



Restoration for the Week

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CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH

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A year ago, I read the book *Same Kind of Different as Me*. It's a true story of a woman with a passion for serving and loving the homeless community and an unlikely friendship that formed. As I read the book, I thought, "I should get involved with a homeless ministry." Time passed and so did the thought. I didn't completely ignore the idea, but instead of personally engaging with people, I chose to give financially.

Fast forward...

On the plane ride home from a family trip, I watched the movie *Same Kind of Different as Me*. Again, I had the thought, "I should get involved with a homeless ministry." The next day, someone posted on FB about a local homeless ministry. Again, the thought came. I walked into church on Mission Sunday and again was faced with opportunity and a challenge.

The back story is that I have resisted getting involved with people directly because it's messy. I've been hurt by church people, ministry people, and everyone in between. And while I realize this is the reality of life and the whole reason we all need a Savior, I've been in self-preservation mode for too long. And so, I've used my financial contributions to ministry as a safe level of involvement and an excuse not to do more. On Mission Sunday, the Holy Spirit convicted me that it's time to move past the hurt, take risk, and trust Jesus with the rest.

Aaron Boston shared on Mission Sunday that the hardest part of getting involved was taking the first step. So, stepping out in faith, I sent an email. I began volunteering last Tuesday. Prayers appreciated as I choose to engage.

If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to Godstories@restorationrva.org

Prayer for Summer Student Trips

Please consider praying for our students during their various trips this summer. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. Thank you!

Lego Donations

We are looking for donations of Legos, particularly Lego little people, for Kids Restore. You can bring any donations to church the next few Sundays and give them to Amanda Seiders.

Youth Summer Calendar

[Click Here](#) to see the youth summer events

Discipleship Hour Update

This Sunday will mark the completion of our 9 am Kids Small Groups and 9 am Nursery. We are thankful for all the volunteers who have made the 9 am Discipleship Hour for Kids, Youth, and Adults a place of learning and connection. This was a big step for our church family, and we look forward to kicking-off the Fall Discipleship Hour together on September 2.

Senior Recognition Sunday

Senior Sunday will be June 10. A slide show will be presented, highlighting all of our high school seniors.

Pot Luck Lunch to Celebrate our Graduates

Remember this Sunday, June 10th is the church potluck after the service. Deacons will be collecting your sides and desserts at the entryway. Remember to bring chairs and blankets so you can have an upfront view of the dunk tank and games. Pray for a sunny day! !

Youth Small Group Leader Training

Leader training for high school students who lead small groups will be on June 10 at 9 am in the Lecture Room. All current and perspective high school leaders are encouraged to attend. You must attend a training in order to serve next year. All high schoolers will help lead middle school aged small groups. To register for youth small group leader training [Click Here](#).

Please contact [Jen Williams](#) with any questions.

Grace Fellowship

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Join us in providing and serving a warm, evening meal for our homeless brothers and sisters followed by a time of fellowship.

- All ages, individuals or entire families, small groups etc. are invited.
- First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220
- Plan to arrive @ 5:15. Our guests are served at 6:00pm and we will finish up by 7:30ish.
- Simply provide an entrée, side dish, salad/breads or desert and stay to serve our guests. Then, enjoy the fellowship!
- Email or call Tom McMahan, at tmcmahan2837@gmail.com or

call at 804-241-6946. I'll follow up with you on the details (what to bring, etc.).

Gathering for Rising 6th Graders

Jen Williams is hosting a rising 6th grade gathering for parents and students at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 24, in Room 301. Come and learn more about our youth ministry and connect with other families on the same journey through middle school. Please RSVP to this [evite](#) and mention in the comment section if your family is in need of childcare for any younger siblings during that time. We are happy to arrange childcare for you. We are so excited your child will be joining youth group this summer!

Supply Drive for Youth Mission Trip

Our youth are collecting supplies for their mission trip to Hamilton, OH, later this month. Many of you signed up to donate supplies on facebook.

Supplies can be brought to church by June 17. Thanks for donating!

JUNE AT A GLANCE

Youth Small Group Leader Training for High School Students
June 10

Senior Sunday
June 10

Potluck Lunch
June 10

Grace Fellowship
June 14

Rising 6th Graders Gathering
June 24

TEXT YOUR OFFERING

You can text your offering to Restoration Church. Text the word Restore to 73256 and follow the prompts.

BUDGET INFORMATION

If you're interested in a church budget update or would like other financial information, please contact [Carrie Dugai](#)

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