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## **Faith**

For some, these facts will be seen as basic.

For others, they will be a new way of thinking about the word faith as it is used in the Bible.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” (Hebrews 11:6)

“Faith comes from hearing (or listening to) the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

This means that faith is not just believing.  
It is not believing whatever you think about God.  
It is not believing everything others may say about God.  
It is not about believing in any god.

Faith is listening to and trusting what God has actually spoken.

God speaks to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus’ words are recorded for us in the Bible by those who heard him—his apostles. (Hebrews 1:2; 2:1-4)

Faith involves more than just believing or trusting. Faith requires obedience. We must put into practice the things God has said to us.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

-Dewayne

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Men’s prayer breakfast**  
***Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. Via Zoom***  
**Look in your email and on the men’s ministries**  
**Facebook page for directions**  
**Contact David Dorantes if you have questions.**

## Memorizing Scripture

Eric Gott

Our foster children have lived with us for two and a half months and during our time together my favorite thing is to hear them randomly sing worship and praise songs all on their own. We listen to several different worship playlists together and many are geared towards children with simple songs that help kids memorize scripture. It is now common to hear one of our kids sing, "Fear not for I have redeemed you," or "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Even if they do not fully understand what they are singing, the words are being repeated and pressed on their hearts. The songs will likely stay with them a lifetime.

Memorization of scripture is so powerful. It provides us with wisdom from God to help handle situations. Knowing scripture helps keep my mind on what is excellent and worthy of praise, and it helps me grow in my relationship with God.

In our family we want to help our kids (and ourselves) memorize more scripture and so I began looking into fun tips to help make memorization playful and meaningful. Below are a few tips:

1. **Sing scripture songs.** There are plenty of resources available simply by searching on Google, or work as a family to write your own songs. Make up your own tune for a verse you want to memorize.
2. **Toss a ball.** Our kids love this game. When a person passes the ball whoever catches it says the next word in the verse until the verse is complete. After a few rounds of this game everyone will have the verse memorized.
3. **Write out the verse.** Write it as big as you can with sidewalk chalk. Use bathtub crayons to write in on the shower wall. Write it on sticky notes and place it on the fridge. Use wipe-away markers and write it on your bathroom mirror. Get creative!
4. **Create hand motions.** Incorporating movement with the verse can help children learn a new scripture. Again, be creative and keep it simple.

There are tons of ways to help kids memorize scripture. What are some ways you do this in your own family?

## Choice-Points

Scott Pruitt

Are your kids getting tired of you?

Are you getting tired of your kids?

What's for lunch?

What's for dinner?

What are we doing today, tomorrow, the next day?

Will you please let me sleep ten more minutes? Answer: It is noon, get up!

Those questions hit you before you even have your first cup of coffee in the morning or at least by noon.

Life certainly happens during pandemics and nonpandemics.

I would imagine that we have all taken on multiple house projects during these quarantine times to keep us busy and productive.

How is your joy? I came across this devotional book, Jesus Calling, the other day and stumbled onto this thought that I would like to share with you. The book shares from God's perspective.

"Let Me help you get through each day. There are many possible paths to travel between your getting up in the morning and your lying down at night. Stay alert to the many **choice-points** along the way, being **continually** aware of My Presence. You will get through this day one way or the other. One way is to moan and groan, stumbling along with shuffling feet. Or you can choose to walk with Me along the path of Peace, leaning on Me as much as you need. There will still be difficulties along the way, but you can face them **confidently** in My strength. Thank Me for each problem you encounter, and watch to see how I **transform trials into blessings.**"

<sup>29</sup> *You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light.*

<sup>30</sup> *With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.*

<sup>31</sup> *"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.*

<sup>32</sup> *For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?*

<sup>33</sup> *It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. (2 Samuel 22:29-33 NIV)*

## Loving Kindness

*Titus 3: 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (NIV)*

When and where did you learn the meaning of love? When and where did you learn the meaning of kindness? How old were you when you understood the real meaning of it? God brought salvation by these two attributes. We, in the same manner can bring salvation to our generation by practicing these two things! There are a couple of things that are important for us to practice in life. We need to practice kindness and we need to be loving. We need to imitate these two things in the same manner that Jesus practiced these two things. We have listened and accepted the world's idea and definition of these words, but honestly the only way to understand it, is to look at the life and examples of Jesus! We need to go back to the Gospels and see how Jesus showed us the right way to be kind and loving. By doing these we might be able to save some.

- David



### Twila Ray

Proudly announces the birth of her grandson Noah James Burch. He was born Wednesday, April 22. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. The proud parents are Nick and Mallory Burch

### Online Giving

We now have the ability to give on-line.

Go to our website:  
[www.riverchasechurch.org](http://www.riverchasechurch.org)

and click on the graphic that says "online giving".



### A Message From One Of Our Elders Ron Jackson

We are living today in uncertain times-uncharted waters. Parents are teaching. Teachers are doing more parenting. Many are learning to use media in order to do their jobs at home. Others are learning that that big boxy appliance in the kitchen can be used for preparing meals! A record number of Americans are suddenly unemployed. What is your new "normal?"

One thing is for certain. We all have been impacted by the current coronavirus. Some dramatically; others not so much. But we as Christians do not have to panic because of the pandemic.

Our brother, the apostle Paul, faced hardship, deprivation, and death on many occasions. 2 Corinthians 11:23-27. Yet, Paul faced life and death with great confidence.

Paul challenges us to "... Stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word-of-mouth or by letter." 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Paul encourages us with the following words: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. The coronavirus, no matter how severe, is temporary. God's love for us in Jesus Christ is eternal!

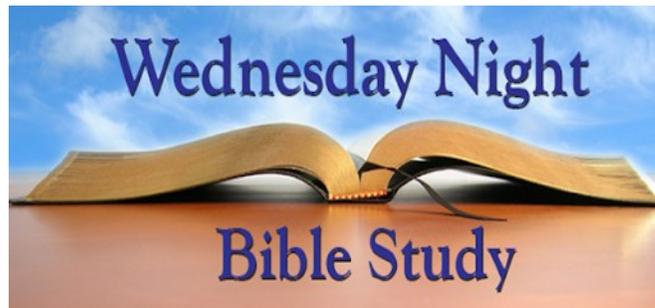
Let us keep in mind that, "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:37. Again, we can boldly face the present affliction, knowing that he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4.

How then shall we live in this present peril and uncertainty? Let's be praying, studying and meditating on God's word and looking for ways to serve in this challenging time. We serve a servant Savior. Praise God!

### For the Record

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Bible Study	---
Early Worship	---
Late Worship	---
Total Sunday Morning	---
Sunday Night	---
Contribution	\$44,760.79
YTD Average	\$36,207.62
Budget	\$37,500.00



We will be changing our Wednesday Night Bible Study live streaming hour from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will begin this on **Wednesday, May 6.**

### Agape Run for a Mom

We are excited to announce that the **10th Anniversary Run for a Mom 10K, 5K, and Fun Run is still on!** We will now be hosting a VIRTUAL race so that you can still participate from wherever you are located. Join or create your own team now and save \$5 per person. Use promo code **Riverchase** to save 10% off your total until April 24. For more details and to register go to [runforamom.org](http://runforamom.org) or email [5k@agapeforchildren.org](mailto:5k@agapeforchildren.org)



### Riverchase Church of Christ Live Streaming

During this period in which we are unable to meet in the building, worship services and devotionals will be broadcast at the following dates and times:

**Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. Beginning May 6, it will be at 7:00 p.m.**

The broadcasts will be available on [Riverchase's webpage](#), [Facebook page](#), [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). Recordings of all services will continue to be available under the sermons section on our website. [www.riverchasechurch.org](http://www.riverchasechurch.org).



**Riverchase Family:**

**John Bearden (#2)** recovering at home from heart related issues and pneumonia.

**Judy Masoner (#4)** cervical cancer. Will begin chemo on Thursday, April 30.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:**

**FTG #1:** Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Ollie Scott, Michelle Whitaker

**FTG #2:** Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith

**FTG #3:** David Bath, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, Billy Gaines, Angie Guffey, Martha Johnston, Nona Miller

**FTG #4:** Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Ruby Lakeman, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider

**FTG #5:** Beverly Strange, Ron Waddell

**FTG #6:** Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Michelle Diciara, Don & Shirley Genry, Don Greer, Addie Jackson, Grover Jackson, Sarah Wolford

**FTG #7:** Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Tim Parker, Jerry Sharp

**ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:**

**Gladys Akers** (David Akers mother) health issues.

**Noreen Anderson** (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.

**Alice Ball** (Michael Ball's mother) acute myeloid leukemia, chemo.

**Joe Belmont** (Johnny's father) lung cancer.

**Toby Blackwood** (friend of Ollie and Mary Scott) cancer.

**Joy Borland** (Twila Bedgood's sister) cancer.

**Jessica Brown** (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.

**Patsy Burks** (Rhonda Ball's mother) eye issues.

**Randy Chew** (Missy Wright's dad) heart related issues.

**Cathy Crittenden** (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.

**Jerry Earnest** (Handley's friend) cancer.

**Bob Edwards** (Ron Steen's cousin) MDS.

**G. Estes** (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.

**Jan Hall** (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.

**Eli Hairston** (Teen in Chelsea) brain trauma from a golf cart accident.

**Jane Harrison** (Peggy Hendley's sister in law) heart issues.

**Bob Hull** (Howe's brother-in-law ) cancer.

**Valari Lagrone** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) 3rd degree burns on both hands.

**Becky Morris** (Rodney Morris' sister in law) cancer.

**Myra Myrick** (Pam Wampol's aunt) ovarian cancer.

**Lauren Orth** (David Orth's sister) health issues.

**Cecil Parker** (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) liver disease.

**McKenzie Ray** (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

**Ronnie Rogers** (CJ Rogers father - college student) brain cancer.

**Pattie Ryan** (Sarah Pate's mother) melanoma.

**Margaret Seagrest** (long time visitor) health issues.

**Mary Ella Sirmon** (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.

**Lisa Wallace** (Bath's niece) breast cancer.

**Carol Watson** (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.

**Raymond White** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.

**Ann Winsett** (Brett Moran's grandmother) heart issues.

**Joseph Wright** (Stephen Wright's father) health issues.



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**This week at Riverchase:**

**All Events Have Been Cancelled Until Further Notice**

**Please continue to remember in prayer:**

**Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **Martha Manwarring** (former member), **Jay Odom** (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother), **Barbara Stetler** (Howe/Sims mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor).

**Please pray for our active duty deployed military:**