

The Riverchase Family

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Going Forward By Going Backward

Now there is a paradox for you.

Microsoft recently updated my computer, again. And, again, I lost my sermon distribution lists. But this time I lost even more. My entire contacts list and complete calendar went away.

After making several attempts to restore them, I finally called Microsoft help line. I talked to a lady for whom it seemed English was a second language. But a very good second language. She proved to be very knowledgeable, extremely helpful and very patient.

She walked me through the steps of telling my computer to use the older version of outlook when dealing with my contacts and calendar until the cloud is updated.

How about that, going forward by going backwards.

The process reminded me of an old sermon topic, "Forward, back to Jerusalem."

This is the theme of a constant warning God gives us. One specific location for the warning is Hebrews 2:1-4. We must keep a constant watch on ourselves to make sure we are not drifting away from the message that was delivered to us. If we find ourselves drifting, we must quickly go back to that message. Going backward to what God has spoken is the only way to move forward in our relationship with Him.

"He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." (Jn. 12:48) Going back to Jesus is the only way to proceed through the judgment.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. Cost: Adults \$3.00 / Kids \$2.00.

Teen

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.00.
Menu: Authentic Chicken Fajitas with all the fixin's, Mexican rice and sopaipillas a la mode for dessert.
Prepared by David and Neisha Dorantes.
- **Rainbow Omega:** Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

College

- **Wednesday Night Supper:** March 30, 6:00 p.m. in the reception room.

Flirting **Tony Brimingham**

We have just completed another successful season of Leadership Training for Christ. This is such a beneficial program not only for spiritual growth, but also for Bible knowledge. It makes my heart beam to see our kids sit down after nailing a quality speech or acing their song in song leading. I love to see the excitement and the anxiety of our kids as they come out of their shell and step out of the box with a drama skit or chorus melody. I would love to see 100% participation from our youth group and I hope that you will consider this in the future if you are not participating.

Saturday afternoon - Most of the events are winding down and pockets of kids are gathering as relief is setting in on a job well done. One of the gatherings consists of teenagers from many congregations. They are sitting in a circle, boys on one side and girls on the other side. They are singing at the top of their lungs. They are praising God in the most awesome way possible. They are having fun. They are smiling and laughing at each other. As I watched the group from a distance, I noticed that one boy seemed to be looking and smiling at one girl. Then I noticed the same from another boy. There seemed to be some magic. There seemed to be a twinkle in the smile as the boys looked across the divide.

As I stood at a distance and watched and listened, another parent came up to me and said, "FLIRTING, CHURCH OF CHRIST STYLE". I liked this kind of flirting. As I thought about and continued to listen to their angelic voices, I thought to myself, they are flirting with God. They are wanting to show their love for God. They are wanting everyone to hear their love for God. Their love for God was on display for all to see.

In my day to day life, do I flirt with God? Does the twinkle in my smile say that I am a Child of God? Do my actions say to those around me that there is no doubt who I belong to?

***The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
MY HEART LEAPS FOR JOY, and with my
song I praise him.***

Psalm 28:7

Happy **Scott Pruitt**

Over Spring Break, the Bassetts allowed the Pruitts to tag along with them to Disney World. We called it the Pru-Setts Vacation.

As we approached the front gate, security escorted Kim and Jackson into the security "Bag Check" line. There were two lines, but Kim's line seemed to be going much slower but also filled with many more smiles and laughter. This is why...

Before the security guard began checking Kim's backpack, he gave her a ginormous grin and a Disney "Hel-looooo!" Then, he began asking her some thought provoking questions (all with a smile on his face)

Security: "Got any poisonous apples in here?"

Kim: "No Sir"

Security: "Any mousetraps?"

Kim: "No Sir" (Giggling)

Security: "Got any secret compartments in here?"

Kim: "No Sir" The guard paused, looked at her very seriously and said, "You wouldn't tell me if you did, would you?"

Kim laughed as she responded with a happy, "No Sir"

He gently zipped her backpack, helped put it back on her shoulder and danced as he exclaimed, "Have a magical day!" Who knew that anyone could have such a joyful experience going through security?

Although it took a few minutes longer to pass the inspection, Kim was so thankful to be in his line versus the other security line. She was...grumpy and half heartedly doing her job. She certainly was NOT passing Disney Happiness Standards.

I still can't stop thinking about that moment when Kim joined the rest of our group as she was laughing hysterically telling her experience. **What a joyful way to start your day.**

Do people remember you because of your joy OR grumpiness?

¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy. (1Th 2:19-20 NIV)

It Is Not How We Start, But How We Finish

1 Samuel 12:14, 24,25

If you will fear the Lord and serve Him, and listen to His voice and not rebel against the command of the Lord, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God. 24 Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. 25 But if you still do wickedly, both you and your king will be swept away."

This quarter I'm teaching the life of king Saul. There is so much to learn from the life of this man, and I hate to say that what I learned most is what not to do. He was a great young person. He was humble and not too confident, but something changed that turned him into a different person. Throughout the life of king Saul, there is a theme that keeps popping up. Fear God and serve him. This was God's command to the king and the people, but they both failed to do this and paid the consequences.

The story of Saul reminds me, not how we start, but how we finish that matters. If you want to add to that...the manner in which we finish will say a lot about who we are. God wants us to finish in our Christian walk. We all have started our Christian walk. Let's make sure we finish!

- David

Prayers Requested

Stephen Minor came forward Sunday morning and requested prayers of encouragement .

TOTS

Join us on Tuesday, April 12, for TOTS. We will meet in the reception room, due to elections, to make bears and then enjoy a finger food lunch together.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Austin and Chelsea Boothe**. They were married Friday, April 1, 2016. Austin is the son of Wade & Renee Boothe.

Ladies' Night

Please join us for a special Ladies' Night on Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room. Our sister, **Brenda Scott**, will be the featured speaker as we enjoy dessert together. Please sign up at the easel in the west foyer so we can prepare for the correct number.

Summer Mission Trips

June 5-10 a group of our teens will be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to **Potter Children Home**. July 10-15 a group of teens will also be traveling to Orlando, Florida, to **Give Kids the World Village**. They partner with Make a Wish Foundation. July 17-24 a group of our High School Seniors and their parents will be going on a mission trip to **Honduras**. Throughout the summer, they will also be doing several **local mission projects: (Mission Hometown)** to help out in our community. If you would like to donate to these mission efforts, earmark them for teen summer missions. You may turn in your checks to any of the office staff. Above all, remember us in your prayers this summer. Thank you.

Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory Sunday, April 10, 17, 24. We will be making them after early service and after Sunday school.



Help make someone's day! Riverchase teens will prepare and deliver care packages to the residents at Rainbow Omega on **Saturday, April 9**, and we need your help. You can help by making a **monetary donation of \$15.00** to help cover the cost of these items. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 205-988-5808.

Thank you for your support!!

For the Record

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Bible Study	396
Early Worship	238
Late Worship	389
Total Sunday Morning	627
Sunday Night	326
Contribution	\$37,217.77
YTD Average	\$37,831.58
Budget	\$34,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you to the Riverchase family for the beautiful plant, and all that you did. It was greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,

David & Emily Homan



LiveWires! Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to Mobile:** Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9, to see Bellingrath Gardens in bloom, Dauphin Island Sea Lab and the new GulfQuest museum. For those who have signed up to go; look for emails and on the LiveWires! Bulletin board for updates.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. In the reception room.
- **LiveWires! Day at the Lake:** Saturday, April 30, you will spend the day at the Hare's lake house.

Upcoming Events

- **Bridal Tea for Erin Chambers, bride elect of Kyle Jordan:** Sunday, April 10, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Sur La Table.
- **Teens Trip to Rainbow Omega:** Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. in the reception room. Lunch will be finger foods.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Bridal Tea for Sydney Palmer, bride elect of Lee Carter:** Sunday, April 17, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Pottery Barn.
- **FTG #2 & #7 Fellowship:** Sunday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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This week at Riverchase:

Wednesday, April 6

- College Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday, April 7-9

- LiveWires! Trip to Mobile

Saturday, April 9

- Teens trip to Rainbow Omega

Sunday, April 10

- New member luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
- Bridal Tea for Erin Chambers bride elect of Kyle Jordan, 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- LTC Celebration 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

- TOTS, 10:30 a.m.

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom), **Pat Driskell** (David's mother), **Ruth Hare** (David Hare's mother), **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), **Matt Snow**, **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

Thomas Balentine (Rejetta's son)
Jimmy Hendley (Jim & Peggy's son)

Riverchase Family:

Jake Cole (#5) recovering at home.
Helen Foster (#2) recovering at home.
Dottie Harbst (#2) in ICU at St. Vincent's.
Nona Miller (#3) in a splint for 2-3 months for broken bones in her leg.
Brandy Tuech (#6) test for neurological problems Thursday, April 7, at St. Vincent's.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **John Bearden (#2)**, **Lynda Cardwell (#1)**, **Jeff Carroll (#4)**, **Becky Carter (#3)**, **Henry & Vonda Cook (#2)**, **Michelle Dichiara (#6)**, **David Driskell Jr. (#3)**, **Elaine Evans (#4)**, **John Gibson (#6)**, **Don & Jan Haefner (#7)**, **Judy Ingram (#7)**, **Alan Jackson (#4)**, **Grover Jackson (#6)**, **Ray Johnston (#3)** **Debra Jones (#2)**, **Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2)**, **JJ Redmon (#1)**, **Peggy Rogers (#4)**, **Ollie Scott (#6)**, **Norma Thomas (#4)**, **Jo Wamack (#2)**, **Sarah Wolford (#6)**.

Add to your prayer list our friends and relatives:

Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
Kellie Aycock (the Aycock's daughter - in - law) signet cell carcinoma.
Joseph (Buddy) Bradford (Emma Aycock's cousin) lung cancer.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Destiny Bui (friend of Peggy Jackson) scoliosis.
Becky Carr (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis, transplant needed.
Camden Creamer (Terry Pruitt's great nephew) recovering from stem cell transplant.
Wynonna Davis (Peggy Jackson's mom) recovering from a fall.
Lee Dawkins (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.
Henry DuBose (Kelly Watt's father) COPD.
Marie Echols (Judy Ingram's sister) heart problems.
Robert Garner (Paula Davis' niece, Rebecca Garrick's, father) terminal lung cancer.
Walburga Giguere (Karen Owen's mother) in the hospital recovering from surgery from a fall.
Elise Greene (Tim Henry's mother) in rehab in Florence.
Zach Harris (Jimmy & Theresa Harris' son) diagnosed with lupus.
Jim Hollon (friend of Mike Clemmons) in ICU at St. Vincent's with Guillain Barre Syndrome.
Kim Horne (Kim Ledingham's coworker) lung cancer.
Robert Howe (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.
Shari Hyde (friend of the Howe's) recovering from a stroke and brain surgery.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
Juanita Jones (Susan Orth's mother) in Brookwood Hospital in serious condition.
Michael Lacey (Kim Ledingham's cousin) hodgkins lymphoma.
Alice Lucas (friend of the Gaines) brain tumor.
Marlin Murphree (Kelly Skelton's father) serious health problems.
Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.
Jay Odom (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law) recovering from a stroke.
John Pierce (Rebecca Hill's father) heart problems.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.
Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.
Deb Rose (Heidi Bogg's mother) moved to rehab.
Jon & MaryAnn Sanford (Paul Sanford's parents) are both in hospital in Tuscaloosa.
Deegee Schroeder (Shanda Watts mother) recovering from a fall.
Marie Seals (friend of the Snow's) thyroid cancer.
John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) multiple health problems.
Mary Sharp (Anthony Dotson's grandmother) health problems.
Billy Shikle (Helen Haskew's brother in law) chemo.
Claudia Sibert (John Sibert's mother) breast cancer.
Mariella Sirmon (Sirmon's granddaughter) severe reflux.
Pam Snider (Bob & Jane Snider's niece) under hospice care.
Donna Somerville (friend of the Ball's) acute leukemia.
Pat Thomas (friend of Jake Cole) cancer.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Olen Vickery (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) Alzheimer's.
Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
Don Watson (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.
Burt Wheeler (Debra Jones' father) possible Alzheimer's.
Craig Windle (Elaine Evans brother - in - law) spot on kidney.
Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.
Bill Wright (Georgia Vaughn's father) in hospital with heart issues.
Wendy Ziegler (Lydia Howe's sister) recovering from neck surgery.