

# The Riverchase Family

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## Congregational Survey

Dear Brothers & Sisters

Earlier this year, we asked you to consider completing a survey to help us understand what we can do to encourage the spiritual growth of each person in the Riverchase family and to improve our evangelistic outreach to our community.

The questions in the survey were not easy to answer because each of them required personal reflection and self-examination. We want to thank those of you who took the time to consider these questions and complete the survey. The suggestions made were thoughtful, constructive, and reflective of the love that our members have for God and for the Riverchase church.

Eighty-nine individuals completed a survey which represents approximately 11 percent of our members. Although we had hoped that more members would participate, we feel that this number provides a reasonable representation of our church family.

The responses were compiled and categorized in a way that allowed each elder and minister to spend time individually reviewing the results. Over the next few weeks the elders and ministers will collectively review the results to determine how to best address these items, with a goal of encouraging the spiritual growth of our family here at Riverchase.

We continue to ask for your prayers and for your patience as we work through this process.

In Him,  
Your elders & ministers

## Upcoming Events:

### Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC /PT Summer Calendar Sign up** - Ending soon
- **Pre-Teen Devo** - Sunday night, May 3.
- **AC / PT Supper** - Wednesday, May 13.  
Cooks: Robinetts / Medleys  
Phifers / Watts
- **Sixth Grade Farewell**, Sunday night, May 17.

### Teen

- **Junior / Senior Retreat:** May 8-10; Doublehead Resort; Cost \$55.00
- **Senior Banquet:** May 16; Parents of upcoming graduates - Please RSVP to the church office by May 9; **Pictures due April 29.**
- **Summer Events Signups for Teen Missions & Events begin Wednesday, April 29**

### 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.

## Pre-Teen Devotional

Sunday Night

May 3

Bring your Friends!!!

It's FREE!!! It's FUN!!!

Last Devotional for our  
Sixth Graders

## 6TH GRADE FAREWELL BANQUET SUNDAY NIGHT, MAY 17



**ALL PRE-TEENS ARE INVITED!!!**

## Presence Scott Pruitt

My wife shared the sweetest story with me a few weeks ago that I want to share with you. To set the stage, Whitney has the same class this year as she had last year. It is called "looping." They have become a tight knit family, and she loves them as much as they love her. She informed her class of twenty second graders that they would have a substitute teacher on Thursday and Friday before Spring Break. They ALL had questions about where she was going and why she wouldn't be there, but one of her shy girls said, "well...then I'm not coming to school if you aren't going to be there." (You have to realize that the majority of her class is Hispanic and is the sweetest class ever with the most precious little Spanish accents so as you read this, try speaking in a Spanish accent.) Her class is never thrilled when "Mrs. Pruitt" has to be gone. Whitney also informed the school nurse that she was going to be out a couple of days so get ready. The school nurse has a steady flow of Mrs. Pruitt's children when a substitute is called in. Why, you might ask? They come in with ailments such as "my head just doesn't feel right", "my heart is aching," "my brain just won't work today," "my tummy hurts because I just miss Mrs. Pruitt...when is she coming back?"

They are all Big Huggers, and if you give one hug, you have to give them all a hug. One little boy has been giving her a hug at the end of every day for nearly two years. After she told them that she would be gone for two days, he not only gave her a hug, but he held her face and said, "I will REALLY miss you, Mrs. Proooooitt, come back safely to be with us." Did you hear what he was saying? "To be with us."

That is one class that has taught me volumes of the importance of **PRESENCE** from the one who deeply loves us, guides us, teaches us, and loves us through this journey of life. Read the bond between Moses and God in Exodus 33:11-17 and see if you experience many similarities in Mrs. Pruitt's class and her students. They don't want to go anywhere without the presence of their teacher.

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, *"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."*

## I'll see you soon

When I think about the phrase, "I'll see you soon", it makes me think that I hope to see that person again. It is a sad phrase when you have to let go of someone you love and care about. But you know there is a possibility that your paths will meet again.

When Jesus died the apostles thought that he was dead and was not coming back. Some disciples had gone home and others went back to their old jobs. They had forgotten what Jesus told them, that he was coming back in three days.

When the apostles saw Jesus ascending into heaven they were astounded. They had to see Jesus go again except this time there was an angel letting them know that he would return.

John says something similar in the book of Revelation. Three times Jesus says, "I'm coming soon". I believe that Jesus' words are meant to encourage us. He wants to let us know that we are only living here for a short while, and that he is coming soon to take us home. Now I'm out of the country, but I will see you soon.

- David

## Update Your Directory

**Norma Thomas** has a new address: 163 Hayesbury Ct, Pelham, AL 35124.

## Senior Graduation Banquet

The Senior Banquet will be Saturday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Seniors and their parents are our honored guest, all others are \$12.50 each. Please RSVP to the church office by May 9.

## Help needed for a Bridal Tea

Anyone interested in helping with a Bridal Tea for Beverly Jernigan on June 21, please contact Pam Wampol.

## Costumes for Drama Room

Additional costumes are needed for our drama room. If you have any items that can be used for this please place them in the marked boxes in the foyers. Examples include: pieces of fabric (2 yards or larger), curtains, curtain tie backs, fabric for hair pieces, old robes, etc.

## Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort

Thanks to your generosity Riverchase donated \$10,000 to the relief efforts in the recent Illinois tornados.

## Military Prayer List

We are in the process of updating our military prayer list if you know of anyone who needs to be added or taken off of the list please contact the church office.

## Church Wide Volleyball Tournament

A church wide volleyball tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Food and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Tony Brimingham, Bryan Parker, Steve Howe or Chris Stewart.



## 23rd Annual Birmingham Fundraiser

Featuring Guest Speaker

## *Coach Gene Stallings*

*Moderated by*

**Jeff Speegle**

ABC33/40 Sports Anchor  
May 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

at the

Hyatt Wynfrey Hotel  
Riverchase Galleria

## For the Record

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Bible Study	439
Early Worship	268
Late Worship	401
Total Sunday Morning	669
Sunday Night	325
Contribution	\$30,328.87
YTD Average	\$34,169.01
Budget	\$32,500.00

*Dear Riverchase church family,*

*Thank you so much for the visits, cards and delicious meals that were provided for me and the Snider family during my two hospital stays.*

*It is wonderful to be a part of a loving church family.*

*Thank you so very much,  
Linda Yerby  
and Cindy Snider*

**VBS**  
**JUNE 14-17**

## Upcoming Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to Tuscumbia**, leave Thursday, April 30, at 9:15 a.m. and will return Saturday, May 2.
- **Pre-Teen Devo**: Sunday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Teen Supper**: Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- **LiveWires! Game Night**, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the reception room. Bring your favorite finger food.
- **AC/PT Supper**: Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Jerry A. Jenkins 5K Maywood run**, Saturday, May 16 at Maywood Christian Camp - Hamilton, AL.
- **Senior Banquet**: May 16; Parents of upcoming graduates - Please RSVP to the church office by May 9; **Pictures due April 29.**
- **Baby Shower for Jennifer Driskell**, Sunday, May 17, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. She is registered at buybuy Baby, Babies R US and Target.

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**This week at Riverchase:**

**Thursday, April 30 - May 2**

- LiveWires! Trip to Florence and Tusculumbia.

**Saturday, May 2**

- Men's Prayer Breakfast in the reception room at 8:30 a.m.
- Church wide volleyball tournament in the Family Life Center at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 3**

- Pre-Teen Devo in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m.

**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) recovering at home.

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

**David Hare** (#3) issues with blood clots.

**Bill Lovell** (#1) Aspire Rehab room 404A.

**Rodney Morris** (#7) recovering at Lakeshore Rehab. No visitors requested.

**Sandy Sims** (#4) recovering at home from surgery.

**Continue to remember these members:**

**Shirley Bailey** (#3), **Lynda Cardwell** (#1), **Jake Cole** (#5), **Henry & Vonda Cook** (#2), **Michelle Diciara** (#6), **Elaine Evans** (#4), **John Gibson** (#6), **Don & Jan 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:**

**Melissa Allen** ( friend of the Medley's) in the hospital after collapsing at work.

**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) 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.

**Jim Hendley** (Hendley's son) having test run on an unknown virus.

**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) 5 month old experiencing side effects from chemo.

**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.

**Teresa Richards** ( friend of the Hills) breast cancer.

**Eric Ritchie** (Pitchford's friend) chemo.

**George Robinette** (Jeremy's father) lung cancer.

**Amy Roebuck** (Lindsay 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 .

**Jan Smith** (Scott Smith's mom) recovering from surgery.

**Donna Somerville** (friend of the Ball's) acute aggressive leukemia.

**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.

**Don Watson** (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.

**Burt Wheeler** (Debra Jones' father) possible Alzheimer's.

**Linda Woodard** (friend of Peggy Jackson's) inoperable tumor.