

Children at Worship

At Riverchase, children are welcome participants in all our worship services. As you look around the sanctuary, you will see that children are part of our worshipping community. Their presence here grows out of the biblical tradition and conviction that children are members of the covenant community. We make room for children in our worship by:

- Scheduling children's worship festivals, which engage children in a variety of ways throughout the year.
- Making sure that worship activity bulletins and Bible storybooks are available for younger children in worship.

Our children are also worship leaders! In addition to acolytes, our children lead a special service once a year. The children bless us with their unique style of singing, reading scripture, hosting, and greeting. They are even responsible for the sermon time. Don't miss this one!

Nursery

We have nurseries available at all worship services. The nurseries are located in our Children's Building. We have 6 nurseries, which include infants to toddlers. The children are cared for in attractive, well-equipped nurseries with loving adults.

Children's Church

Children ages 3 to Kindergarten are invited to attend Children's Church during the 9:45 and 11:00 AM worship services. The lessons learned in Sunday School are enhanced during this time. This program gives children a short break from worship and an opportunity for them to learn more about things they will see and hear in the worship service. They leave the service immediately following the Children's time. They meet in S207.

Sunday School Classes

Each Sunday morning, children's classes are led by loving adults in exciting, attractive, well-equipped classrooms and use "Exploring Faith," the United Methodist Literature. Children will learn the story of our Christian faith through age-appropriate activities, storytelling and hands on experiences, and caring relationships.

- 8:45 AM Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults.

Children's Choirs

CHERUB CHOIR-Ages 4-5

GOD'S KIDS-1st & 2nd grade

JOYFUL NOISE-3rd-5th grade

Choirs practice each Wednesday from 6-6:50 PM. There are special performances throughout the year.

Wednesday Activities

JAM (Jesus and Me) A *Children's Bible Study*:

This is a Bible study for children in the 1st through 5th Grade. JAM teaches children how to use the Bible and learn to grow in their faith by learning to help others around them and in the community. JAM aims to help children grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. JAM is from 6:50 to 8 PM.

Faithweaver Friends: A fun mid-week program that encourages children to focus on the one most important thing in life: a growing relationship with Jesus. With Faithweaver Friends children will:

- Experience God's story in fresh, fun, meaningful ways
- Understand God's word by doing surprising stuff
- Discover the adventure of applying God's truth to everyday life

At 6-6:50 PM Ages 4-5 years old meet & 1st-5th grade meet. At 7-8 PM ages 4-5 years old meet.

Play Pals is a weekly activity hour for children ages 2 and 3 years old from 6-8 PM.

Special Programs

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Fellowship: This is a group for K-2nd graders who will experience the love of Christ through fellowship & activities. Children enjoy many activities such as pizza parties, story telling, zoo, etc.

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Fellowship: This is a group for 3rd through 5th graders who want to grow in their faith by teaching others around them in the way that Jesus taught us. Children enjoy many activities, such as ice skating, lock-ins, pizza party, missions and more.

Seasonal Activities:

Children from Kindergarten through 5th grade do many fun activities throughout the year. Some of these activities include Wacky Wednesdays, Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Mission Days, Breakfast with Santa, Birthday Party for Jesus, Angel Workshop, and Family Christmas Service.

Yearly Events

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday takes place at the beginning of the new school year. This is a very special time for all the children because they move up to the next Sunday School Class that corresponds to their current school grade.

3rd Grade Bibles

The beginning of each school year is a very special event for our 3rd graders. We give our 3rd graders their own Bible. The presentation of the Bibles is usually during the 11:00 worship service.

Angel Workshop

This program is for 4 year olds through 5th graders. The angel workshop is held in December. We focus on making Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Vacation Bible School

A week of fun, fellowship, learning and worship, Vacation Bible School is an exciting time. Ages four year olds to 5th graders.

Summer Camp

Weeklong camps are offered at Camp Sumatanga, the North Alabama Conference campground. All children entering the 4th, 5th, or 6th grades in the fall can come to camp. Campers arrive on Monday morning and are picked up on the following Saturday morning. The majority of each camp day is spent in active, outdoor activities.

Children's Ministries

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Let the little children
come to me....

LUKE 18:16

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