

The Riverchase Family

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Words of The Faithful

At the request of Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, Ahab, King of Israel, reluctantly sent one of his officials to get the prophet of God named Micaiah.

As the official was bringing Micaiah, he pleaded with him to speak what was in agreement with the other "prophets" and deliver a favorable message to the king.

Micaiah responded, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak." (1Ki 22:14)

Those are the words of the faithful messenger of God.

Make one change, "What the Lord says, that I will do", and you have the life of the faithful person.

"So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."(Rom 10:17)

Do you see how all of this fits together?

We listen to God's word.

We believe it.

We speak what God's word actually says.

We do what God ask us to do in the way He has asked us to do it.

This is faith.

This is the life of the faithful.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC /PT Summer Calendar Sign up** - Check Facebook
- **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; Departure: Friday 4:00 p.m.; Return: Sunday: 1:30 p.m.
- **Senior Banquet:** May 16; Parents of upcoming graduates - Please RSVP to the church office by May 9.
- **Mission Trips and Summer Events Signups (Wednesday)**

College

- **Welcome Home Summer Bash**, Sunday May 31.
- **Rainbow Omega:** Sunday, June 28.

Farewell to our Sixth Grade Class

AS THEY MOVE UP TO THE TEEN GROUP



SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 17
FOLLOWING EVENING WORSHIP
RECEPTION ROOM

PRE-TEENS AND OUR SIXTH GRADE
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

PT / AC Supper
Wednesday, May 13
6:00 p.m.
\$3 adults / \$2 Children

Stars Over Yosemite

Scott Pruitt

Recently, we took a family trip to Giant Sequoia/ Kings Canyon National Park and Yosemite National Park. We saw some breathtaking scenery and made some lasting memories. We also experienced some of those wonderful "teachable moments."

One of those occurred when we attended a night time program called "Stars Over Yosemite." A park ranger escorted our group of around 30 people into the middle of nowhere. There were no lights, and it was totally quiet. The sky was luminous and shone with more stars than you could count. The ranger started his talk by saying, "I'm going to start out by making you feel very small." He then proceeded to share illustration after illustration of how small the earth really is in comparison to other objects in the solar system, how small our galaxy is in the scheme of deep space, etc....It was mind-boggling. He had a really cool laser pointer that seemed to touch the actual stars like a light saber when he pointed it at the constellations (this scored major points with Jackson and Tyler).

Later, on the drive back to our hotel, we talked about what we had heard. The boys keyed in on how cool the laser pointer was but were also able to tell us about some of the constellations they had learned. Whitney's thoughts took a different turn. She asked, "What did you guys think when he said, 'I'm about to make you feel really small?'" They were kind of quiet, so she continued, "It made me think about that verse in *Psalm 19:1*, about how the *Heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies proclaim the work of his hands*. I thought to myself, "I don't feel small at all, because I'm in a relationship with the One who made all of this amazing sky. God made the entire universe and still cares about little old me. I didn't feel small at all. It made me feel extremely important."

David must have been wrestling with these same thoughts as he wrote in *Psalm 8:3-4*:

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"

He made it all. He knows everything about us....yet loves us still.

God Is Good Too

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him." Lamentations 3:22-25

As we begin a new week, there are many things that we are planning to do. There are things that we look forward to accomplishing. I hope that we can look forward to these two things; wait for him and seek him. What does that mean?

Waiting has the concept of assurance. On our recent trip to Mexico we had to wait 4 hours to catch our next flight from Houston to Merida, my hometown. When I think about it four hours is a long time! Neisha and I planned how we were going to do that with a two year old. We went on the tram, we ate, we went shopping and then we went to the gate to wait to board our plane to take us away. In no time we realized we were already boarding and ready to fly.

I can identify with that example of the life I am supposed to live on this earth. This earth is just like an airport, we are just passing through until we can reach the other phase of our life when we get to go home. We can choose to enjoy our time here on this earth while we wait for what the Lord has promised, or we can choose to just sit in a chair and wait the long hours until that time comes. I tell you some grouchy people just sit and wait, and they are just not fun to travel with.

Continued on the church website....

-David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **James and Shirley Bailey** in the death of James aunt, Betty Bailey. Her funeral service was last week.

Prayers Requested

Angela Sexton came forward and requested prayers of encouragement as she continues to deal with struggles in her life.

Congratulations

Wendell and Pam Pate proudly announces the birth of a grandson, Brooks Samuel Pate. He is 8 pounds and 20.5 inches. Proud parents are Nick and Brittany.

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.

6th Grade Farewell Banquet

The 6th Grade Farewell Banquet will be Sunday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the reception room. All pre-teens are invited. If any 5th grade parents would like to help please contact Tony Brimingham.

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.

Special Request

Please keep the back rows of the auditorium available for families with members in wheelchairs.



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, May 3, 2015

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| Bible Study | 419 |
| Early Worship | 242 |
| Late Worship | 437 |
| Total Sunday Morning | 679 |
| Sunday Night | 377 |
| Contribution | \$41,256.14 |
| YTD Average | \$34,532.74 |
| Budget | \$32,500.00 |

Dear Riverchase church,

My name is Blair Boothe and my 18 month old son's name is Connor. On Friday, April 24, we were in the Shelby Baptist ER due to Connor falling down at daycare. A cat scan was ordered and they had to sedate him. He was terrified and a nurse gave him a bear made by someone at your church. The bear calmed him down and now he carries the bear everywhere he goes. Thank you so much for your kindness.

The Boothe Family



Upcoming Events

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- **LiveWires! Game Night,** Friday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the reception room. Bring your favorite finger food.
- **Junior / Senior Retreat:** May 8-10; Doublehead Resort.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.
- **LiveWires! Day at the lake,** May 16, the Hares' will host a day at Smith Lake.
- **Jerry A. Jenkins 5K Maywood run,** Saturday, May 16 at Maywood Christian Camp - Hamilton, AL.
- **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. It's a boy.
- **Bridal Tea for Mallory Porterfield,** Sunday, May 31, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. She is registered at Belk, Williams-Sonoma, Fun Stuff, Monograms Plus and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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This week at Riverchase:

Wednesday, May 6

- Teen Supper in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 8

- *LiveWires!* Game night in the reception room at 6:30 p.m.
Bring your favorite finger food.

Friday - Sunday, May 8-10

- Junior / Senior Retreat at Doublehead Resort

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 Mandie** (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 home.

Ollie Scott (#6) health issues.

Sandy Sims (#4) able to be at service on Sunday.

Fabray Turner (#7) recovering at home from surgery.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **Lynda Cardwell** (#1), **Jake Cole** (#5), **Henry & Vonda Cook** (#2), **Michelle Dichiara** (#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:

Christopher Bath (nephew of KathyTurrentine) MRSA infection in his foot.

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 .

Vivian Ledingham (mother of Phillip Ledingham) poor pulse in legs. Pray no surgery is needed.

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 baby experiencing side effects from chemo.

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

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

Cecil Parker (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) in CCU at the VA.

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.

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 Handley's) 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.