

The Riverchase Family

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The Prescribed Way

Everything does not have a prescribed way, but some things do. When God prescribes the way, it is important for us to pay attention.

The ark of the covenant of Israel was a beautiful box. It represented the presence of God. It was possible for the ark to be moved. The Philistines once captured the ark and later returned it to Israel. When they returned it, they did so by placing it on a new cart pulled by oxen.

David wanted to move the ark to Jerusalem. He moved it in the same way the Philistines had, by placing it on a cart pulled by oxen. He moved it with the agreement of all the people and with great joy and celebration to the Lord.

But a man lost his life in the process of moving the ark, simply because he tried to steady the ark to keep it from falling off the cart. David was confused and angry with God for allowing such a thing to happen.

He remained angry until he read the law of God.

With all that was right about the heart of David and the hearts of the people in moving the ark, there was something wrong. And the thing that was wrong mattered. In their zeal for doing something for God they had forgotten to listen to God.

They had zeal without knowledge. They ignored what God had said. David saw it when he read the law again. The priest were to carry the ark. God had prescribed it to be carried that way. God had spoken, but His people were not listening.

God has spoken. He expects us to listen.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Pre-Teen Valentine Banquet**, February 8.
- **Adventure Club Valentine Party**, February 11.
- **Pre-Teen and Adventure Club Supper**, February 11.
- **Molder of Dreams**, March 7

Teen

- **Teen Supper**: February 4; Cost: \$3; Menu: Chili / Grilled Cheese / Strawberry Brownies
- **Widow's Valentine Party**: February 7; Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Winter Retreat**: February 27-March 1; Cost: \$65; Theme: Identity; Guest Speaker: Perry Price.

College

- **Friday, Feb 6**: Devo at the Parkers at 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Feb 7**: Mens' prayer breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, Feb 10**: Guys' prayer night at 8:00 p.m.

Pre-Teen Friendship Banquet



Sunday,
February 8,
After Evening
Service

Invite Your Friends!!!!



IMPACT

Scott Pruitt

Over the past couple of weeks, our eleventh and twelfth graders have traveled to Auburn's and Alabama's campus ministries for devotionals and to reconnect with several of our former Riverchase students now attending these two universities.

Both campus ministries have undergone significant changes over the past couple of years as they have hired new campus ministers. Riverchase received one of the greatest complements as Micah Cobb, Auburn's campus minister, shared with me that the students we are sending their way are pure quality. They arrive on campus grasping the magnitude of ministry and already have a deep love for Jesus. It was such a blessing to hear that complement and to listen to a devo grounded in scripture as he pointed us all to Jesus. I've been thinking all week about the question that we were left with from I Corinthians 14:22-25 – Do others see our worship and say, "Surely God is AMONG them." When you love someone or something, you praise him/her/it. You talk about them because you love them, not like you've memorized the answer.

Last night, we attended the devotional at Central Church of Christ at the University of Alabama. Chris Clarke was the guest speaker and his devo was about decisions. "We are every decision that we have made...or that has been made for us. If we feed ourselves God, then the output will be God." Chris and his wife, Chandra, are former Riverchase members and we were certainly blessed through the message God planted on his heart.

So...how has Jesus impacted us through these campus ministries in practical ways? Sean Marks and Dana Keith joined us for devo last night and Sean shared the following thought with the entire group. He came to Alabama not really knowing Jesus, but there was one who helped to get him plugged into the campus ministry. When he graduated, he was living in Birmingham and came to Riverchase during a very difficult time in his life. The youth group embraced him, took him in, and helped him understand the magnitude of ministry and love of Jesus. A year later, Sean gave his life to Christ. Be **INTENTIONAL** about the **IMPACT** that Jesus has in your life. Love **HIM** as you love others God's way.

You Won't Miss It

David Dorantes

Last week, I was reading a post from one of our college students. The post was about how college students and young people often feel the need to try something because they are afraid of missing out. That type of mentality will sometimes lead into sin. It gives the sense of urgency to do something they have never done before, because they don't want to regret missing out. The Bible says in Psalms 34:9-10, "*Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*"

Paul had all, and abounded, because he was content (Philippians 4:11-18). If we trust in ourselves and think that our own efforts are sufficient, then we are always going to be in want. But if we trust in the Lord and what he has promised, then we will never be in want. We are not missing out if we don't experience everything this world has to offer. We can be content in Christ.

Welcome to the Family

We rejoice with **Andrew Medley**, who was baptized on Sunday evening. Andrew, the son of David and Windy Medley, is a 6th grader.



Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Michael and Jennifer Dillard** in the death of Michael's mother, Ellen Dillard. The viewing will be Saturday, February 7, at 10:00 a.m., followed by the funeral, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Yale, VA. Cards can be sent to the Dillard family: 19361 Gray Road, Yale, VA 23897.

LiveWires! Announcement

LiveWires, the 2015 sign up sheets will be on our bulletin board for a few weeks to give everyone a chance to choose activities they would like to participate in. There will also be a folder with our sheets given out at our meeting listing all the plans by month.

Members Survey

The elders and ministers have put together a survey to see how they can best serve you. Surveys were mailed to your home address, but if you prefer, you may fill out the survey on the church website or pick up a survey in the lobby. The deadline has been extended one week so they are now due February 8.

Room Available

Judy Ingram has a room available, at no cost, for someone who can check in on her, assist her with small tasks around the house and possibly an occasional errand. If you are interested, please call Billy at 213-0335.

Upcoming Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to Wetumpka**, February 6.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, February 7, at 8:00 a.m. in the gym.
- **Bridal Tea for Crystal Creel**, bride-elect of Daniel Paulk, February 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.
- **LiveWires! Trip to the Densler Tea House**, February 12.
- **FTG 2 and 7 Fellowship**, February 15, following evening services in the gym.
- **LiveWires! Game Night**, February 20.
- **LiveWires! Trip to the Museum of Art**, February 26.
- **Molder of Dreams Banquet**, March 7.

For the Record

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Bible Study	454
Early Worship	256
Late Worship	412
Total Sunday Morning	668
Sunday Night	268
Contribution	\$33,623.92
YTD Average	\$35,700.47
Budget	\$32,500.00

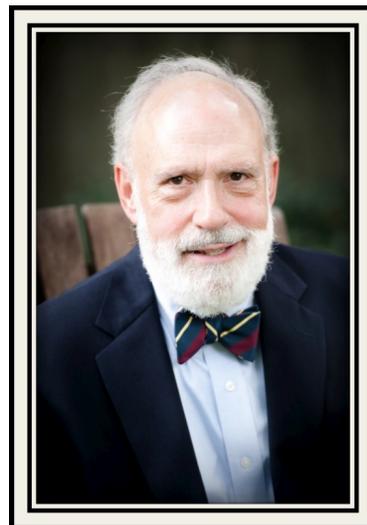
Leadership Training For Christ

INDIVIDUAL Practice - Sunday, February 8

- 2:45 p.m. – All Art and Photography
- 3:45 p.m. – Speech; Scrapbook
- 4:30 p.m. – Spanish; Scrapbook
- 5:15 p.m. – Songleading; Scrapbook

Join us for our upcoming seminar with

F. LAGARD SMITH



Sunday, February 22

He will be speaking at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service, as well as, Bible class, and Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

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This week at Riverchase:

Wednesday, February 4

- Teen Supper

Friday, February 6

- LiveWires! Trip to Wetumpka

Saturday, February 7

- Teens Valentines party for the Widows

Sunday, February 8

- Bridal Tea for Crystal Creel
- Pre-Teen Friendship Banquet

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:

Vonda Cook (#2) recovering at home.

Jan Haefner (#7) knee surgery February 17.

Judy Ingram (#7) heart problems.

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

Martha Mann (#4) health problems.

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

Bob Snider (#2) knee replacement February 24.

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

Michelle Whitaker (#1) medication change.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **Lynda Cardwell** (#1), **Jake Cole** (#5), **Henry Cook** (#2), **Michelle Diciara** (#6), **Elaine Evans** (#4), **John Gibson** (#6), **Don Haefner** (#7), **Diane Hager** (#2), **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), **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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Jan Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill and Wanda) undergoing chemo Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

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

Caroline Maddox (Hendley's neighbor) cancer.

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

Jim Mitchell (friend of Wagner's) chemo and radiation treatments.

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.

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) early Alzheimer's.

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.