

The Riverchase Family

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Ex Cathedra

This is today's "word of the day" from Mirriam-Webster.

Ex Cathedra - "by virtue of or in the exercise of one's office or position."

Mirriam - Webster also added this historical note:

Ex cathedra is a Latin phrase, meaning not "from the cathedral" but "from the chair." The phrase does have religious origins though: it was originally applied to decisions made by Popes from their thrones. According to Roman Catholic doctrine, a Pope speaking ex cathedra on issues of faith or morals is infallible. In general use, the phrase has come to be used with regard to statements made by people in positions of authority, and it is often used ironically to describe someone speaking with overbearing or unwarranted self-certainty.

God has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. The words spoken from God by Jesus were delivered to us by those special witnesses who heard Him. Those special witnesses were the apostles of Jesus.

The mystery of God making us righteous was made known to us by those apostles who heard it from Jesus.

Regarding the message of the apostles, Paul tells us in his letter to the church at Galatia, "If anyone, himself or even an angel from heaven, were to preach a gospel or message different from the one spoken by the apostles, that person should be condemned" (Gal. 1:8-9)

We are to trust the word of God.

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Supper**, Wednesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Chili, hot dogs, chips, brownies, sweet tea.
- **Pre-Teen Por Los Ninos Service Project**, Saturday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Teen

- **Evangelism University**, January 16-18. We need to leave the building at 4 p.m. sharp to make the first keynote session.
- **Alabama vs Auburn Hockey Game**, Friday, January 16, at Pelham Civic Complex. Game starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets on hold at Will-Call.
- **Lunch for the Homeless and Broom Hockey**, January 24.

College:

- **Guys Prayer Group**, tonight, January 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Bring it Here! Tony Brimingham

Having two girls, it has been my mission in life to make sure that they are independent. I want them to be able to do things for themselves. I want them to not have to rely on anyone. I want them to understand finances. I want them to understand politics. I want them to be able to pump gas and check the oil. And most times when I am out in the garage, one of them will be by my side handing me wrenches and asking questions. When something of theirs breaks, I require they take a shot at fixing it before they ask me for help.

Several weeks ago, Megan was having trouble with her ipad. She called to me in frustration and said, "Dad, I have tried to fix it but I just can't". I called back to her room, "Bring it here and I will fix it." Several hours later Lauren called out to me, "Dad, I need your help." I called back to her and said, "Bring it here and I will fix it." Several hours later I get another call, "Dad, I need your help. I just can't fix it." And again I called out, "Bring it here."

And about that time a ton of bricks hit me and I got it. I realized that is exactly what my Heavenly Father is doing with me. When I have a problem in my life that I can't fix, my Heavenly Father looks down on His child and says, "Bring it here and I will fix it." When I go through the valleys of life, my Father expects me to come to Him so He can fix it. When things break and go completely wrong beyond what I am able to handle, my compassionate and kind and loving and nurturing Father wraps His arms around me and says, "It's okay, I will fix it."

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken - Psalm 55:22

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" - Matthew 11:28

Discovering and Developing New Talents Scott Pruitt

Where do you want to be at this time next year on your walk with God?

Tyler, my 9 yr. old son, decided a couple of months ago that he wanted to play basketball. Not just shooting baskets in the driveway, but on a team. We signed him up, and his team has had 3 practices leading up to their 1st game. Whitney took him to his first practice, and as they arrived home, Whitney described the talents of Tyler's team on the court following that initial practice as follows: "Well...it's gonna be interesting this season. Let me put it this way, Tyler was like the LeBron James of his team."

LeBron is one of the best players in the NBA. Tyler can dribble, but his skills shooting the ball are far from LeBron James status, and to say that Tyler is one of the best players on his team made me think...this could be a loooooonnnnnnggg season.

During the game, I was blown away at the improvement of everyone on the team. It was obvious that each member on his team had done some **serious practice at home**. It was obvious that their parents and/or older siblings had practiced **WITH** them consistently following that initial practice. They won their first game.

We are two weeks into the New Year. Do you want to defeat bad habits? Do you desire an improved and more intimate prayer life? Are you passionate about reaching the lost in the New Year? We could all learn a lesson from the youth. Success comes, not from simply showing up 2-3 times per week. Success is driven by serious practice at home, school, work, in the good times and tough times. Success is achieved when we all do our part and discover and develop new talents while improving on old talents.

Allow **Hebrews 12:1-7** to become a way of living in 2015 and beyond.

Pure in Heart

Matthew 5:8- *Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.*

Many people today wonder why they can't see God or the things that he does. The answer is in Matthew and it's pretty clear. Jesus tells the people that those who are able to see God, whether in this life or the next, are the ones that continually cleanse their hearts.

Jesus wanted the people to focus on the interior not the exterior. The Jewish religious leaders focused on cleansing and washing the outward, i.e the instruments of worship, the hands before eating, the clothes, etc. Jesus wanted us to focus on the inward, the heart. It is not the outward appearance, but the inward that allows us to see God. If we are trying to find God in the things that we do, we are going to miss him. But it is when a person cleanses their heart that they can see God. When we are able to see God, we will know how blessed we are.

- David

Welcome to the Family

We rejoice with **Britne Holderby** who was baptized Wednesday. Britne is a student at Penn State.

Congratulations

Dewayne and Jane Spivey
proudly announce the birth of
a grandson,
Zane Ernie Spivey.

7 pounds, 6 ounces and 20 inches
He is welcomed by proud parents David
and Beth, as well as, big sisters Lola and
Corrine.

New Phone Number

Dottie Harbst has a new phone number: 205-989-1088. Please update your directory.

Riverchase Brothers and Sisters

We will be having our 15th Annual Riverchase Singing on Friday, January 23. We have a great need for volunteers to prepare food, and help with set up and clean up before and after the singing. We need sandwich platters, finger foods and soups. There is a sign-up sheet in the main foyer.

LiveWires!

LiveWires! if you have any suggestions or ideas for 2015, please fill out a Suggestions form and put it in the Handley's mailbox by Sunday, January 18. Forms are located on the *LiveWires!* bulletin board and it was also sent by email.

YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Please join us in celebrating Judge Ron Jackson's retirement and send him off with good wishes!

When: Friday, January 16, 2015

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

**Where: Shelby County Courthouse
Courtroom #8**



For the Record

Sunday, January 11, 2015

Bible Study	492
Early Worship	234
Late Worship	470
Total Sunday Morning	704
Sunday Night	372
Contribution	\$39,819.79
YTD Average	\$36,533.79
Budget	\$32,500.00

Dear Riverchase church,

I have enjoyed the opportunity to do "good works" for this congregation. I have enjoyed working with you and will surely miss everyone! I have been a member of this congregation since 1991-24 years! We love you and will miss you all!

*In Christian love,
Kathy Richey*

Dear Riverchase Family

Thank you for thinking of Henry and I at this special time of the year. We enjoyed all the songs from the carolers and appreciate them coming to our home. Thanks also for the pretty little tree. We will enjoy it in years to come.

*In Christian love,
Henry and Vonda Cook*

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the Wampols, the Smiths and David Dorantes in your prayers as they travel for mission trips.

Upcoming Events

- **LifeSouth Blood Drive**, January 18.
- **FTG 2, 3, and 7 Fellowship**, January 18 after evening services. Bring your favorite finger food or dessert.
- **LTC Bulletin Board**, January 19, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **Riverchase Singing**, January 23.
- **Bridal Tea for Laura Newton**, bride-elect of Patrick Rutledge, January 25, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Belk, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Williams-Sonoma.

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- *Adventure Club/Pre-Teen Supper*

January 16-18

- Evangelism University

Sunday, January 18

- *LifeSouth Blood Drive*
- *FTG 2, 3 and 7 Fellowship*

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:

Henry and Vonda Cook (#2) recovering from the flu.

Dottie Harbst (#2) recovering from a fall.

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

Frank Kolb (#2) recovering from surgery.

Evan Slaughter (#2) continuing to recover at Harry and Janie's.

Matt Snow (#4) cancer. 358 Line Creek Circle, Sharpsburg, GA 30277.

Rich Wagner (#4) recovering from flu and kidney stones.

Continue to remember these members:

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

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.

Inez Clark (Helen Rardin's cousin) cancer.

Hubert Conner (Ellen Davis' father) bladder cancer.

Mary Ellen Crane seizures from chemo.

Dewy Daniels (cousin of Wagner's) lymphoma.

Ellen Dillard (Michael's mom) hospice.

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

Frances Eitson (Diane Snow's aunt) recovering from cancer surgery.

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

Phyllis Fox (friend of the Crauswells) cancer treatments.

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.

Keaton Shanlever (David and Teresa Hare's grandson) broken arm.

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

Ronnie Holmes (Hill's family friend) recovering from surgery.

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.

Addie Jackson (Grover and Ron's mother) 1851 Data Drive, Riverchase Village Apt. #123, Hoover, AL 35244.

Rod Jones (Shae Watkins' father) moved to rehab.

Caroline Maddox (Hendley's neighbor) cancer.

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

Frances Moon (friend of Doris Tucker) cancer.

Bill Pittman (Billy's dad) Brookdale Place:400 University Park Drive, Suite 159, Birmingham, AL 35209.

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.

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

Olen Vickery (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) early Alzheimer's.