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“Nightmare Choices”

“Nightmare Choices” is the title of an article written by LaGard Smith on Facebook. It is an appropriate title as he writes “about the battle of lives versus livelihoods as we begin the process of reopening society.”

He closes the article with these words:

“Wouldn’t it be reassuring if during this crisis our leaders’ decisions were informed, not just with science, but by faith in the One who knows the unknowable? And wouldn’t we, ourselves, be better equipped to make difficult choices if we more fully grasped the eternal perspective of the Divine Sovereign whose crowned head rests ever so easily?”

To better understand and appreciate that last line, LaGard reminds us in the article of Shakespeare’s statement, “Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.” Our God does not suffer the weaknesses and lack of knowledge of earthly leaders.

As we are in the process of tough, “nightmare” decisions, let’s remember to be in prayer for our national and state leaders. Also our elders and church leaders. And for one another.

⁸ *Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;*

⁹ *he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.*

¹⁰ *For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.*

¹¹ *You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.*

¹² *You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. (Psalm 66:8-12 NIV)*

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

All events have been cancelled until further notice.

Family Devotional Walking, Leaping, & Praising Eric Gott

Play: As a family create's a hopscotch board in your driveway with sidewalk chalk. Take turns playing the game. See who can create the silliest jumps!
Or, if you have a trampoline take time to jump together as a family. See who can jump the highest!

Read: Read Acts 3:1-10 together. If you have a children's storybook Bible read the story from there also.
Emphasize how this man had never known how to walk and had been crippled since birth.

Ask: 1) Do you know anyone who has a disability?
2) How can we show care and concern for those with a disability?
3) How do you think God wants us to care for those who need help?
4) When the man in the Bible story asked Peter and John for money, what did they give him instead?
5) How did the man respond when he was able to walk? What did he do?
6) When are times that you are excited to praise God?
7) What did the people do when they saw the lame man walking?

Pray: As a family create a list of reasons we should praise God. Thank God for all the ways he has blessed you in your life. Give honor to God for all the wonderful things he has done for you. Ask God to help us always find ways to praise him.

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.
Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3: 6-8.

Recipe of Awesomeness Scott Pruitt

The other night, we dusted off the container of heaven and made what I love more than anything on this earth (other than my wife and family)...homemade ice cream. The only problem was that Whitney sent *me* to the grocery store, recipe in hand, to find all the ingredients. She even sent me pictures of what each ingredient looks like. That sure was helpful, but the store was out of two key ingredients, so I did what any man would do...I improvised. Sometimes that works out fine, but other times it certainly does not work out too well. I am very thankful my improvisation was successful.

Over the past several weeks, we have all had to improvise. My sister even sent me a meme last night that said, "Most useless purchase of 2019: A 2020 planner."

Improvisation, Recipes, Adjustments, Transformation.

One Recipe that remains steadfast is the following:

⁴ Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It **does not envy**, it **does not boast**, it is **not proud**.

⁵ It is **not rude**, it is **not self-seeking**, it is not **easily angered**, it **keeps no record of wrongs**.

⁶ Love **does not delight in evil** but **rejoices with the truth**.

⁷ It always **protects**, always **trusts**, always **hopes**, always **perseveres**.

⁸ Love **never fails**...

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV)

I think, Whoahhh, love is a bunch of qualities, and similarly to that homemade ice cream recipe, for the end product to be successful, all the ingredients are vitally important. Sometimes we may not totally understand why a certain ingredient is important, but when we put them all together, it provides a Recipe of Awesomeness.

This week, Be Awesome. Strive to be every ingredient of Love. Share these qualities with everyone. Talk about them with your family. Discuss them with your friends. Write a note to at least one person about why you believe they demonstrate love consistently to you.

I love you all.

A Father's Advice

1 Peter 3: 7 You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. 8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. (NASB)

My dad gave me a piece of advice this week. We were talking on the phone, because this past Sunday was the first time we had a mother's day without a mom. Our conversation was short but meaningful. He usually would say goodbye with a few words of advice. Sometimes he would say: "Take care of your money" other times he would say "be safe and take care of your family," and other times he would say, "Take care of your job." None of those words hit me harder than this week when he said to me, "Take care of your wife while you still have her." He has felt regret, guilt and pain knowing that he wasn't the best husband to his wife. There were many things that he confessed that he regretted. The one thing that pains him the most is that he didn't love his wife everyday the way God asked him.

I know we are not perfect; I know we can't do everything well everyday. If we focus, we can fulfill this commandment for our well being and for the well being of others. Also, by doing that, we will be pleasing God. Love your wives and live with them in an understanding way. That is our father's advice.

David



Online Giving

We now have the ability to give on-line.

Go to our website:

www.riverchasechurch.org

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

Cards of Encouragement

We have two young men who are serving our country and would love cards of encouragement. Below are the addresses for Carson Lester and Zach Temple.

PFC E3 Lester, Carson
B Co. 3rd Plt. 2-50 IN BN, 193rd IN BDE
5422 Jackson Blvd.
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

Zachary Temple
386 ELRS/LGRV
Unit #61408
APO, AE 09855-1408

A Message From One Of Our Elders

Tim Parker

A few years ago, in Central America, I recall walking up to local guy and asking what he was doing?" His reply in a very slow nonchalant Belizean tone, "Just makin' life mahn, nothing more." He couldn't see himself beyond that moment. But Jesus walked up to fishermen and said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." They dropped their nets, and followed. To a thirsty woman at a well He said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." She immediately ran to tell all her friends.

We all long to be part of something larger than ourselves. As a manager for a large construction firm I daily see the tangible difference in our craftsmen when all they can see is a wall they are building (just makin' life), versus those who understand they are contributing to our national security or to our nation's economy. We all work harder, more energetically, and longer when we understand the significance of our individual contribution and our cause.

Jesus spoke often and in great detail to His followers regarding the significance of what they were doing. They were changing lives, they were changing the world! They were working for something far beyond themselves.

Jesus gives us that same vision and mission today. Read closely words the Apostle Paul wrote about us, "... to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,..."

Church are you "Just makin' life, and no more?" No way! You are making eternal impact in heavenly places!

For the Record

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Bible Study	---
Early Worship	---
Late Worship	---
Total Sunday Morning	---
Sunday Night	---
Contribution	\$31,339.55
YTD Average	\$35,517.78
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you for every expression of loving kindness shown to me during my recovery. Each prayer, phone call, cards, trip to the doctor, the wheelchair and the beautiful basket from the Ladies Class was such a huge part of my getting well. When I could not take care of myself you were there. With God's healing power and grace, I am back! I so look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Love,

Judy Elliott

Dear Riverchase family,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your loving support during my husband's illness and passing. I am amazed at the number of nice cards I received. Your notes of caring are definitely a reminder of blessings found only in Christ Jesus. It is so comforting to know that our brothers and sisters in Christ are concerned about our well being even though they are miles apart.

In Christian Love,

Betty Ritenour

Bryan, Mim, Allyson and Amy

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: 7:00 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.

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This week at Riverchase:

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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:

Zach Temple – Mechanic in Kuwait

Riverchase Family:

John Bearden (#2) heart related issues.

Edy Chaney (#4) health issues.

Amanda Korneghy (#3) recovering from COVID 19.

Sean Marks (#1) recovering from COVID 19.

Judy Masoner (#4) cervical cancer. Chemo.

Denise Newton (#7) will have throat surgery on Wednesday, May 13.

Bobby Thomas (#5) will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 13, at Grandview.

Bob Winter (#2) recovering from a fall.

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 Dichiaro, 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.