

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

FEBRUARY 26, 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

“Hymn to Joy”

arr. Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

What is the new normal in light of the resurrection of Jesus?

What are the implications for the person who believes it to be true?

In Revelation 21:5, the resurrected Christ says, I am making everything new!

That everything is everything.

Timothy Lane

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies

through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:11

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 21:13; 30:4

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power!

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name!

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 join 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 Wednesday will be pizza. Ministries starting at 6:15pm include Heart & Soul (Choir and Catechism Ministry for ages 3 years-6th grade) and RSM (Middle and High School Student Ministry). An Adult Bible Study begins at 6:25pm and Adult Choir begins at 6:50pm.

Welcome Class: The Welcome to Riveroaks Class is for newcomers who want to find out more about Riveroaks or for anyone who wants to consider membership. The class continues this Wednesday night, March 1, and will meet each Wednesday night through March 29 (skipping March 15, Spring Break). We start at 6:15 PM in Room 117. See Tommy with any questions!

The Parables of Jesus: The Friend at Midnight: In Luke 11, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, reminding them how if we who are evil know how to give good gifts to our own children, then we should expect our heavenly Father to be infinitely more willing to give good gifts to us. Join us for our evening service at 6pm on Sunday, March 5, as Pastor Kyle unpacks the meaning of this parable.

Riveroaks Men's Ministry Lodge Day! Men, we're meeting at the Recreation Lodge of the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park on Saturday, March 25. For those who want to arrive early, breakfast will be served at 10:00am, but the big feast begins at 12:00 noon. Come hang out all you want that day, but for sure join us for a group discussion from 1:30 - 2:00pm. Boys 8 and up are welcome! SIGN UP ONLINE BY MARCH 10: (<https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1643787>) or contact Lisa in the church office. (office@riveroakspca.org; 901-755-7772)

Calling for Birthdays! We will be publishing an updated Membership Prayer Directory in a few weeks and adding a birthday-by-month section to it. If we do not have your correct birthday and you would like it to be included, please contact the church office (office@riveroakspca.org or 901-755-7772).

For a Complete Listing of Riveroaks Bible Studies, please see *The Riveroaks Weekly*.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

Joshua 24:1-15 (page 198)

III. The Summons From Heaven: How Will We Respond To His Voice?
Pastor Tommy Lee

The Call To Worship Brings Us Back To And Anchors Us In The Story Of God And His People

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- 7.

The Call To Worship Reminds Us Of Who We Are And Bestows Upon Us A Choice

† HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 119

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”
(Tune: Ellacombe)

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we have from time to time committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our misdoings, they are grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that hereafter we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name....Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Dennis Elijah Booker, Jr.
Ava Gray Leah Booker
Covenant Children of Dennis and Stacey Booker

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your children'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 their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

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

We do.

Solemn Words to the Children

Little children, 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 Dennis, Jr. and Ava Gray

Elder Morgan Murphy

† SONG OF FAITH

"Bought by the Blood"
(see insert)

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Christus Paradox"
(The Adult Choir)

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: OH COME, LET US WORSHIP

III. The Summons From Heaven: How Will We Respond To His Voice?

THE LORD ADDS TO HIS CHURCH

Quinn Peebles

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Our New Member

Elder Lee Robinson

† HYMN No. 76

"Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"

GOD SENDS

† BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 1:3,4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

**O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

arr. Lemmens