



ROUND HILL CHURCH

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Trinity Lane

December 2024



Sunday Worship

Early Service — 8:00-9:00am
Livestream on YouTube @ 8:00am
Late Service — 10:30-11:30am

Sunday School

In-Person or Zoom (Adult Class)
9:15-10:15am

Holy Communion

1st Sunday of every month

Doug Rinker
Pastor

Roy Riley
Assistant Pastor

Barbara Gray
Music Director
Sound Booth

Chris Gray
Worship Director

Sari Chaffins
Pianist

Kim Filbert
Building Superintendent

Marsha Miller
Administrative Assistant

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
5:30pm and 7:00pm
Please join us!

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Luke 2:10-11: *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*



Be A Heart with Ears

Recently our Caregivers Group (open to any and all), hosted a speaker, Charmissa Biscoe, a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. Charmissa did a wonderful job

of discussing how we should help someone through grief recovery. Someone asked, "How should we respond to someone in grief?" Charmissa's response was, "Be a heart with ears."

I'm making that quote my own! "Be a heart with ears."

Many of us in practicing our faith believe that we should have all the answers. After all, our God is a God of wisdom and knowledge, right? I feel pressure to have answers to complex questions ... scripture should answer every problem in life!

Well yes, scripture does apply to every situation in life. Yet, sometimes, we must let God reveal Himself to others through time, circumstances, events, even other people.

Since we don't always understand the big picture, it becomes paramount that we listen more than we speak and that our heart would be ready and help us recognize what we should do to help others. Being a heart with ears would move us to listen, be ready, be willing, and most of all, love others where they are AND not where we think they should be.

James 1:19 "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak..."

"Be a heart with ears" if only I could live out my faith in that way. Listen with your ears and your heart, act out of love and be ready when you're needed to help others through life. Sometimes we don't need to have answers, we only need to listen. Jesus does that for us every day! May you be a heart with ears as you practice your faith!

Blessings,

Doug



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My Story

Greetings,

For those who do not know me very well I would like to share some of my story of why I do what I do today - Preach the Gospel.

My family and I attended a local church (Galilee Christian Church). I served as a deacon and youth leader there. Life was good. At that time, I was a Supervisor at VDO. Then our oldest son (Eric 18 at the time) was in a car accident.

When we arrived at the hospital in Morgantown WV, he was listed as John Doe. Tragically, his friend was killed in the accident. Eric was on life support, and we were told he would be there for an extended time and would need much rehabilitation. Rhonda started prayer chains everywhere. I laid over my son and prayed all night.

I had been struggling with going to Bible College and didn't see a way with my family and responsibilities. I promised God to do what He wanted if he spared my son's life. Prayers were answered we took him home using a walker in three days. This was in June; in August I was enrolled in Bible College (Bluefield College of Evangelism). We sold everything and took the family to Bluefield WV. We were away from Winchester for five years. I ministered at a church while I finished college.

We then returned home to Winchester and started a new church work in 2005 (Living Waters) and now I am here to serve at Round Hill Church. I'm still fulfilling my promise to God and planning to do this until He calls me home. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way!

In Christ's Love,

Roy D. Riley

RHC Board & Finance News

The next Round Hill Church Board meeting will be December 9, 2024 at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.

Vision 2025 — Sunday January 19 at 9:15am, we will have a called Church Meeting. During this meeting Pastor Doug and Board Members will review the past year in the life of the church and help set the **Vision for 2025**. You will hear a report of the church's finances and goals for the coming year. There will be a time of questions and answers. Please be sure to attend!

The regular offering for October was 92% of the budgeted amount. Offering Boxes are at each door outside the sanctuary, and in the Narthex. Please also remember that you may mail in your offering, give online at RoundHillChurch.com, or drop off during church office hours. Thank you for your past and future support of our church! *Don't think of giving as a duty, but a privilege. ~~John D. Rockefeller, Jr.*



**YOUTH
MINISTRY**
ROUND HILL CHURCH
WINCHESTER, VA

**Volunteers are always appreciated. Be a mentor, be a friend,
make a meal, Make a Difference!**

If you can volunteer, please reach out to Josh / Jeanette

**YOUTH & PARENTS:
TEXT @RHCYOUTH TO # 81010**

EMAIL YOUTH@ROUNDHILLCHURCH.COM

Mission News



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child concluded on Sunday, October 27th and was a huge success! The total count of Shoeboxes collected this year was 115! A huge increase from 2023's count of 52! Thank you for all who prayed and participated in supporting this worldwide Mission. Please continue praying for this mission to continue to be successful in spreading the good news of the Love of Jesus Christ.



Bid for Help

2024 Bid for Help received \$4,368 from this year's Auction. This money will be used to support our community in the upcoming year. Once again, thanks to all who participated in any manner. Round Hill continues to be blessed, that we may be a blessing to others!



Harvest Table

Once again Round Hill was blessed with an overflowing Harvest Table, and that afternoon the contents were divided and delivered to CCAP and Winchester Rescue Mission. Both were very grateful. Thank you for having a giving heart.



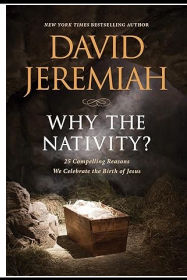
Save The Date—Obeying God's Call

January 22, 2025, 5:30-7:00pm. Mark your calendar to join us for dinner and an opportunity to learn how a young couple is being obedient and taking their family to Africa to minister to people who do not know Christ. More details will be coming in the near future!



DONUTS & DETAILS! Sunday, December 15, 9:15am—10:15am

Have you ever wondered where you could serve in the ministry of RHC? We will have a time of refreshments and tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall that will allow you to move around and see what missions and ministries are available at RHC. We will have individuals representing each of our ministries that can provide you with information and details as you consider where to plug into the life of the church in 2025.



“Why The Nativity” Bible Study

A special thanks to those who participated in the “Why The Nativity” study held Oct 15-Dec 4. It was truly a blessing for all as we explored the 25 Compelling Reasons on Why We Celebrate the Birth of Christ. May this Christmas Season bring joy and enrichment to the lives of all at Round Hill and throughout the community.














The Round Hill Puppet Ministry Team will present it’s Christmas Skit, “Mary Did You Know?” on Sunday, December 15th, during the 8:00am & 10:30am services. Please mark your calendar and be sure to join us for this delightful presentation as we honor the birth of our Savior.



The Caregivers Group will not meet in December, but will meet again on Sunday afternoon, January 26, 2025, from 2p-4p. Snacks will be provided. The topic in January is: The Prodigal Son, Learning to Set Boundaries with Loved Ones.

Meaning & Symbolism of Chrismons

Each year, we decorate our sanctuary tree with beautiful reminders of our faith called Chrismons. The use of Chrismons originated at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia in 1957. The word Chrismon is derived from “Christ Monogram.” Chrismons are traditionally white and gold. White being the liturgical color of Christmas and Easter and gold representing the glory, majesty, and kingship of Jesus. While the meanings and symbolism of some of the symbols are obvious, others are more nuanced. Below is an explanation of some of the symbols you will find on our tree this year.

	Triumphant Cross	Cross sits on a circle which represents the Earth Jesus is triumphant over anything we can face in this world.
	Irish or Celtic Cross	The circle in the middle symbolizes eternity
	Ichthus Fish	One of the oldest Christian symbols Acrostic for the Greek words meaning Jesus Christ, God’s Son, and Savior
	Chi-Rho	First 2 letters of the Greek word Christos which means Christ
	Five Pointed Star	Represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross
	Natal Star	Four large points representing the Star of Bethlehem and four smaller points representing the four gospels
	Lamp or Candle	Jesus is the light of the world
	Shell	Symbol of baptism
	Keys	Jesus told Peter “I will give you the keys to heaven”
	Butterfly	Symbol for transformation and an immortal soul
	Anchor	Cross of Hope reminding us that Jesus is the anchor of our faith



The renovations and handicapped improvements to the fellowship bathrooms are almost complete. The bathroom doors meet the present width for handicapped access, along with more space in bathroom once the dividers were removed. The facilities committee appreciates everyone's patience while we completed the project.

The painting projects around the church interior have started, the following areas need painting, office hallway walls, administrative office, secretary's office, fix a speaker hole in wall of nurse, fix screw holes in walls of hallway next to sanctuary, and fellowship entrance hallway where bathrooms are. We will have signs warning of wet paint, please use caution in these areas.

Storage racks for the pavilion are in and should be installed soon. This will allow us to organize the pavilion and be able to store more church items in an organized manner.

Giffin Funeral Home Monument Crew, will be adjusting the leaning and knocked over tombstones in the cemetery next to the church. The crew will also clean and fix the tombstones as need, respecting those who are at their final resting place.

Facilities committee at the recommendation of BK Security Solutions has approved an upgrade to the present security equipment, resolving an issue we had in the past when we lost internet.

Every Sunday, we continue to see new faces visiting the Round Hill Church, what a blessing to have. The Church Board and Facilities committee are continuing monitor church attendance and activities as we grow, to make necessary changes for our church family needs. We ask our church family to please consider sitting in the front pews of the Sanctuary, allowing new people coming to church, who prefer sitting in the back of the church, until they get to know everyone.

The safety team will continue to make improvements to the team and schedule more safety training in the upcoming months. If you are an EMT or nurse, we need your help in adding medical care to the safety team for our church family. If you have any interest in being a part of the safety team please see Rocky Keplinger.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the Facilities Committee or the Church Secretary.

Committee Members: Rocky Keplinger (Chairman), Kirk Clevenger, Jeff McKay, Kate Snapp, Steve Ayers and Mike Prelip

December Birthdays

Erik Kirk	Dec 2
Mindy White-Kohne	Dec 10
Kathy Dolly	Dec 14
Schuyler Hodges	Dec 16
Taylor Hodges	Dec 16
Nancy Thompson	Dec 20
William Shable	Dec 22
Aliza Jobe	Dec 24
Kenny Unger	Dec 25
Steve Crites	Dec 27
Kathye Edwards	Dec 27
Eddie Roy	Dec 27
Jessica Crosen	Dec 28



Golden Shepherds

**December 19, 2024
11am—3pm
RHC Fellowship Hall**

People 55 and older are welcome to join our Golden Shepherds for a time of food, fun, and fellowship on the third Thursday of every month.

December Anniversaries



Jimmy (Dot) Christian Dec 15
Robert & Marilyn Hamilton Dillingham Dec 31



2025 CALENDARS! It is that time of year when we receive calendars in the mail from organizations thanking us for our donations. Often we have more than we know what to do with. If you find that you have extra calendars, please do not throw them away. Bring them to Church and I will give them out to our patients at the cancer center. They are always in need of calendars to keep track of all their medical appointments. One person's trash is another person's treasure. Spread the love!



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The church has an exciting gift for everyone in the church. We purchased online streaming rights to Right Now Media for the entire church family. Right Now Media is like a Christian Netflix. It is an online site or channel with over a thousand best practice resources on topics of Bible study, marriage, parenting, and movies for adults and children. You can access Right Now Media from your TV, computer or phone.

Registration is fairly simple, no matter your level of technology skills. The first step is to share your email with the church office at office@roundhillchurch.com or contact Kate Snapp or Sue Boyce.



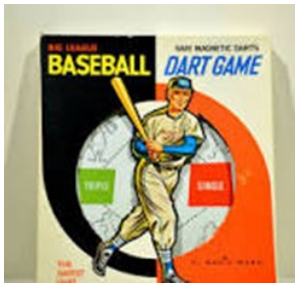
PRAYER CHAIN

**Prayer Chain
Contact Charlie Webber
(540) 667-4624**



Family of Tracy Orndorf	Brady McKay	Jim Warren	Nettie Lanham
Family of Polly Nail	Bradley	Joanie Blankenship	Nick Picerno
Alan Shanholtz	Carlos	Joyce Kerns	Philip Pugh
Andy Stiltner	Cooper Graham	Kenny Whetzel	Randy Berg
Baby Grayson & Mom Stephanie	Dick Knotts	Kim Campbell	Rhodes Marston
Betty Godlove	Eddie Roy	Kim Watt	Robbie Pugh
	Emma Luttrell	Linda Pennington	Sherri Harding
	Gerald Dolly	Mark Smith	Stephen Lobell
	Jeanie Painter	Matthew Bassford	Vicki Dillow

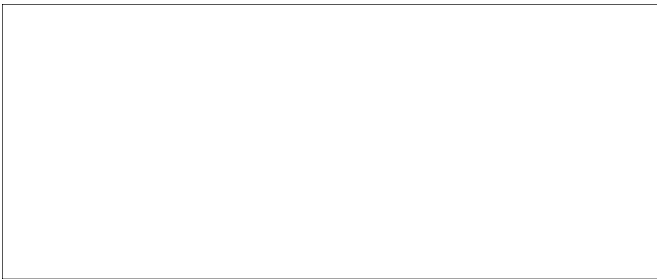
DART BASEBALL



Congratulations to the November Dartboard Team Winners. Our next event will be held on December 15 (the third Sunday in December) starting at 5pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us. All are invited.



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