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RIVERVIEW

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

WELCOME TO RIVERWOOD

We are glad you are here! Finding a church home can be a daunting process, so we want to help you by telling you who we are up front. We are first and foremost a people **resting** in God's grace offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ, being progressively **renewed** by the Holy Spirit, and **responding** in faith, repentance, and obedience.

We are also a reformed, confessional, and apostolic church. That means that we trace our roots back through the Protestant Reformation, the historic confessions, catechisms, and creeds of the church, all the way back to the teachings of the apostles. In all of this, our ultimate authority is God's word.

No matter where you are in your understanding of the Christian faith, we hope you find Riverwood to be a place where you can build relationships, ask questions, and grow in your knowledge of Jesus.

We would love to connect with you today before you leave! You can help us with that by scanning the QR code on the back page of this bulletin and filling out the linked *Information Connection* page. Our elders will also be in the foyer after the service to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

Now receive this welcome into worship:

**"To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who fail and need forgiveness; to all who struggle and need strength;
to all who sin and need a savior: this church opens wide her doors
in the name of Jesus, the friend of sinners."**





August 23, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*
Assisting Elder, *John Kim*
Piano, *Ginny Coleman*

WELCOME

Please program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 24*

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

All: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 198

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm 32:1-5*

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. **2** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **3** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. **4** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* **5** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Romans 3*

Pastor: Raise your heads and lift your hearts to hear the good news! "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith." The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN:

"It Was Finished upon that Cross"

How I love the voice of Jesus, on the Cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me.
Full the pardon He has offered. Great the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that Cross.

Death was once my great opponent. Fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed.

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But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed.
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed.

Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that Cross.

Onward to eternal glory to my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that Cross! (x3)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe that...

...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5)

...Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)

...we must be perfect, as God is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 Jn 2:1)

...God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)

...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 us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38, 39)

RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

MISSIONS MOMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 337

"O Spirit of the Living God"

SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 10:11-25*

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **12** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, **13** waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. **14** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. **15** And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, **16** "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," **17** then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." **18** Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. **19** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, **20** by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: **but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

SERMON: "Access Granted and Permanently Secured"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION

HYMN: 306

"Jesus, My Great High Priest"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

All: **In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all. He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 9

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: #263 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. (Refrain)

Happy Birthdays

August 26 Liam Sauter
August 28 Caleb Drinkard
August 29 Lynn Tootle

Corporate Prayer

Everyone is encouraged to join us for corporate prayer this Wednesday, August 26 from 5:30-6:30pm. We will meet in the conference room in the Admin Building. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able.

Deacon's Fund Offering

Every month that has a fifth Sunday, our deacons have an offering to replenish funds in an account used exclusively for short-term mercy ministry needs. This has enabled our Diaconate to extend the kingdom of God to many within our community. Next Sunday, August 30, all cash and designated gifts will be used for this purpose.

Dinner on the Grounds

Please make plans to join your church family for dinner on the grounds on Sunday, August 30th, immediately after the morning worship service. If you are able, please bring enough food for your family and a little extra to share. If you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up, please sign up using the link that will be in your weekly announcement email this Tuesday.

Sunday Evening Worship

Beginning on Sunday, September 6, our celebration of the Lord's Day will include evening worship meeting at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Evening worship will be a time of mutual encouragement through Scripture reading, preaching, singing, and corporate prayer. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Wednesday Evening Meal and Studies

Beginning on September 9, our Wednesday evenings at Riverwood will provide a great opportunity to grow in Christian fellowship and knowledge of God's Word. There will be a meal provided for anyone who would like to come at 5:30pm. Following the meal, there will be discipleship opportunities through Youth Group, a Ladies' Bible Study, a Men's study, Children's Catechism, and a co-ed Pier Group. More details will follow but please begin praying now that God will bless our efforts to equip the saints and grow in Christian community.

Host College Students for Lunch

Riverwood Members, thank you for your hospitality in hosting college students on Sunday, Sept 13, for lunch. Hosts: you can choose to either be a primary host or a co-host. Primary host hosts as before, either alone or with a co-host. A co-host partners with and helps out a primary host with the lunch. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting, please reach out to Vielyana at 205-239-3101. Students: if you'd like to join a Riverwood member for lunch, please check GroupMe for a link to sign up or text Vielyana. The deadline to sign up for both hosts and students is Thursday, Sept 10.

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Pier Groups

We believe an important component of Christian discipleship is regular time in the word and prayer with fellow believers. One way we seek to provide opportunities for that is through small groups that we refer to as Pier Groups. There are three Pier Groups currently meeting:

- Martins (4032 Carousel Circle, 35406) on Sundays in their home @ 5:30 pm. For more info contact Gene at (205) 614-2781.
- Pates (2030 Idlewood Drive, 35405) on Tuesdays at their home @ 6 pm. You can reach out to Jeff at (205) 771-0170.
- Kims (5010 Lakehurst Drive, 35473) on Fridays at their home @ 6:30 pm. John can be reached at (443) 722-1727.

Nursery Schedule

August 23: Lorrie Pate & Warren Pate

August 30: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim

Riverwood Church Officers

Elders:

John Kim

Gene Martin

Jeff Pate

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Elders Emeritus:

Bob Prince

Robert Sheppard

Deacons:

Tommy Coleman

Steven Crawford

Bruce DeHaan

Ed Kidder

Steve Patridge

Marvin Skelton

Financials through July

Operating Income:	\$205,398.00
Operating Expense:	\$230,667.82
Net Income:	(\$25,269.82)
Designated gifts:	\$63,471.30
Building loan balance:	\$218,666.08



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