

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH: What does it mean to be the church? What are its marks and attributes? What is its mission? How does it relate to the state and broader culture? Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for this class, co-taught by pastors and elders.

THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS: Please join us as we ponder God's Word together and journey through Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Co-taught by Dennis Booker, Mark Brink, Jim Gibson, & Phil Hoekstra. We meet in Rms. 116-117 at 9:30am.

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE&CAREER CLASS: Romans is Paul's pinnacle letter to the church, and it's all about the gospel and its life-changing implications. Join us in the Parlor at 9:30am. Co-taught by Josh Brink, Daniel Gillespie, Pete Hansen, Morgan Murphy, & Drew Turberville.

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School - 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:45pm
Evening Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays) - 6:00pm
Community Groups (2nd & 4th Sunday evenings) - times vary



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THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

10:45 AM

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus!
Thank you for joining us today; may the Lord richly bless you.

† Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

arr. Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Kevin Windsor

REFLECTION

When read only occasionally, these prayers are too overwhelming in design and power and tend to turn us back to more palatable fare. But whoever has begun to pray the Psalter seriously and regularly will soon give a vacation to other little devotional prayers and say: “Ah, there is not the juice, the strength, the passion, the fire which I find in the Psalter. It tastes too cold and too hard.”

Martin Luther

*Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:4

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth!

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

Let the humble hear and be glad!

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Riveroaks! We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning. We would love to get to know you and serve you anyway we can. Please consider filling out a visitor's card and putting it in the offering plate or scanning the QR code to access our online visitor form. *“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake”* (2 Corinthians 4:5).

The Riveroaks Weekly email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact office@riveroakspca.org.

Community Groups will meet tonight. These small groups meet in area homes at various times on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly. If you'd like to joining a Community Group, contact Pastor Drew Turberville (901-570-6055 or dturberville@riveroakspca.org).

Wednesday Night Ministries and Meal! 5:30-7:15pm, the meal this week will be Chick Fil A. Ministries starting at 6:15pm include Heart & Soul, RSM, and the Welcome Class. This is the final regular Wednesday night until January 11, 2023.

Men's Patio Night: All men are invited to a time of fellowship on Pete Hansen's patio this Friday, November 18, 7:00pm. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Location is 10381 Crenshaw View, Collierville. Call (901)485-3644 if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

Bridal Shower: Please join us for a bridal shower for Lisa Goins, fiancée of Paul Gentry, hosted by the Riveroaks Women on Saturday, November 19, 10am-12pm. Location is at the home of Tonna Nelms, 1180 Stanton Hall Road, Collierville TN 38017. Please refer to The Riveroaks Weekly email for additional details.

Riveroaks Bike Ride: Calling all adults who would enjoy a 10+ mile bike ride at a moderate pace... On Saturday, November 19, meet at the Greenline Trailhead at the Cordova Train Station. We would aim to depart at 10:00am and return by Noon. For more information, contact Vann Coe (vanncoe@att.net).

If God is Good, Why is There Evil? Join us for our evening service at 6:00pm on Sunday, November 20, in the Fellowship Hall. Following up on his previous message on the problem of the hiddenness of God, Pastor Kyle Dillon will be giving a talk on one of the most common objections to the Christian faith: the problem of evil. If you want to learn how the Bible helps us deal with this problem, you won't want to miss this.

Riveroaks' Thanksgiving Eve Praise Service: Please join us for a service of testimony, praise, and prayer on Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Former pastor, Billy Spink, will lead this service as we reflect upon God's faithfulness through another challenging year.

Riveroaks Women December Fellowship and Cookie Exchange: RRPC Women will be having a cookie exchange on Thursday, December 1 at 7pm at Beth Jackson's home (1210 Autumn Lake Dr). Please bring 4 dozen cookies to share. Send recipes to Holly Walters (hollykaywalters@gmail.com) by November 24.

Lisa Goins and Paul Gentry invite the Riveroaks family to join in the celebration of their marriage on Saturday, December 3, 2:00pm, Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church. Reception will immediately follow in the fellowship hall.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES
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VIII. Taste And See That The Lord Is Good
Pastor Tommy Lee

The Context

The Hymn

The Sermon

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 624**

“Through All the Changing Scenes of Life”

AZMON

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

1 Samuel 21:10 - 22:1

And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’” And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?” David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, not a day has passed that has not proved me guilty in your sight: prayers from a prayerless heart; praise as a praiseless sound; my best services but filthy rags. But even as my sins rise to heaven, the merits of the blessed Jesus soar above them. I appeal now to your throne of boundless grace. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness; keep me always clinging to your cross; flood me every moment with descending grace*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....*Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Timothy 2:11-13

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

† **SONG OF FAITH**

“Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song”

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.**

**Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.**

**Great Father of mercies thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.**

**All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Brad Harris

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr. Forrest/The Adult Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been, granted by what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him! Amen!

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 34

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD
VIII. Taste And See That The Lord Is Good

† **PSALM OF RESPONSE**

“Psalm 34”
(see insert)

† **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

THAXTED

**We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

POSTLUDE

“Agincourt Hymn”

Dunstable