

Children's Ministry

VOLUNTEER NOW! Teaching Teams needed for the Fall, on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings! THIS JOB IS SO EASY!! Very minimal time commitment of only 12-25 hours PER YEAR! All curriculum and resources are provided; teaching rotation allows for flexible scheduling. Please help us continue our children's programming so that no classes are canceled. Email SusanS@riverchaseumc.org to volunteer.

Wednesday Night at 6:00 (begins 8/23)	# Teachers Required	Sunday School (begins 9/3)	# Teachers Required
		3's	3
Faith Kids (1st & 2nd Grade)	3	4's	2
JAM Girls (3rd-5th Grade)	3	1st Grade	1
JAM Boys (3rd-5th Grade)	3	2nd Grade	4
Children's Choirs (ages 4-5th grade)	2	3rd Grade	4
		4th Grade	4
		5th Grade	4
Sunday Children's Church (3-K)	2		

REGISTER NOW! For Fall Wednesday night children's activities, which begin on August 23. Registration is available at www.riverchaseumc.org/wednesdayactivities. Children MUST BE registered to participate (including nursery).

UPDATE – August 26: "Limitless" Preteen Event – Event is on a Saturday from 9:30 AM-7:00 PM at Mountain Chapel UMC in Vestavia. For rising 4th, 5th and 6th graders. This is a "Discovery-type" event for preteens, with a mission project included. Parents may sign up their children individually by emailing mtncapelrs@gmail.com. There will be no shuttle this year from RUMC to Mtn Chapel. Parents will drop off and pick up at Mtn Chapel.

August 29: Volunteer Training 6:00 PM: REQUIRED for all Children's Ministry volunteers, including Sunday School, Wednesday night and Children's Church. Meeting in the Fireside Room. Dinner and childcare provided for volunteers. Please RSVP to SusanS@riverchaseumc.org.

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Adult Ministries

- **Committees for Senior Adults and Singles Impact Ministry (SIM):** These groups will meet every other month to plan and implement programs. If you are willing to serve, contact Lanie Sweeney, LanieS@Riverchaseumc.org or call 987-4030.
- **Millenials Sunday School at 9:45** in room 31 has new leaders: Jay Benefield and Lana Blackmon. Come give us a try!
- **Pilates:** Thursdays at 5:00 PM in the Fireside Room and Mondays at 8:30 AM in Rm 37. Contact: stephanierfedor@aol.com.
- **Needle & Thread:** First and third Tuesdays at 10:00 in E104. Bring your own needlework or join us in our project.
- **Community Grief Support:** Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays at RUMC, 10 AM, Room 28. Contact Frances Stanfield, 823-3372.
- **Riverchase Community Choir** meets in Room S210 on the 1st Sundays at 4:30. Come join the group as we sing old Gospel favorites.
- **Open Prayer Meeting:** Sundays at 4:00 PM in the Prayer Room, S214.
- **24-Hour Prayer Line:** 1-800-251-2468; the *Upper Room* Prayer Center.

Adult Sunday School information available in the brochure racks in all lobbies.

Mission Needs and Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebbox) volunteers and coordinator needed for Nov. collection dates. Contact Wes Savage this week, if you can help.

Car Needed: The Lifegate Ministry is seeking reliable transportation for a person in need. Please contact WesS@riverchaseumc.org for more information.

UMW Summer Mission Focus: August: School supplies. Mark "UMW" and place in the green mission bins.

Lord's Ladies/Reconciler ministry needs socks, writing paper, greeting cards, and stamps. Please leave stamps in church office & other items in mission bins.

Habitat for Humanity: Next workdays are Thursday, September 7, and Saturday September 16. Contact Clint Bruess, cbruess@bsc.edu to join the team.

Oak Mountain Missions Harvest of Hope Luncheon is September 12, 11:30 AM, at The Club.

Empty pill bottles needed for world missions! Remove labels from your empty pill bottles (smaller ones preferred), put into a bag labeled Riverchase Readers Book Club. Drop it into a mission bin, to be forwarded to Samaritan's Purse.

View 20+ other opportunities on the RUMC website.

Mission Moment—Ride to Church

*RUMC Missions and Outreach is currently gauging interest in a **Ride to Church Ministry** where volunteers would offer a ride to church for someone who is not able to drive and does not have anyone to bring them to a Sunday morning service. Prayerfully consider whether this might be an area where you could volunteer your time one Sunday per month. Contact Wes Savage, 397-3004.*

Riverchase Student Ministries

Sign up to get RSM emails at: Riverchasestudents.com

Fall Kick-off for Rush & Peeps: Meet at the church at 5 PM to go to Riverchase Country Club Pool. Wear swimsuit, bring towel, and \$20—includes pool party, pizza, and a great T-shirt (6th graders are our guests and do not need to pay). Return to church at 7 PM.

There is an important parent's meeting for all parents of new 6th graders, today, Aug. 20, 4 PM, in The Well. Come learn all about RSM and the Peep Program.

Wednesday Nights

Peeps Midweek: 6-8 PM in The Student Center

RUSH Unwind: 6-8 PM in The Student Center

Mark your calendar for these Fall Events:

RSM Tailgate Party—Hoover at Spain Park Game—Friday, September 15

RUSH Weekend—October 6-8—More information to come soon!

Sympathy

The church staff and congregation would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Dr. Dave and Jenny Brand and family on the death of

*Jenny's mother, **Dorothy Murphy Wyatt;***

to Jim and Jane Brock, Taylor and Sarah Jane Brock Thorn and family

on the death of Jim's mother;

*to Carol and Edward Battersby and family on the death of Carol's father, **Bill Anderson.***

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of **Jim and Nancy Harper's** 44th wedding anniversary; in memory of **Howell White**, given by Janet White; in memory of Merry's father, **Jack Gillespie**, given by Chad and Merry Carson and children.*

Stewardship Report

Mission & Ministry Budget 2017	\$3,238,475
Budget Needed Weekly	\$62,278
Budget Received (Aug. 13)	\$64,538
Over/(Under)	\$2,259
Total Worship (Aug. 13)	1,651

Remember RUMC in your will.

A Service for the Worship of God

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome! Please fill in the Friendship Pad so we can record your attendance
OR reach out to you if you're visiting. Thank you for **silencing your phones.**

Announcements Dr. Jeff Reynolds

Prelude *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. Bock

MY DAYS OF PRAISE SHALL NE'ER BE PAST

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise 139 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*The Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 Page 889

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

*Choral Response Mathias

I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE

*Greeting of Friends and Guests Dr. Jim Savage

Children's Moment and Children's Church (11:00) Susan Sheffield

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

I Am His, and He is Mine

Wright

*Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know;
Gracious Spirit from above, Thou hast taught me it is so!
O this full and perfect peace! O this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.*

*Heav'n above is softer blue, Earth around is sweeter green!
Something lives in every hue Christless eyes have never seen;
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow, flowers with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know, I am His, and He is mine.*

*His forever, only His; Who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline;
But while God and I shall be, I am His, and He is mine.*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Receiving of Our Tithes, Offerings, and Attendance

Offertory *He Leadeth Me* arr. Whitworth

*Hymn of Praise (Hymnal 453) MORE LOVE TO THEE

**Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Scripture Lesson (Pew Bible 292) I John 3:18-24
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Are You Sure About That?* Dr. Jim Savage
For further study: 1 John 1:8-10; 5:10-13; John 3:16-36; 5:24; 6:37; 10:27-30

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
(Those wishing more information on church membership are asked to call one of our Pastors at 987-4030)

*Hymn 156 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

*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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. Laubengayer

Wireless earphones are available. Please ask an usher for assistance needed.

Communion is served at 10:40 in the Prayer Chapel when not offered in the Sanctuary.

This Week

- **United Methodist Men:** Today, August 20, 7:15 AM, Riverchase Room. Leah Ratliff, from Life South will be the speaker.
- **Blood drive and Flu shot clinic** today, August 20, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, in Rooms 168, 169, 170 across from the nursery desk.
- **There is an important parent's meeting** for all parents of new 6th graders, today, Aug. 20, 4 PM, in The Well. Come learn all about RSM and the Peep Program.
- **Day Trippers-Tuesday, August 22**-We will leave the church at 9:15 AM to head to the Tuscaloosa Museum of Art for a free guided tour. We will lunch at a local restaurant and then tour Druid City by bus. If there's time, we will visit Paul "Bear" Bryant's Museum before heading back. Call the church office to reserve your spot.
- **SIM:** Tuesday, August 22. Join us at 6:30 PM in the Riverchase Room for a covered dish dinner. We are continuing Adam Hamilton's *Moses*, Chapter 3, *The Exodus*.
- **Scrapbooking retreat:** August 24, 25, 26, 5 PM, in the Riverchase Room. Contact Leanne Ward, dandlea@bellsouth.net
- **Acolyte Training** for all 3rd through 5th graders. Parents are encouraged to attend this brief training at noon on Sunday, August 27, with their children.
- **Board of Stewards Meeting:** August 27, at 4:30, in S210

Coming Soon

- **TNT Consignment Sale** is September 22 & 23. Registration for sellers and volunteers now open: www.riverchase-TNT.com. Volunteers get to shop early!
- **Connect (Millenials):** Meets on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, beginning August 31. Email Wes Savage, WesleyS@Riverchaseumc.org for information.
- **Day Trippers at Night—Friday, September 8:** Join us for an early dinner at a local eatery and then head to Wright Center at Samford for the Bill Gaither "Better Together Tour." Cost is \$27 plus your dinner. Make your reservation by calling the church office, 987-4030.
- **Vulcan Run 10k training** will begin Sept. 10. Group runs are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:15 AM. Contact LaRonda Corrin, Llcorrin@gmail.com
- **Registration is now open for Riverchase Rebounders** youth basketball league. Register online at www.riverchaseumc.org/rebounders. Volunteer coaches are also needed! Contact LaRonda Corrin, 205-987-5290.

Would you like to ring handbells? Two positions are open in our handbell choirs. If you want to ring or if you have questions, contact Gilda Wilkerson, 422-8555 or gildawww@gmail.com.

Greeters needed for 4th Sundays at the 8:45 AM service. Contact Gary A. Mummert, gmummert@bellsouth.net or 980-8111.

Would you like to know more about Girl and Boy Scouting at RUMC?

Boy Scouts (11-18) - Dave Luthin, drluthin@samford.edu
Girl Scouts - Cynthia Stafford, cynthia4616@charter.net
Cub Scouts - Andy Smith, tampatoons@gmail.com

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Registration and book sales for Fall Bible Study Classes continues today, August 20.

• **In depth studies** • **Short-term studies** • **Drop-in studies**
Most Wednesday classes begin August 23, Sunday classes begin August 27.

See you at the sign-up table!

Still time to sign up for The Riverchase Music Academy! For more information email Kathy Carlisle Wallace at carlisle.kathy@gmail.com .

Wednesday Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu, August 23: Taco salad and desserts. Adults \$7.00, children \$3.50. Now accepting your credit cards! Make your reservations by marking the Friendship Pad or calling the church office, 987-4030, by noon on Monday. If you want to be on the standing list, mark "standing" next to your name. No Salad Bar in August, resumes in September.