

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS: Pastor Kyle Dillon and Elder Daniel Gillespie will conclude the study of Romans (chapters 12-16), and then begin a study of Edmund Clowney's book *The Church*, in which we will address such questions as the church's mission, leadership, gifts, and more. Come join us!

THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS: "In the divine Scriptures, there are shallows and there are deeps; shallows where the lamb may wade, and deeps where the elephant may swim" (John Owen). A rotation of five teachers lead stimulating discussions while our journey continues, as Israel returns to Jerusalem after the exile.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH CLASS: This confession faithfully summarizes the major doctrines and principles of Scripture, and does so in a concise manner utilizing an amazing economy of language. A rotation of four teachers take us through the Scriptures as we seek good gospel and doctrinal maturity.

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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

MARCH 12, 2023

10:45AM

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

“Trumpet Tune”

Stanley
(Alyssa Bengston, Guest Organist)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

Proverbs 18:21

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths,
but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion,
that it may give grace to those who hear.*

Ephesians 4:29

*If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart,
this person's religion is worthless.*

James 1:26

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 115

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases!

O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is your help and your shield!

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is your help and your shield!

We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

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.

Spring Break: Riveroaks will be observing Spring Break this week, March 13-17. The church office will be open, but there will be no Men's or Ladies' Bible Studies or Wednesday night dinner or activities.

Welcome Class: The Welcome to Riveroaks Class will not meet this Wednesday night, March 15, but will resume next Wednesday, March 22. We start at 6:15 PM in Room 117. See Tommy with any questions!

Frontline Prayer: Every member is heartily encouraged to attend the second of six significant church-wide prayer meetings at Riveroaks this year! Sunday night, March 19, in the sanctuary, at 6:00pm. This is a "Frontline" prayer meeting, not a "maintenance" prayer meeting. Come join us!

Riveroaks Cookbook: Please submit your recipes for the new Riveroaks Family Cookbook by March 31. See *The Riveroaks Weekly* for details.

MEN! As a part of resurrecting the Men's Ministry at Riveroaks, we are wanting to establish a Men's Ministry email list—that includes both members and regular attenders. If you would like to be on this email list, please send an email to office@riveroakspca.org letting us know.

Riveroaks Men's Ministry Lodge Day: Saturday, March 25 at the Recreation Lodge of the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. 10:00am Breakfast and lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by a group discussion from 1:30 - 2:00pm. Boys 8 and up are welcome! Contact the church office for late registration information (office@riveroakspca.org).

PCA General Assembly: Our denomination is celebrating its 50th anniversary this June right here in Memphis! In order to make it an incredible event for the 4000+ attendees, we will need lots of local church members to sign up to volunteer. Please use this QR code to find out how best to plug in!



Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic Lunch: Please join us on April 8th from 10-11:30am for an Easter egg hunt, time of devotion and picnic lunch. Please bring your lunch, blankets and chairs so that we can all eat together! Candy donations can be made in the church office. We can't wait to enjoy this time of fellowship together!

Guatemala Trip - New Dates: We will be returning to Casa Aleluya Children's Home in Guatemala June 24-July 1. We will be doing a combination of activities with children and maintenance/remodeling work. This trip is open to all of Riveroaks. More details to come soon. Please contact Kim Benson if you are interested in coming or have any questions. (kimgnldproducts@hotmail.com)

Middle and High School RYM Florida: RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) Florida is a week-long retreat at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Our students will worship, attend elective classes, and have a lot of fun at the beach! Middle School: June 26-30; High School: July 10-15. <https://www.riveroakspca.org/student-ministries>

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 103 (page 502)
V. Praise & Adoration: Telling The Truth About God
Pastor Tommy Lee

Telling the Truth About God's Character

Telling the Truth About God's Work

Telling the Truth About What God Has Done For *US*

† HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 296

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

From Exodus 33 & 34

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.".... The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of his church, his body....
Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....**Amen!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 2:16

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

† **SONG OF FAITH**

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”
(See insert)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Eleanor Noelle Rizarri
Covenant Child of Charles and Lauren Rizarri

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleaning blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation, and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

We do.

Solemn Words to the Child

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Nora

Elder Tod Stoner

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”
(arr. Scott/The Adult Choir)

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

PSALM 103

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: OH COME, LET US WORSHIP

V. Praise & Adoration: Telling The Truth About God

† **HYMN No. 4**

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

GOD SENDS

† **BENEDICTION**

from Romans 8:38,39

I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate the believer from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Young