

True Christianity is a fight.... Do we find in our heart a spiritual struggle? Are we conscious of two principles within us, contending for the mastery? (Gal. 5:17) Do we feel anything of war in our inward being? Well, let us thank God for it! It is a good sign. It is strongly probable evidence of the great work of sanctification. Anything is better than apathy, stagnation, deadness, and indifference. We are in a better state than many. The most part of so-called Christians have no feeling at all.... I say again, let us take comfort. The children of God have two great marks—they may be known by their inward warfare as well as by their inward peace.

J. C. Ryle

The life of holiness is the life of faith in which the believer, with a deepening knowledge of his own sin and helplessness apart from Christ, increasingly casts himself upon the Lord, and seeks the power of the Spirit and the wisdom and comfort of the Bible to battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Edmund P. Clowney

You are not fighting for victory—you are fighting from victory. This battle has already been won!

Tony Evans
Victory in Spiritual Warfare

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

June 2, 2019 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Clay Staggs
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 98*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: **The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Pastor: Come, let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE: 16 “Come, Let Us Sing unto 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: *Psalm 119:33-40*

³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. ³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. ³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good. ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. 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 to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:

based on Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

Pastor: God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

All: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: "What Grace Is Mine" (*lyrics on page 4*)

WHAT GRACE IS MINE

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in his name be known

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Saviour lives and reigns forevermore

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

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COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

Leader: What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

All: I believe that: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: “Speak, O Lord”

SPEAK, O LORD

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 "Lift High the Cross" v. 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

June 4 Eliza Kate Gill
June 4 Allen Powers
June 5 Katharine Bedsole
June 6 Rick Cook

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

YOUTH GROUP

Please note that beginning tonight, Youth Group will meet from 6:00-8:00pm through the summer.

PIER GROUPS

Pier Groups will start back this week. Be sure to sign up on the church website (www.riverwoodchurch.org).

THANK YOU FROM WINGS OF GRACE

"Thank you to the ladies from Riverwood for coming and volunteering at The Wings of Grace Center. We really appreciate it! You were a huge blessing!"

-Mrs. Terri Hibbard, director & The DeHaans, volunteers

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30pm: Session & Diaconate Meeting
Sunday, June 30: Deacon's Fund Offering
July 8-11: Vacation Bible School
Saturday, July 27, 10:00am: Family Fun Day at Lake Lurleen

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:

June 2: April Henry / Vielyana Kim / Gracen Miller & Eli Bell / Aaron Powers
June 9: Michael Henry / Debbie Jones / Greg Vander Wal & Chanley Henson / Kay Kirkley

JUNE DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Ed Kidder
Clean Up: Wayne Bell

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 2019:

Operating Income:	\$167,139.15
Operating Expense*:	\$164,024.16
Net Income:	\$3,114.99
Designated gifts:	\$37,321.52
Building loan balance:	\$837,007.68

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*