



# RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The world could really use some hope these days! Natural disasters (earthquakes, tropical storms, and wildfires) have placed countless individuals in danger. The situation in Ukraine continues to be heartbreaking. And we endure difficulties on the home front as well in our communities, workplaces, and homes – some unique to these times, some which every generation has experienced. I'll admit, it's hard to take in the news and be optimistic about today or tomorrow.

But where the circumstances around us give us reasons to fear, God's Word gives us even greater reason to have hope – not just a squishy maybe this will turn out all right, but a confident all is well! Our hope does not rest on what we see or can project, but on what God has said, and in Christ, what God has done. When the world around us looks like it is out of control, God speaks to us in the Scriptures to remind us of His complete authority.

Psalms 102:25-27

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

They will perish, but you will remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment.

You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,  
but you are the same, and your years have no end.

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Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus embodied that power and authority by destroying the power of sin and death through His death and resurrection for us. Think of the power of His greeting on that first Easter evening. His disciples are locked up in a room, fearful and devastated. Their world has fallen apart. And then He appears. “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). When the Death Conqueror stands in front of you and speaks peace, that’s a reason for hope!

This month, we celebrate the hope that is ours in Jesus, a hope that inspires and energizes us as we begin our fifth year of ministry and fellowship here at Riverside Church.

May God bless our efforts as we share this joyful confidence with friends, neighbors, and colleagues who need a real reason to hope.

God’s Peace!

Pastor Ray

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 6th- Board meeting @7pm

Sept. 8th- Bible Study resumes (James)

Sept. 11th- Sunday School begins/ meal at church

Sept. 12th- Youth Group meeting at Owen & Stephanie’s @7pm (parents)

Sept. 19th- Youth Group begins @7pm

Oct. 4th- Board meeting @7pm

Oct. 9th- Meal at church

Harvest Party will be at the church - more details will be posted later

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Peyton Matson- Sinus Surgery on Sept. 6th

Marilyn Hilman- Health Issues

Expectant Mothers- Healthy pregnancies and babies

He is like a tree  
planted by water.

**Jeremiah 17:8**