

## A Service for the Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### Welcome and Announcements

Please silence all cell phones.

We ask that both guests and members print the information requested in the pew pads and return them to the end of the pew.

Prelude *Crown Him Lord of All* arr. L. Larson  
*Celebration Ringers*  
Acolytes: 9:45 Julia Elsea and Cole Stewart  
11:00 Trey Boyen and Sam Willard

### HAVE YE NOT KNOWN? HAVE YE NOT HEARD?

Introit *Set Me As a Seal* Clausen  
*Chamber Choir*  
*Set me as a seal upon Thy heart, for love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.*

\*A Litany of God's Greatness Isaiah 40

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: He does not faint or grow weary, His understanding is unsearchable.

**People: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

**All: They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

\*Hymn of Praise 662 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* ST. MICHAEL

### GREAT IS THE LORD

\*Greeting of Friends and Guests

*(9:45: All children may go to Sunday School. Please put a nametag on your child.)*

Children's Church (11:00)

Anthem *Great Is the Lord* Angell  
*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall praise Thy works to another.*

*I will speak of the honor of Thy majesty, and Thy wondrous works.  
And I will declare Thy glory, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.*

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy, the Lord is good to all, His tender mercies are over all His works.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord and shall bless His name forever. Amen!*

## FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Receiving of Our Tithes, Offerings, and Attendance

Offertory *Prelude on "Unser Herrscher"* arr. Harmon

\*Doxology (Hymnal 94) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL FEAST

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
(Communion Offering for Youth & Discovery Retreat)

Prayer of Confession for Holy Communion (in unison)

**We do not presume to come to this, Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of Thy Son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Hymnal 13 and 14)

The Serving of Holy Communion

Scripture Lesson (Pew Bible 581, 103, 229)

Psalm 145: 3-9; John 10:10, James 1:17

Scripture Lesson 11:00 (Pew Bible 668) Isaiah 40:28-31  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon 9:45 *What is the Nature of God?* Dr. Jim Savage  
Series: *Questions and Answers for Christians*

Sermon 11:00 *Tapping Into Greatness* Dr. Bill Phares  
Dr. Savage is preaching in SonDay Live at 11:00 this morning

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

(Those wishing more information on church membership are asked to call Dr. Jim Savage, Senior Pastor, 397-3013)

\*Hymn 634 *Now Let Us From This Table Rise*  
Deus Tuorum Militum

\*Benediction

**May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

Postlude *Toccata in F Major* Buxtehude

Wireless earphones and large print hymnals and pew Bibles are available from the ushers. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in honor of **Trey and Taylor's** birthday, given by Richard and Wendi Boyen; and in honor of **Bob and Cheryl Wilder's** 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Ministry Moment

One of our most powerful youth ministry experiences at RUMC is Discovery Weekend, coming February 17 – 19. Discovery is a powerful, spiritual-growth weekend for middle schoolers that is led by adults and senior high students. Help is still needed for this year's event in the following areas: Prayer Guardians (sign-up in the narthex today), small group leaders, and overnight leaders. Contact Kelly Randall, [Kelly.Randall@childrensal.org](mailto:Kelly.Randall@childrensal.org) to help with this ministry.

### General Announcements

Welcome New Members: Anhtuan and Courtney Bui.

Bible Conference with Dr. Paul McCracken: Feb. 12-13. See insert for schedule. Communion is served in the Prayer Room after the 9:45 service when it is not being offered in the Sanctuary.

Coming Wed., Feb. 8 at 6 PM, in Riverchase C—one session only—**How Money Works**, with Keith Whetter. All the high points of a Dave Ramsey series in just one hour! Call the church office, 987-4030, to register, or just come!

Help needed for Discovery (Feb. 17-19)! Small group leaders, prayer guardians, and night leaders still needed. Kelly Randall, [Kelly.Randall@childrensal.org](mailto:Kelly.Randall@childrensal.org).

Host families are needed to house high school students during Discovery. Call Cindy Huerkamp, 602-0234, if you can open your house to our high schoolers. Discovery Weekend, the Disciple Group Leader Training Feb. 5at 1 and 5 PM.

New Resource for the Unemployed: [HardestHitAlabama.com](http://HardestHitAlabama.com), a federal home mortgage assistance program, or call 1-877-497-8182 for information.

It is OK to park on the grass during our construction!

Construction Update:

- The construction involves 3 separate buildings - check out the new maps.
- The concrete you see is for retaining walls, footings, and floors.
- The new road should be in use in February.
- The building steel is being delivered now.
- The project should be completed fall 2012.

### Stewardship

**Rev. Buzz Barrett, 987-4072; Buzz@RiverchaseUMC.Org**

Proverbs 23:5 says: "Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle." In thinking about that, it occurred to me that riches which can be perpetuated for the work of the kingdom will surely be a blessing. If we take a portion of the riches with which we have been blessed and put them in an endowment fund for Riverchase UMC, they can continue to be a blessing for generations to come...think about it please... and call me...Buzz

### SonDay Live and Congregational Care

**Dr. Bill Phares, 987-9348; Bill@RiverchaseUMC.Org**

New SDL Sermon Series: "Wasted" with John David Crowe.

North Shelby Grief Support Group: Jan. 26-Mar. 29. Meets 6-7:30 PM at Shelby County Instructional Services Center, in Alabaster. Call 870-8667 for details.

Divorced, Separated, or Widowed? *The Beginning Experience* meets Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, at Our Lady of Sorrows. Call 969-8509, or Helen Bowers, 802-6216.

AA: 6:30 PM Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, in Trailer Y-1.

### Outreach and Missions

**Rev. John Ray, 397-3012; John@RiverchaseUMC.Org**

Looking for Smiles! We need volunteers to serve in the narthex to welcome visitors and give out directions and maps on a rotating schedule. Contact John Ray.

Next Habitat Work Day: Sat., Feb. 11. Email Clint at [cbruess@bsc.edu](mailto:cbruess@bsc.edu) or call 987-9448 if you can work a ½ day or full day.

A Promise to Help: Needs medical supplies. Mark "APTH", place in the green mission bins, & contact Barry Anglin for pick up, 426-1629; [banglin@mortonsalt.com](mailto:banglin@mortonsalt.com).

Oak Mountain Missions need children's clothes, sizes 6-10. Mark "OMM" and place in green mission bins.

The Russian Orphanage Mission trip has been postponed until later this year.

### New Ministry

**Rev. David Luke, 229-444-1782; DavidELuke@hotmail.com**

A New Evening Worship Service: **Starts February 12, at 5:00 PM, in the Fireside Room.** Everyone is invited to try this new contemporary worship service.

### Children's Ministry

**Debra McGarr, 397-3008; Debra@RiverchaseUMC.org**

**Children's Chewable Vitamins Needed:** Please help children in Jamaica by donating vitamins. Place in the green mission bins or give to Debra McGarr.

**Children's Church:** Ages 3-5, Sundays 8:45 and 11:00 AM. Children will be escorted after Children's Time in worship. Parents pick up children in S207.

**Children's Sunday School:** 3 years-5<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:45 only. See brochure.

**W.O.W. Worship** at 11:00 AM, in E-111. Praise music, worship, and sermons for elementary age children. Communion served 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month.

**Parent's Night Out:** Fri., Feb. 10, from 6-10 PM. Registration open till Feb. 5.

**Vacation Bible School:** Save the dates, June 11-15.

**Summer Camp Registration:** Opens to church families Feb. 6; to the public Mar. 4.

**Sr. High Student Pastor, John David Crowe, 256-710-4970**

**JohnDavid@RiverchaseUMC.org ~ www.therush.org**

To receive email updates regarding High School activities, email John David.

#### Weekly Programs:

- **Youth Choir:** Sundays, at 2-3 PM. (this week)
- **Super Bowl Pre-game party:** 3-5 PM, today in The Well. Bring a can of food to help missions, and invite a friend!
- **RUSH Groups:** Sundays, at 6:00 PM, in the Education Building.
- **RUSH Worship:** Sundays, at 7:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall.
- **Midweek:** Wednesdays, at 6 PM, in The Well.

### Middle School, Seth Moon, 397-3006

**Seth@RiverchaseUMC.Org ~ www.jrhighpeeps.org**

To receive email updates regarding Middle School activities, email Seth.

#### Weekly Programs:

- **Youth Choir:** Sundays at 2-3 PM. (this week)
- **Super Bowl Pre-game party:** 3-5 PM, today in The Well. Bring a can of food to help missions, and invite a friend!
- **Jr. High Peeps:** Sundays at 5 – 6:45 PM.
- **Midweek:** Wednesdays at 6 PM, in the Fireside Room.
- **Guys/Girls Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7-8 PM.

### Day School

**Laurie Shotnik, 989-8070; LaurieS@RiverchaseUMC.org**

**Mark your calendars now for the Spring TNT Children's Consignment Sale,**

**March 2/3!** Sign up **TODAY** between worship services outside the Well. Sign-up will continue each weekday (9am to 3 pm) in the Day School Office. We welcome new sellers and volunteer workers!

**Kindergarten and Preschool registration time is here!** If your child will be 3 years old by September 1, register now for Fall! For class options, to schedule a tour, or for details, please call Laurie in the Day School Office.

### Playschool Ministry

**Fredda Townsend, 397-3009; Fredda@RiverchaseUMC.org**

**Registration for Little Lambs Play School for children ages 6 months to 2 years is here.** For class options, to schedule a tour, or for details, please call Fredda in the Playschool Office.

### Scouting Ministry

**Tom Douglass, 979-5371; kf4hym@bellsouth.net**

**Calling all Scouts!** Scout Sunday will be on Sun, Feb. 26 at all traditional services. Please show your support by wearing your uniform if you are currently or formerly involved with scouting.

**Join Scouting!** New leadership contacts:

- David Luthin, Cubmaster of Pack 367- [drluthin@samford.edu](mailto:drluthin@samford.edu) or 329-3333
- David Teague, Scoutmaster of Troop 367- [rdavidteague@charter.net](mailto:rdavidteague@charter.net) or 862-5255
- Cal Alred, Advisor for Venturing Crew 2367- [calalred@bellsouth.net](mailto:calalred@bellsouth.net) or 266-8386

### Music Ministry

**Dr. Jeff Reynolds, 397-3004; Jeff@RiverchaseUMC.Org**

**Celebration Ringers:** Rehearses Wednesdays at 6 PM. (Gilda Wilkerson)

**Sanctuary Choir:** Rehearses Wednesdays from 7-8:15 PM. (Jeff Reynolds)

**Gospel Choir:** Rehearses on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. (Andy Cooley)

**Riverchase Chancel Ringers:** Tuesdays 7:00 PM. (Gilda Wilkerson)

**Orchestra:** Wednesday at 6:00 PM. (Jeff Reynolds) New members are welcome!

### Recreation Ministries

**Rev. Bob O'Neil, 987-5290; Bob@RiverchaseUMC.Org**

**Men's Basketball Registration:** Registration is open until March 16. Play begins Thurs., March 22. Cost is \$250 per team.

**Riverchase Rebounders:** Saturdays, 9 AM – 2 PM, in The Well. Come cheer for these precious children.

**Yoga:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6 PM, Riverchase Room A.

**Zumba:** Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and Saturdays, 9 AM in The Fellowship Hall.

Thursdays at 5:45 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Not meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of the month.

**Pilates:** Mondays, 8:45 AM, Room 37 and Thursdays, 5:00 PM, Fireside Room.

**Men's Softball:** The Hoover Recreation Men's Church Softball will start late in February. If you're interested **call or email Bob O'Neil**. The cost per person is \$20.

The Recreation Ministry pays the registration fee for the team. (Men from 18 – 60.)

### Discipleship

**Nancy Harper, 397-3003; Nancy@RiverchaseUMC.Org**

**Wednesday Night Dinner menu:** Chicken and dumplings, salad, black-eyed peas, roll, and desserts. Adults \$5.50, children (ages 8 & under) \$3.00. Make pew pad reservation or call the church by **noon on Monday**, 987-4030, to add or cancel.

**Join one of these new studies Wednesday at 6 PM**

- **Organizing to Beat the Devil (Methodism)** with Rev. Buzz Barrett.
- **That the World May Know** with Dr. Jenifer Morrissey & Dr. Jim Savage.
- **Daily Life in Jesus' Time** with LiAnne Terrill. (Women)
- **Living above Worry and Stress** with Holly & Courtney Snuggs. (Women)
- **Experiencing God Sequel-On Mission with God** - Rev. Mike Raymo.

#### Weekday Morning Classes:

Mondays – **Morning Men's Study:** 6:00 AM, with Jay Young, FR

–**Morning Mom's Study Group:** 10 AM, in room 27. Childcare available.

Tuesdays - **New Men's Bible Study group** Meets Tues. at 9:30 AM, in room 18 (the library). Rev. Buzz Barrett will lead from, *Three Months with Paul* (available in class).

Thursdays –**Heaven is for Real , (Women)** with Debbie Lammons and Cherie Season, 9:00 -10:30, room 27.

–**James (Women)**, with Carol Seale, 9:30 to 11:30, in room 29.

### Women's Ministry

**Stitchin' Time:** Beginning Feb. 20, we will meet each Monday night from 6:30-8:00, in rm 27, to work on personal projects as well as learning crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, needle point and/or quilting or make prayer shawls for shut-ins and elderly members.

**Playgroup for Mom's and Toddlers:** Formerly "Mommy and Me," Contact Chani LaPore, 426-9956 or [grits11@bellsouth.net](mailto:grits11@bellsouth.net). Meet Wednesdays from 10:30 - Noon.

**Feb. Mission Focus:** Celebrate the Super Bowl by donating soup and other canned goods to Oak Mountain Missions. Mark "UMW" and place in green mission bins.

### United Methodist Women's Meetings

- **Feb. 13:** Agape Circle, 10 AM, now in Riverchase Room B
- **Feb. 16:** Cheryl Season Circle, 10 AM, Riverchase Room A
- **Feb. 16:** Circle of Love, 6:30 PM, room 27
- **Feb. 20:** Friendship Circle, at 10:00 AM, Riverchase Room A with a holocaust survivor speaking. Guests welcome.

### Adults and Singles Ministries

**Patti Copeland, 397-3019; Patti@RiverchaseUMC.org**

#### Adult Ministries Events:

- **Feb. 14: Lunch & Learn** will feature Dr. Paul McCracken's presentation on the parables of Jesus at 12:30. Join us at 10 for games and fellowship with lunch at noon. Call the church office for reservations.

#### Upcoming Singles Events:

- **Monday Night Bowling:** Every Monday night, 6:45 at Oak Mountain Lanes.
- **Feb. 9:** Singles Impact Ministry with Mark Wadley. 6:30 food, 7:00 program. If you are a single adult, join us! If you know someone who is single, pass the invitation on to them!

#### Stewardship Report

Ministry & Mission 2012 Budget	\$2,574,750
Budget Needed Weekly	\$49,515
Budget Receipts (Jan. 29)	\$56,767
Over/(Under)	\$7,252
"New" IMAGINE Building Fund	\$997,283
Total Worship (Jan. 29)	1,987

*Remember RUMC in your will.*