

# ThirdPRESS

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## A FAITH THAT MATTERS

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yourselves.

Do what it says!”

Corey introduces our upcoming  
Summer series on the book of James.

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*Last month there was a disturbing story in the national news that did not get a lot of attention.*

On April 27, 2019, a young man named John Earnest walked into a synagogue in Poway, California, and opened fire, killing one person and injuring three others. At first glance, this was just one more among the countless shootings that we have now become accustomed to in our violent American culture. But what made this shooting especially disturbing to me is that John Earnest is an evangelical Presbyterian Christian.

John Earnest and his family are active members of an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, which is a conservative, evangelical Presbyterian denomination that split from the mainline Presbyterian Church. John's father is an elder in the church. John wrote a seven-page letter prior to the shooting, in which he described not only his anti-Semitic beliefs, but also his near flawless Reformed theology. He was able to articulate Christian beliefs that align almost exactly with what we affirm.

The reason I found this so disturbing is because within the Reformed Presbyterian community, we have historically put a lot of emphasis on right thinking. The word for this is "orthodoxy," which literally means correct (ortho) beliefs (doxy). Looking at his theology alone, John Earnest could be a model for what Presbyterians hope a young adult can articulate about orthodox theology. But in this dramatic incident, we recognize with horror the limits of right thinking alone. It helps us understand how orthodox believing people throughout history have justified and supported slavery, have stolen lands and property, and have been blind to greed and idolatry. Right thinking alone can only get us so far.

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If we listen carefully to the Bible, what we see is that this separation of belief and practice is an absurd impossibility. Right faith must always issue forth in right living; Ortho-doxy (right thinking) must result in Ortho-praxy (right living) if faith is actually real.

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This is the great message of the Book of James, which we will be studying together this summer. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!" writes James (1:22). James is a highly practical book, in which he demonstrates the way that our faith is meant to take root in everyday life. In the short five chapters of this book, he covers everything from anxiety to greed, from personal conflict to personal speech, from prayer to economics. James is convinced that if your faith is real, it will change the way you live in the most practical corners of your everyday life.

Real faith works. In the words of John Ortberg, being a Christian is not just to believe the minimal entrance requirements to get into heaven. Being a Christian is not just saying the right words or believing the right things in your head. To be a Christian is to be a disciple, and to be a disciple is to do what the Master says. This summer, let's pray that God uses his Word to shape us more and more into people who not only believe the right things, but who live in the way of Jesus.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Corey W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# PARISH AREA SUMMER GATHERING

*On June 2, each Parish Area across the metro Richmond area is hosting a cookout to share food, to meet one another, and to celebrate the start of summer. And we want you to be there.* Whether you're involved in a Parish Group or not, this is a chance to connect with others from Third who live near you and just enjoy a meal together.

*No RSVP needed! Just come.*

**WHEN: JUNE 2, 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)**

## CHESTERFIELD

### Home of Holly & Don Smith

3174 Three Bridge Rd, Powhatan, VA 23139  
Contact: Don Smith (OwlOrchardva@gmail.com)  
and Connie Byers (conniepbyers@gmail.com)

## CITY SOUTH

### Forest Hill Park

4021 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond, VA 23225  
Meet Between Playground and Tennis Courts  
Rain Location: Sprinkle's Home (5315 Caledonia Rd)  
Contact: Beth Sprinkle (bethsprinkle@me.com)

## CITY EAST

### Three Lakes Park

400 Sausiluta Dr, Richmond, VA 23227  
Contact: Listwella Donaldson (listwellad@gmail.com)

## CITY NORTH

### Laurel Park

10301 Hungary Spring Rd, Richmond, VA 23228  
Contact: Lila Hiltz (lila.orrock@gmail.com)

## GAYTON

### Community West Pavilion

**Date change: Saturday, June 1, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
2340 Pump Rd, Henrico, VA 23233  
Contact: Fred Whitten (fred.whitten@outlook.com)  
and Lauren Auker (laurenauker5@gmail.com)

## GROVE

### St. Giles Church

5200 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23226  
Contact: Rob & Kathi Cox (kathietcox@gmail.com)

## LAUDERDALE

### Community West Pavilion

**Date change: Saturday, June 1, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
2340 Pump Rd, Henrico, VA 23233  
Contact: Bob Tatti (rjtat24@aol.com)

## MOORELAND

### Home of Aggie & Richard Cullen

8917 Tolman Rd, Richmond, VA 23229  
Rain Location: Tuckahoe YMCA Pavilion, 9211 Patterson Ave  
Contact: Mary Damon (merryoh@gmail.com)

## NORTHWEST

### Home of Betty & Jim Olson

1547 Manakin Rd, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103  
Contact: Valerie Holland (valerieh@thirdrva.org)

## RIDGE

### Third Church Back Parking Lot

600 Forest Ave, Richmond, VA 23229  
Near playground  
Contact: Greg Ellen (gellen@dmwpu.com)

## RIVER WEST

### Short Pump Park

3329 Pump Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060  
Shelter behind baseball field  
Contact: Patrice Foster (foster1030@aol.com)

## THREE CHOPT

### Kanawha Pavilion

**Time change: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**  
8100 Holmes Ave, Richmond, VA 23229  
Contact: Kerri Vogel (kerrilee7@gmail.com)

**FIND YOUR PARISH AREA: [THDRVA.ORG/PARISH-LIFE](http://THDRVA.ORG/PARISH-LIFE)**



# IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ONLINE GIVING AND REGISTRATION

*We phased out our current online giving platform (ServiceU) on May 30.* Going forward, our online giving and registration pages will automatically link to our new platform, ShelbyNext Giving.

We're excited about this change, as it streamlines our systems and is far more easy to use. That being said, here are some important things to consider!

- ✓ If you have given to Third online in the past, you will need to set up a new username and password if you would like to track your giving and/or set up a recurring gift.
- ✓ If you had a recurring gift set up through our old platform, *ServiceU Giving*, you will need to **cancel** it in ServiceU and **re-establish** it in ShelbyNext. When you go to [thirdrva.org](http://thirdrva.org), we've provided some guides to help you do this. Please contact Lynley Steadman for help with any of these steps: [lynleys@thirdrva.org](mailto:lynleys@thirdrva.org).
- ✓ If you are already a part of our Online Directory (a part of the ShelbyNext platform), the Giving portal is separate so you will still have to create a **second account** if you want to set up a recurring gift.

## CHECK IT OUT: THIRDRVA.ORG/GIVE

You'll find the new easy-to-use giving form, as well as some helpful guides for navigating the new platform.

## NEED HELP?

If you are needing any help or have further questions about Shelby Giving (or even about our Online Directory!), drop by our **Help Desk** in the Commons in between services on **Sunday, June 2 and June 9**. Lynley will be available to get you set up and answer any questions!





# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

**Note:** Sunday School at the 10:00 a.m. hour for 1st grade through high school is ending after June 9! After that, we encourage families to worship together in the Sanctuary, and to join us for our intergenerational class in the Fellowship Hall from June 16 – July 28. We believe it's important to learn—even from a young age—to worship with your whole church community, and the summertime is the perfect time to model that with your children.

*This Summer, there will be two continuing classes for adults, and a new intergenerational class. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to try one of these classes!*

## GOOD NEWS CLASS

*Room 101 | Led by various teachers*

The Good News Class is a gathering of all age groups and backgrounds for the purpose of renewing our minds through the study of God's Holy Word. Our classes focus on expository Bible teaching, and are centered on understanding and applying God's Word for His glory and our growth as His people.

## METAMORPHASIS CLASS

*Multipurpose Room, Office Building at 500 Forest Ave  
Led by Mary Damon*

Focusing on a stand-alone topic each week, we will discuss issues that plague all Christians in daily living such as powerlessness, surrender, willingness, change, and belief.

## MY HOUSE IN MISSION

*June 16 – July 28 in the Fellowship Hall*

*Led by LJ Jaworski and mission partner Donald Marsden*

No matter your age or stage, from kindergarten through senior adults, your house can be a place where God's mission is at the center.

Join us for this intergenerational 7-week Sunday school class in which, together with some of our mission partners, we'll explore the practices of hearing God's word, prayer, hospitality, generosity, networking and reaching out in the name of Jesus from our homes. This class is open to all in the church and children kindergarten and older are encouraged to attend with their parents. We know families travel in the summer but we encourage you to attend when you are able.

# KAREN CARR



Nearly 21 years ago, I was working at Henrico Mental Health as the Program Manager of Emergency Services after graduating from VCU with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. I loved my work and home, but, I knew that God was calling me to leave Richmond and become a missionary psychologist, caring for traumatized missionaries in West Africa.

In 1998, I responded to the Lord's call and became a career missionary, helping to start the Mobile Member Care Team, providing training, counseling and crisis response for missionaries. Third Church was one of the first churches to join my support team and has continued ever since! My Third family has been with me as I lived and served in West Africa for 15 years and now from a home base in Virginia, traveling to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Central Asia. Thanks so much for continuing to pray!

In June, I will travel to South Korea. Did you know that there are over 27,000 South Korean missionaries serving in over 100 countries?

Many Koreans are serving in China and other places that will arrest and deport missionaries who preach the gospel of Christ. While in Korea, I will speak at the Korean Global Mission Leaders Forum. This is a group of about 80 mission leaders and missionary caregivers (½ Koreans and ½ Westerners). The forum will involve lively and stimulating interaction between cultures to better understand how to care for missionaries in distress. A Korean mission leader and I have written papers about how to care for missionaries who are deported from closed access countries. It is fascinating to read about and better understand the Korean mindset of recovery from trauma and to be asked to speak into that.



A few years ago, I co-authored a book for lay caregivers called Trauma and Resilience. This book has been translated into Korean and is being used to train Korean missionaries in peer crisis response. I'm actively working on a new version of a 5-day peer crisis response training that will be translated into Korean. A team of us will travel back to Korea in 2020 to train trainers for this Crisis Response Workshop.

This same book is also now being translated into Spanish. The translator is Venezuelan and if you have followed the news about Venezuela, you will know that she is under extreme pressure in her current living situation. But, she is experienced in pastoral care and is highly motivated to finish the translation. Please pray that once it is complete, we can get the book into the hands of as many Latin American missionaries as possible. Over 12,000 missionaries have been sent by Latin American churches; as many as 50% of them are serving among the least reached. They are hungry for more training on how to help those who are traumatized.

I hope you know that your support is helping to bring Christ to the unreached. Imagine the stories we will hear when we get to heaven! Thanks so much, dear Third family!



# FAMILY MINISTRY

# SUMMER

## SCHEDULE



## Family Picnic

*Saturday, June 29, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Pump Road Property, 2340 Pump Road*

We are kicking off summer with a time of great fellowship, picnic food, and games. We'll provide fried chicken and dessert, you bring a side to share. We'll have fun inflatables and games to play, but we encourage you to bring your frisbees, soccer balls, ladder ball, etc. Our theme for this event is *community building*.



## Christmas in July

*Friday, July 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us for Christmas in July Family Night, with a theme of *service*. We'll eat pizza and snacks together, watch *The Grinch* (2018), and do a service project for Third's *Forgotten No More* ministry. We'll provide pizza, popcorn, drinks, fruit, some carrot sticks, and a hot cocoa bar! We'll even have a cookie decorating station and Christmas-themed games.



## Pancakes, Pastors and Prayer

*Saturday, August 24, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us for a pancake breakfast and fellowship as we say goodbye to summer and hello to a new school year. Our theme for this event will be *prayer*. We will hear an encouraging message from Pastor Derek Mondeau and his wife Sue and we'll have time to pray together for the upcoming year. Please join us for this special time together!





## RSVP for each event

Visit [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events) to RSVP.

**PLEASE NOTE!** For all of these events, we need some help with set up and clean up, so if you'd like to be part of those teams, you can volunteer for that when you sign up.

*Questions? Contact Kathy White ([kathyw@thirdrva.org](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org)) or Tracie Meadows ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org))*

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR 4 YEAR OLDS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN



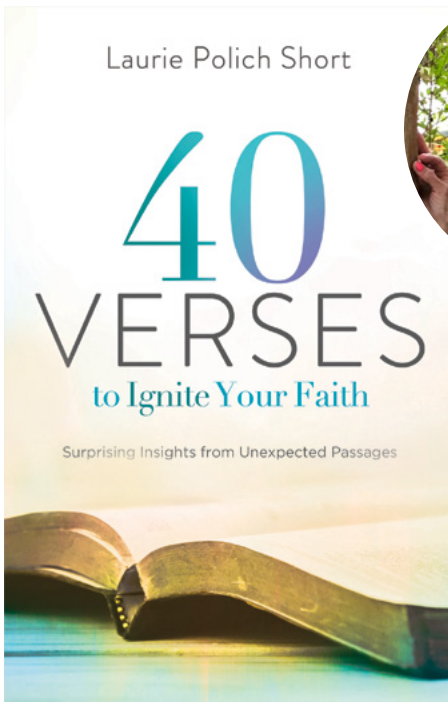
## Wild & Wonderful Camp

*God and Nature Camp for Preschoolers and Kindergartners*

*Wednesdays, July 24, 31, August 7, 14*

We're so excited for this special camp designed to begin the process of developing a Biblical worldview as children discover the amazing and creative God we have while exploring nature! This exciting offering will be available for children who will be 4 years old by September 30 through rising 1st grade. Sign up at [thirdrva.org/registrations](http://thirdrva.org/registrations). If you have any questions, contact Kathy White at [kathyw@thirdrva.org](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org).





## WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

**When:** Wednesday evenings, July 10–August 14  
7:00–8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

Join the women of Third for a study of *40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith* by Laurie Short. Women of all ages at Third will gather for an engaging look at lesser known passages of scripture that will challenge and encourage you in your faith. Each week is stand-alone, so don't worry if you miss a week. Also, this is a great study to invite a friend or neighbor to!

**Cost:** \$20, includes study guide

**Sign up:** [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events)

## GOLF OUTING

**When:** Monday, June 17  
Check-in begins: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Richmond Country Club

Each year T.G.I.F., Third Golfers in Fellowship, hosts this annual golf outing that brings together golfers (of all skill levels!) and raises money for a mission partner! This year, we'll be raising money for Urban Hope, our mission partner that provides affordable housing in the East End of Richmond and helps clients gain financial management skills alongside the pathway to home ownership.

**Cost:** \$85; covers greens fees, golf cart, range balls, lunch afterwards, and a \$25 donation to Urban Hope.

**Sign up:** [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events)





## UPCOMING BAPTISMS

In this monthly feature in the Press, we share the scheduled baptisms and dedications for the upcoming month. As a church family, we know it's important for you to be able to attend these sacraments for people within your community, your parish area, or perhaps a new friend you recently met. We hope this gives you the insight you need so you can plan to bear witness to these special occasions.

### JUNE 2

11:15 a.m. Jacob Leonidas Baez, son of Jesse and Erica Baez (City South Parish)

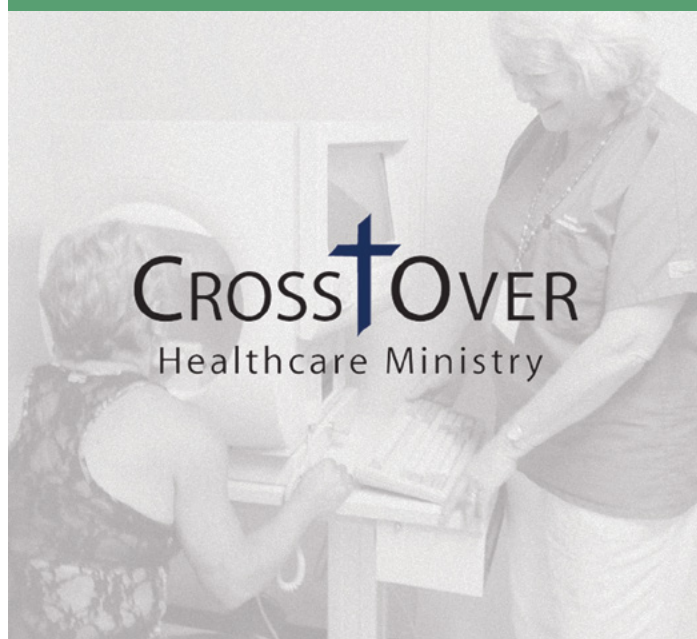
### JUNE 9

8:45 a.m. James Grayson Walker, son of William and Linnea Walker (Ridge Parish)

10:00 a.m. Ann Carson Tribble, daughter of Brook and Chris Tribble (Northwest Parish)

11:15 a.m. Lucy Meredith Bruce, daughter of Alex and Janice Bruce (City North Parish)

## COMMUNITY POSTING



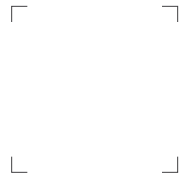
## ¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, one of our mission partners, whose mission is to provide high quality healthcare, promote wellness, and connect community talents and resources with people in need in the name of Jesus Christ, is looking for an Assistant in the Eye Clinic:

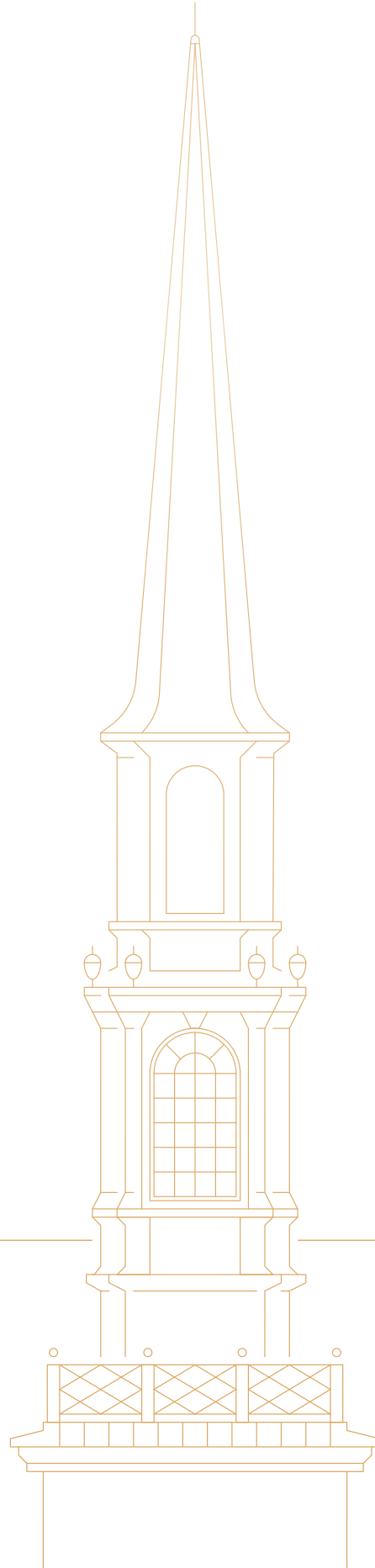
- *No experience in eye care required*
- *Position is Part-Time, 24 hours per week*
- *Candidate must be fluent in written and spoken Spanish and English, detail-oriented, organized*
- *See [crossoverministry.org](http://crossoverministry.org) for more info.*
- *Email resume and cover letter to [kbosley@crossoverministry.org](mailto:kbosley@crossoverministry.org).*



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July Third Press Deadline: **Friday, June 14.** Submit to: [beccap@thirdva.org](mailto:beccap@thirdva.org).