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This week at Riverchase:

Thursday, April 16

- LiveWires! Trip to Barber Motorsports at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 18

- Teens, trip to Rainbow Omega.

Saturday, April 18

- Ladies' WOW Day, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 19

- LifeSouth Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LifeSouth Bus.

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Sherry Cardwell** (Lynda Cardwell's mother), **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), **Ruth Hare** (David Hare'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), **Kate Kirk** (Greg Coker's cousin), **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), **Barbara Stetler** (Sandy Sims and Lydia Howe's 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:

Lynn Franks (#2) Brookwood stepdown unit room 483.

Jan Haefner (#7) recovering from knee surgery.

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

Bill Lovell (#1) recovering at home.

Rodney Morris (#7) Shelby Baptist CICU.

Martha Mann (#4) health problems.

Denise Newton (#7) health problems.

Sandy Sims (#4) back surgery April 24 at Brookwood.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **Lynda Cardwell** (#1), **Tom Carter** (#3), **Jake Cole** (#5), **Henry and Vonda Cook** (#2), **Michelle Dichiaro** (#6), **Elain Evans** (#4), **John Gibson** (#6), **Don Haefner** (#7), **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), **Matt Snow** (#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.

Bobby Box (father of Kelly Frady a visitor) at UABP830 for a liver transplant.

Bernard Bradford (Diane Snow's father) under hospice care.

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

Rachel Burrow (friend of Peggy Jackson's) 1064 Lea Dr, Millan, TN 38358.

Becky Carr (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis, transplant needed.

Inez Clark (Helen Rardin's cousin) cancer.

Hubert Conner (Ellen Davis' father) bladder cancer.

Elene Cruce (Cheryl Thomas' Stepmom) recovering from a stroke.

Wynonia Davis (Peggy Jackson's mom) moved back to Columbiana Rehab.

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

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

Marilyn Gentry (Lynda Cardwell's aunt) recovering from surgery.

Walburga Giguere (Karen Owen's mother) health problems.

Pat Griffin (Juanita Pruitt's sister) health issues.

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.

Jan Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill and Wanda) undergoing chemo .

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

Caroline Maddox (Hendley's neighbor) cancer.

Whit McMath (friend of the Rardin family) 4 month old with inoperable brain tumor.

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

Jim Mitchell (friend of David and Ellen Wagner) chemo and radiation.

John Pierce (Rebecca Hill's father) heart problems.

Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.

John Rasmussen (Kim Ledingham's co-worker) has melanoma. Had a PET scan that was clear.

Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.

Eric Ritchie (Pitchford's friend) chemo.

George Robinette (Jeremy's father) lung cancer.

Amy Roebuck (Lindsey Handley's cousin) pancreatic cancer. 682 Shirey Rd, Henagar, AL 35978.

John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) major medical problems.

Billy Shikle (Helen Haskew's brother in law) completing chemo treatments.

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) recovering from brain bleed.

Linda Vines (Brenda Griffith's sister) lung problems.

Darryl Waid (friend of Handleys) health issues. 2524 Comache Drive, Birmingham, Al 35244

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.

The Riverchase Family

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Our Greatest Challenge

I have a quote in my mind, or rather the gist of a quote. I probably should not use it since I am not sure I have the correct author nor am I certain of the exact quote.

My memory recalls it as a question asked of one of the old restoration preachers. (I want to say it was J.W. McGarvey.) It seems he was asked what ability he would like to posses in preaching the gospel of Christ. "The ability to persuade men to repentance," is the quote I remember.

Grover and I had a conversation yesterday. His concern is that many people seem to acknowledge agreement to the lessons they hear from God's word but then go out and make life decisions based on the prominent thinking of the current culture. His concern was what can we do to make ourselves think more seriously and critically about the true place God has in our lives.

I cannot get our conversation off my mind, but neither do I want to.

Is God truly first in my life? Do I seek His will and His rule first and foremost in everything I do?

The question has to be about me first of all. God has not intended to give any of us the power of persuasion over others to the point that we have the power to bring others to repentance. That has to be a personal choice and decision. Oh, we can preach, teach and nag. We can persuade with "many other words," but it still comes down to an individual choice.

Not even Jesus persuaded against an individual's will. He let the rich young ruler walk away.

But I want to go to heaven. Don't you? So what would our lives look like if we really allowed God to have His way with them? What if we really started seriously considering if we were doing what God wanted or are we making everyday decisions based on the prominent thinking of our current culture?

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC /Pre-Teen:** Summer Calendar Sign up, April 19 and 26.

Teen

- **Rainbow Omega:** April 18; THIS SATURDAY; 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)
- **Junior / Senior Retreat:** SIGNUP NOW!!! Date: May 8-10; Doublehead Resort; Cost \$55.00
- **Parents' Meeting:** April 19 (Meeting will begin 15 minutes following evening services)

College

- **Bowling, Vestavia Lanes,** Friday May 1, 8:00 p.m.
- **Volleyball Tournament** Saturday May 2, All Day.
- **Welcome Home Summer Bash,** Sunday May 31.

ADVENTURE CLUB and PRE-TEEN

RIVERCHASE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
EPHESIANS 6



SUMMER Calendar

**Sign Up Sundays
APRIL 19 and 26**



**Parents of Teens Meeting:
THIS SUNDAY NIGHT (following
evening service; Dinner Provided)
WHERE: TEEN ROOM**

DISCUSS:

- *Summer Events
- *Signup to Volunteer
- *Videos of Summer Missions
- *Answer Questions you may have

**VERY IMPORTANT THAT AT
LEAST 1 PARENT
REPRESENTATIVE IS PRESENT
AT THE MEETING**

Christian Training, Not Christian Trying

I have learned the difference between training and trying. I was reading in a magazine about certain stomach workouts, and I thought I would give it a try. I wanted to do all the workouts that this guy does. My stomach was sore for weeks even breathing hard hurt. I thought that doing 10 sit ups here and there would keep me in shape, but no. I needed more than that, especially since I was and still am out of shape.

As I look in the Bible and look at Jesus' ministry, I can see where he was training the twelve disciples. They needed lots of training, just like us. Three years they spent with him and still they were lacking until the Holy Spirit came to dwell in them.

Also, as I look how Jesus treated other people I see that he was also preparing them for training. Jesus told the woman caught in adultery "go and sin no more" (John 8:11). Jesus taught an expert of the law the lesson on being a good neighbor and having mercy by telling him "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). He told the disciples to "go into all the world" (Mark 16:16).

We can get our training from Bible classes, our personal reading of the scriptures, listening to devotional lessons, singing hymns, talking to our leadership and attending worship. I know it can be difficult at first, but training our hearts and minds to serve God will have the best results we can get. We will get to heaven.

-David

Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Andy Purvis (FTG 6)** who placed membership last week. His address is 1910 Seattle Slew Drive, Helena, AL. 35080. Phone: 205-213-5382.

Ladies' WOW Day

Riverchase Ladies' WOW Day is Saturday, April 18. Breakfast and registration are at 8:30 a.m. with festivities from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Opportunity to Serve

Jaya Paul (minister from Ryali, India) and his wife, Shoba, will be visiting with us here at Riverchase beginning Wednesday, April 15 thru Tuesday, April 21. During this time, there will be several opportunities for members to host them during the day and/or for dinner. If you are interested in being their host for a few hours and getting to know them better, please contact Ellen or David Wagner.

Reception for India Ministry

A reception honoring Jaya Paul and his wife, Shoba, from Ryali, India will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the West Foyer. The LTC Teen Chorus will perform. All Children's Home Sponsors and other members interested in the India work are invited to attend.

Welcome to the Office

We would like to welcome our newest member of the Church Office, **Donna Strickland**. Donna has taken over for Sarah who is now at home with baby Norah.

Riverchase Church of Christ

LifeSouth Blood Drive

Sunday: April 19

LifeSouth Bus

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Give Blood
It's About *Life*

For the Record

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Bible Study	455
Early Worship	244
Late Worship	468
Total Sunday Morning	712
Sunday Night	317
Contribution	\$32,774.82
YTD Average	\$34,559.04
Budget	\$32,500.00

*Dear Riverchase church family,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you sent for my mother's memorial. Thank you even more for the love and care you have shown her and my father for the past eighteen years. You have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus to us and we are so grateful*

*In Christian love,
The Dianne Hager Family*

*Dear Riverchase Church family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that you sent. We appreciate all the calls, visits, messages and mostly prayers during this time. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family.*

*Many Blessings and love,
Lisa, Mike Lillie and Family*

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- **LiveWires! Trip to Barber Motor Sports**, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Bridal tea for Shelby Smith**, bride-elect of Colin Sandlin, Sunday, April 19, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Target, Belk, Bed Bath & Beyond and Williams-Sonoma.
- **Jaya Paul**, will be speaking Sunday night, April 19.
- **LiveWires! Game Night**, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Bridal tea for Abby McMillan**, bride-elect of Trevor Fitts, Sunday, April 26, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Target, Macy's and Bed Bath & Beyond.
- **Jerry A. Jenkins 5K Maywood run**, Saturday, May 16 at Maywood Christian Camp - Hamilton, AL.