

The Riverchase Family

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Confession Is Good

There is a hole about the size of a golf ball in the back wall of the office work room. The hole was made by a goof ball. The secretaries noticed it right away as they came to work Monday morning. They wanted to make sure I knew about it. I had to confess, I'm the goof ball.

You see, last Friday afternoon I was the only one in the office when I had one of those thoughts that plague golfers. It suddenly occurred to me what might be wrong with my golf swing. I looked for something to simulate a golf club so I could at least take a practice swing.

I saw it through Scott's open office door. There against the wall was a round curtain rod. I picked it up using my best golf grip and it fit perfectly. I went into the workroom and did a couple of waggles (you may not understand if you don't play golf). The waggles felt good so I took my stance to make the golf swing of my thoughts and dreams.

It was actually more powerful than I had imagined. And there in lies the problem. Not the power, but my thinking or lack there of. You see, this was a curtain rod, not a golf club. Curtain rods are made of two parts. One part slid into the other. With the "power" of my swing the one part slid out of the second part and went in perfect flight to the wall. Thus the golf ball size hole made by the goof ball.

One of our secretaries, who shall remain unnamed to protect her innocence, said to me, "I could see it being done by anyone but you." To which I replied, "I'm sorry, but I am a lot more disappointing than many people realize."

Isn't that one of our greatest fears? That people may come to know just how disappointing we really are? I can identify with Paul when he says he is the chief of all sinners.

But the greatest news of all is that God knows we often do dumb things. He knows our hearts often lean toward foolishness. He allowed Jesus to die for our sins and foolishness. He then warns us to be careful how we treat other goof balls, because we are one ourselves.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Easter Egg Hunt**, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.
- **LTC**, April 3-5

Teen

- **Spring Break** March 30 - April 3
- **LTC**: April 3-5
- **Junior / Senior Retreat**: Signup begins April 8; Date: May 8-10; Doublehead Resort
- **Parents' Meeting**: April 12 after p.m. services (Discuss Summer Events and Signup to Volunteer)

College



Hard or Easy?

Scott Pruitt

Family meal time is one of my favorites. With busy schedules pulling you in so many different directions, nothing beats sitting down and reconnecting with the people you love every day. As we often do, we were playing a little question/answer game as we sat around the table. The question of the night was: "What is your favorite thing about each person in this room?" Wow. Talk about an interesting question... I loved hearing the responses, but the one that really stuck with me was offered by Tyler when I asked him what his favorite thing was about his Mom. Without a second of hesitation, he said, "She makes hard things seem easy."

I imagine that the Ethiopian eunuch we read about in Acts 8:26-40 would have had the same compliment to give Philip.

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth." ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

After the eunuch obeyed the Gospel, scripture tells us that he never saw Philip again, yet went on his way rejoicing. The hard things had been made easy, and because of that, his life was changed.

When we extend grace to others because of the incomparable grace that has been shown to us...when we are generous with our time, and genuine in our love...hard things become easy.



Riverchase Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28

10:30 a.m.

INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS!!!



Sin is the Problem

The prophet Micah spoke of how Israel and Judah would be punished for hypocritical worship, injustice and immorality. He also spoke of redemption. As you begin reading this small book, you will see that God is indignant. God is not pleased with his people. God is letting them know what is going to happen to them, not what *may* happen, but what *will* happen to them. Their sin is so far advanced, God says it is incurable. They are going to receive the pay for their sin: disobedience. They chose to abandon what God wanted them to do. They abandoned worship, kindness and justice the way God wanted them done. Even some of the prophets were going to receive their share of the punishment for teaching falsely to God's people.

This seems harsh and scary, but God will give a way to get his remnant back to him. He will raise up from Bethlehem a ruler who will bring all his people back to him. We know this is Jesus. Jesus will show us the way to the Father and he will show us the way to worship, kindness and justice. For us today we need to remember the real problem to all that is wrong with the world: sin. Sin is the problem and Jesus is the solution to that problem. The only way we are going to be accepted in the eyes of God is by doing what his son Jesus has told us to do. We need to walk in his ways and we need to live by his commands.

Micah 4:5: *All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.*

- David

Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Susan and Edy Chaney (#7)** who placed membership last week. Their address is 108 Dallas Lane, Montevallo, AL 35007. They are currently living with the Savages.

Update Your Directory

Chris Mayfield has a new address: 1202 Cedar Crest Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216. Phone: 527-1523.

Dewayne and Jane Spivey have a new telephone number: 205-277-9813. Their cell phones will remain the same.

Dee Barr has a new address: 113 E Stonehaven Circle, Pelham, AL 35124.

Hat Day

The *LiveWires!* are promoting Hat Day for Easter Sunday, April 5. They are encouraging all the girls and ladies of the congregation to wear a hat that day.

Pictures for Directory

Kim Cleghorn will be making pictures for our April pictorial directory every Sunday in March and April. She will be making them after early service and after Bible class.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, March 30, for a Spring Break holiday. If you need us, please contact us at home or on our cell phones.

Change in Schedule

Ladies' class will meet on March 24, but *will not* meet March 31. Sorry for the mix up! The topic for March 24 is Responsibility.

Ladies' WOW Day

Ladies, sign up sheets for the Riverchase Ladies' WOW Day are in the coffee area. You have until April 1 to sign up. Breakfast and registration are at 8:30 on Saturday, April 18 with festivities from 9:00-2:00 with lunch provided.

Nations University Shoe Drive

The final total for the Nations University Shoe drive that Riverchase participated in was \$726. That is enough to support half a dozen Bible degree students for a year at Nations University.

Upcoming Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to the Museum of Flight**, March 26.
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, March 28.
- **Office Closed**, March 30.
- **LTC**, April 3-5.
- **Bridal tea for Meleah Wylie**, bride-elect of Jake Ellis, Sunday, April 12 from 1:00-3:30 in the reception room.

For the Record

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Bible Study	457
Early Worship	286
Late Worship	450
Total Sunday Morning	736
Sunday Night	408
Contribution	\$40,895.02
YTD Average	\$35,028.52
Budget	\$32,500.00



Help make someone's day! Riverchase teens will prepare and deliver care packages to the residents at Rainbow Omega on **Saturday, April 18**, and we need your help. Listed below are the items we plan to put in special care packages. You can help by bringing any of these items no later than **Sunday, April 12**.

2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Lotion
Simple Word Search
2 bars of Soap
Comb (men only)
Powder (female only)
Brush (female only)
Crayons
Coloring Books

Donations may be left at any entrance of the building. Thanks again for your help. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 988-5808.



This week at Riverchase:

Thursday, March 26

- LiveWires! Trip to Southern Museum of Flight

Saturday, March 28

- Churchwide Easter Egg Hunt

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **L.D. & Mini S. Davis** (D. Bronte's parents), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom) **Pat Driskell** (David's mother), **Kristen Harris** (Ball's friend), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Jennifer Henderson** (friend of Masoner's) **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **Butch Johnson** (Dana Jones' brother), **Sharon Lawley** (Brandy Tuech's mother-in-law), **Dot Mandle** (Kelley's friend), **Nancy Marlo** (Tami Picantine's sister), **Ralph Martin** (Kristi Sibert's dad), **Charles Mills** (Robert and Michelle's father). **Dell Moody** (Jane Windam's cousin), **Thelma Moon** (Diana Barnes' mother), **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Julie Peltier** (Lillies' friend) **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor), **Margie Winter** (Bob's niece).

Please continue to remember our military in prayer :

Greg Black (Steen's son in-law)

Michael Epperson (Kevin and Amber Henderson's brother-in-law)

Jim Hendley (Jim and Peggy's son)

Dewayne Hester (Bill and Jan's son)

Brantley Ingram (Billy and Carol's son)

Amy Milliron (#7)

Alan Smith (Bates' grandson)

Brad Walker (Tommy's son)

Kirk Walker (Tommy's son)

Riverchase Family:

Lynn Franks (#2) Brookwood CCU with pancreatitis and pneumonia.

Jan Haefner (#7) recovering from knee surgery.

Grover Jackson (#6) health issues related to transplant.

Bill Lovell (#1) recovering from a fall.

Martha Mann (#4) health problems.

Bob Snider (#2) recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

Michelle Whitaker (#1) medication change.

Linda Yerby (#4) recovering at home from surgery to have a stint placed.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **Lynda Cardwell** (#1), **Jake Cole** (#5), **Henry and Vonda Cook** (#2), **Michelle Dichiara** (#6), **Elaine Evans** (#4), **John Gibson** (#6), **Don Haefner**(#7), **Alan Jackson** (#4), **Bill Johnson** (#5), **Ray Johnston** (#3) **Debra Jones** (#2), **Evelyn Kelley** (#1), **Steward Masoner** (#4), **Norma Nabors** (#5), **Ed & Nina Pitchford** (#2), **Peggy Rogers** (#4), **Matt Snow** (#4), **Jo Wamack** (#2), **Shirley Wilson** (#5).

Add to your prayer list our friends and relatives:

Keith Beagle (Susan Mealer's brother-in-law) rare lymphoma.

Robby Bentley (friend of the Tuech family) lymphoma.

Bobby Box (Father of Kelly Frady a visitor) at UABP830 for a liver transplant.

Bernard Bradford (Diane Snow's father) under hospice care.

Rachel Burrow (friend of Peggy Jackson's) breast cancer: 1064 Lea Dr, Millan, TN 38358.

Sherry Cardwell (Lynda Cardwell's mother) breast cancer.

Becky Carr (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis, transplant needed.

Inez Clark (Helen Rardin's cousin) cancer.

Hubert Conner (Ellen Davis' father) bladder cancer.

Lee Dawkins (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.

Marie Echols (Judy Ingram's sister) heart problems.

William Fortner (Lisa Lillie's dad) inoperable cancer.

Marilyn Gentry (Lynda Cardwell's aunt) recovering from open heart surgery.

Walburga Giguere (Karen Owen's mother) health problems.

Pat Griffin (Juanita Pruitt's sister) health issues.

Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister-in-law) chemo.

Ruth Hare (David Hare's mother) health problems.

Kim Horne (Kim Ledingham's coworker) lung cancer.

Robert Howe (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.

Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.

Jan Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill and Wanda) undergoing chemo .

Lindsey Long (Jacob Long's sister in law) pregnancy induced heart problems.

Kate Kirk (Greg Coker's cousin) improving, but additional surgeries soon.

Caroline Maddox (Hendley's neighbor) cancer.

Whit McMath (friend of the Rardin family) 4 month old with inoperable brain tumor.

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

Jim Mitchell (friend of David and Ellen Wagner) chemo and radiation treatments.

Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.

John Rasmussen (Kim Ledingham's co-worker) spots in brain, changing chemo meds.

Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.

Eric Ritchie (Pitchford's friend) chemo.

George Robinette (Jeremy's father) lung cancer.

Billy Shikle (Helen Haskew's brother in law) cancer returned.

Clyde Smith (Jason Smith's dad) cancer.

Conner Smith (friend of Ollie and Mary Scott) recovering at Lakeshore from heart problems.

Barbara Stetler (Sandy Sims and Lydia Howe's mother) recovering from stroke.

Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.

Olen Vickery (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) recovering from surgery for brain bleed.

Linda Vines (Brenda Griffith's sisiter) lung problems.

Cambrie Walker (friend of Rardin's) cancer.

Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma and associated health problems.

Don Watson (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.

Burt Wheeler (Debra Jones' father) possible Alzheimer's and other health issues.

Linda Woodard (friend of Peggy Jackson's) inoperable tumor.