

A conscience that is bound by the Word of God is a force that no nation, system, or age can withstand.

Bruce Bickel
Introduction to *Sola Scriptura!*

The Word of God I think of as a straight edge, which shows up our own crookedness. We can't really tell how crooked our thinking is until we line it up with the straight edge of Scripture.

Elisabeth Elliot

“Sharper than any double-edged sword.” A sword with two edges has no blunt side; it cuts both this way and that. The Word of God is edge all over. It is alive in every part, and in every part keen to cut the conscience and wound the heart. Depend on it: not a verse in the Bible is superfluous or a chapter that is useless.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.

Martin Luther

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

T U S C A L O O S A , A L A B A M A

July 14, 2019 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Bob Thornton
David Bedsole, piano

WELCOME

Program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare to go before the living God in worship.

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 19*

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
All: **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.**
Pastor: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
All: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings from the comb.**
Pastor: Come and hear the word the Father has spoken and know the Son he has
given through the Spirit he has sent. Come, let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE: 316 “The Mighty God, the Lord”

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

SCRIPTURE READING: *Jeremiah 7:22-26*

²²For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. ²³But this command I gave them: ‘Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.’ ²⁴But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. ²⁵From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day. ²⁶Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

All: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have ignored your word and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life in joyful submission to your word, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *John 3:15-18*

Pastor: Lift your heads and hear the gospel. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, it was necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up, that whoever believes in him would have eternal life.

All: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Pastor: For God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: 156 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE: 735 "Gloria Patri"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (*lyrics on the following page*)

BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you,
by your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of light, from God proceeding;
open now our ears and heart, help us by your Spirit's pleading;
hear the cry your people raises, hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust and obtain true consolation,
while we here below must wander, till we sing your praises yonder.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 6:13-17*

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
All: but the word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON: "Sometimes the Best Defense..."

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION

HYMN: 425 “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, and Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, along with the whole church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Riverwood Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you would prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the inner circle of the tray.

HYMN: 88 “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 “Lift High the Cross” v. 4

TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets tonight from 6:00-8:00pm in the Barn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 15 Joanie Norris
July 15 Nathan Staggs
July 17 Carson Brown
July 19 Hannah Urban

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with VBS this year. We had a great time, and the children learned more about Jesus and heard the Gospel daily.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WINGS OF GRACE

The children of Riverwood will be collecting school supplies through the rest of July. They will be packing these supplies in backpacks to be distributed to the families through Wings of Grace. A box will be in the lobby of the sanctuary for these supplies. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

JAMMIN NIGHT

Thursday, July 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Children ages 7-12, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of games and surprises.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT LAKE LURLEEN

Join us for a day of fellowship and fun at Lake Lurleen State Park. We have reserved the Beach Pavilion. Bring you food, drink and anything else you need to enjoy your day at the lake with friends. Official time is 10:00 am to ?? but you can arrive early. Fees are \$4.00 per person 12-61 years of age, \$2.00 per child 4-11 years of age, \$2.00 for 62 years of age and older, and free for children under 3 years of age.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Riverwood Presbyterian Church we have Sunday School at 9:30am for all age groups.

MEETING DOWNSTAIRS:

Nursery: Multi-Staffed
2-3 year olds: Janalie Graham & Joanie Norris
4-5 year olds: Lorrie Pate

MEETING UPSTAIRS:

Grades 1-3: Greg & Sarah Vander Wal
Grades 4-6: Tom & Elena Arnold

MEETING IN THE BARN:

Youth Class led by Jeff Pate

MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Class - The Life of David - led by elders

MEETING IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

Adult Class - *The Legacy Journey* by Dave Ramsey - led by Gene Martin

MINISTRIES OF SERVICE

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

July 14: April Henry / Lorrie Pate / Sumlin Pate & Daniel Page / Parker Pate
July 21: Michelle Moss / Laura Silvashy / Heather & Ceilidh Crawford / Michael Henry

JULY DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Wayne Bell
Clean Up: Dusty Sheppard

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 2019:

Operating Income:	\$209,635.27
Operating Expense*:	\$203,915.69
Net Income:	\$5,719.58
Designated gifts:	\$62,781.52
Building loan balance:	\$831,690.95

*Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment