and Bible study at Pastor Melissa and Ric's home. Our next gathering is Thursday, Sept. 18.



**Growing**  
in faith &  
friendship  
**one meeting**  
**at a time.**



### **Upcoming Meetings**

Monday, Sept. 8, 12:00 pm: Evelyn Townsend Circle  
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5:30 pm: Admin. Council Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:00 pm: Ministries Council Meeting  
Sunday, Sept. 21, 2:00 pm: Deacons Meeting

### **Radiance Giving**

**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 offering plate during the service, via mail, electronically through your bank or our website, <https://bit.ly/givingrcc>.

You may also donate by scanning our QR code:



## Radiance Community Church Blessing Box Requested Items

Pasta and sauces (ex: spaghetti noodles & sauce/ fettucine noodles & alfredo sauce, etc.)  
 Beef stew & egg noodles  
 Rice (instant packages or bags)  
 Beans (canned or dry)  
 Boxed Mac & Cheese,  
 Boxed Meal kits (ex: Hamburger helper, etc.)  
 Soups, Ramen  
 Canned Pasta Meals (Ravioli, etc.)  
 Campbell's Ready Meals  
 Canned meat: chicken, ham, corned beef, Spam  
 Vienna Sausages  
 Fish (canned or packs): tuna, salmon, sardines  
 Shelf Stable meats: Pepperoni, summer sausage  
 Canned vegetables & fruit  
 Peanut Butter  
 Oatmeal  
 Cereal  
 Granola bars, Peanut butter crackers



## Blessing Box Pantry

**\*\*Note: No glass jars please**



Betty	Payne	September 03
Neal	Kinsey	September 13
Rita	Bryant	September 14
Becky	Peyton	September 14
Mia	Viele	September 16
Cason	Krawchison	September 17
Bill	Lininger	September 19
Lisa	Baker	September 20
Glenda	Pollard	September 23
Cathy	Howell	September 23
Julie	Wood	September 23
Sarah	Howell	September 24
Ashley	Krawchison	September 27
Bobbie	Hawkins	September 28



## Children

Are you looking for a way to help build children's faith at home? There are some great resources on the "library" shelf in the church foyer! You can choose from books to read with your children (such as The Jesus Storybook Bible or When I Pray for You}, books of prayers to pray for your family, or resources that help you incorporate faith into your everyday schedule (such as Woven and Faithful Families). There are also tools that you can keep at your table or in the car, such as conversation cards & prayer cubes. Pick some up!



## Youth Food, Faith, and Fun

- Our regular Sunday evening youth gatherings for students in 6-12 grades will begin again on Sunday, Sept. 7. We'll meet from 5-7 pm, beginning with a time of fellowship and games, followed by dinner at 5:30 & Bible study from 6-7.
- Help feed our youth on Sunday evenings during our dinner & discipleship time! We eat at 5:30 pm, and it's best to prepare for 8-10. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/rccyouthsuppers> or see Pastor Melissa.



The Evelyn Townsend Missions Circle will meet in the fellowship hall on Monday, Aug. 8, at noon. The Circle has monthly meetings which include a time of fellowship and support for each other, as well as learning about and doing missions. All women of the church are invited & friends are welcome!



## Worship Leadership Schedule

### September 7

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins
- **Scripture Reader:** Brennon Viele
- **Offertory Prayer:** Ric Scott
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Nancy Vest
- **Offering:** Cason & Michael Krawchison, Ray Templin, Vicki Wray
- **Deacon Counters:** Glenda Pollard, Joyce Short
- **Communion Prep:** Becky Beard, Janice Deyerle
- **Communion:** Becky Beard, Paul Howell, Linda Murray, Glenda Pollard, Joyce Short

### September 14

- **Greeters:** Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader:** Janice Deyerle
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Waugh
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Mary Harris
- **Offering:** Becky Beard, Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Ray Templin
- **Deacon Counters:** Becky Beard, Janice Deyerle

### September 21

- **Greeters:** Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams
- **Scripture Reader:** Mia Viele
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Short
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offering:** Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams
- **Deacon Counters:** Mary Harris, Gordon Williams

### September 28

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Vicki Wray
- **Scripture Reader:** Ray Templin
- **Offertory Prayer:** Nancy Burgess
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Donna Kester
- **Offering:** Jenna Dillon, Kathy Kinsey, Alyssa Viele, Brennon Viele
- **Deacon Counters:** Glenda Pollard, Joyce Short

*Your Place*  
**In Service**

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