

The Riverchase Family

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Thanksgiving

Think - remember - consider

Happiness and thankfulness are choices

America

Neighbors

Kinfolks

Salvation

God

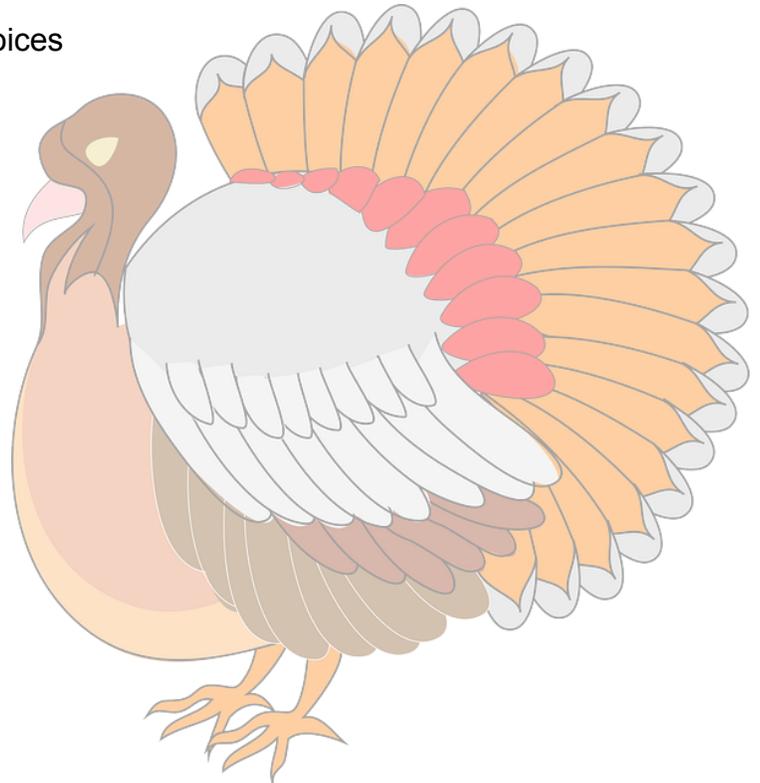
Important

Valuable

Intimate - inward - irreplaceable

Nazarene

Gratitude



Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Breakfast with Santa:** Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m.



Teen

- **Teen Supper/Christmas Compassion Project:** December 2, (shopping for 10 children from Agape)
- **Breakfast / Clothing for the Homeless:** Saturday, December 5; Distribute Backpacks to Homeless in downtown Birmingham

College

- **Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 27. More info to come.





Relentless Scott Pruitt

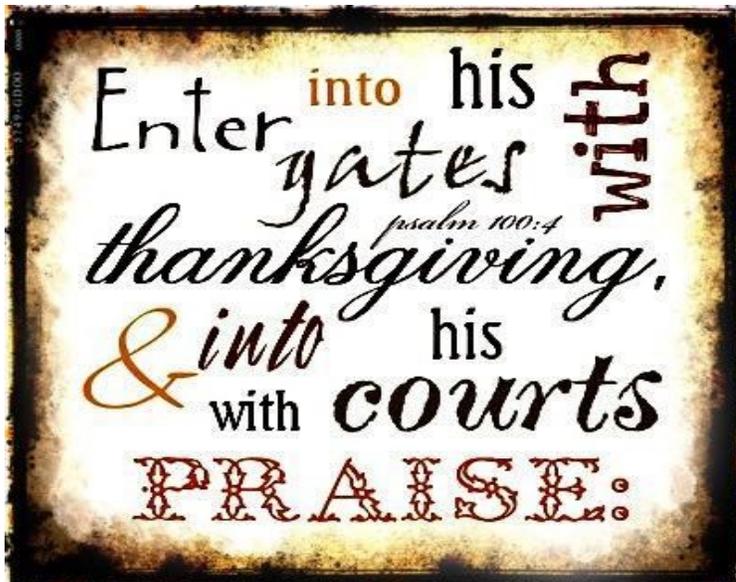
This past week, our family was at the beach, and for some reason, we had the entire beach to ourselves. Maybe it was because a cold front moved to Destin, Florida, and the sand was as cold as ice. It didn't stop the Pruitts from enjoying our family and the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. The frigid temperatures also didn't stop the gazillion seagulls from visiting our family. Whitney is NOT a fan of birds. She draped a towel over her head to hopefully deter them. It didn't work. Jackson attempted to draw them far away from our family by holding a cheez-it above his head and running like a wild man far, far away. It worked...for a while, other than the fact that they nearly took his head off in the process. The only problem was that the second Jackson began his journey back to his family, they followed. I chose that moment to gobble down my sandwich and chips. I hid under a towel, because the seagulls strategically left a few scavengers to devour any crumbs that we dropped. I felt their presence behind me but wasn't that concerned until I was TRYING to eat a bbq chip. As I lifted the chip to my mouth, a seagull swooped down and snatched it from my grip, nearly taking three of my fingers off in the process. The Seagulls were winning. Their relentless pursuit of what they wanted was proving to be very successful. They also use pigeons as their decoy. Pigeons are pretty birds and quite brave. Pigeons hunt for food as close to your toes as they can get. They have some sign or code for each other and the second they stare back at the seagulls, they all attack at one time, while one hangs out at a safe distance bellowing this horrific screech. That was scary.

This is what I learned of their relentless attack. IF you just sit there, they will win their pursuit. IF you just sit there, they will take everything of importance to them and leave you with nothing. IF you give up and leave, they stare you down throughout your walk of shame and their squawking could also be interpreted as "laughing" at you for giving up so easily.

This is what I learned about how to survive their relentless attack. IF you get up and move intentionally towards them, they scatter. IF you swirl in circles while simultaneously hollering, "LEAVE US ALONE," they think you are crazy and they fly away, but if you sit back down quickly...they come back quickly. IF you and your family communicate to each other what you will do and actually follow through, the birds leave.

Make no mistake. Satan is not much different than those relentless seagulls. If we sit back and do nothing, the end result is not pretty at all.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. (1Pe 5:8-9 NIV)



Thank God

2 Timothy 1:7

But God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control. (ESV)

When we count our blessings, when we realize how much we have and how blessed we are. We can't help, but to be thankful. As a husband, I am thankful when my wife does something for me. As a father, I am thankful when my kids do something for me. It's in those moments that I realize how blessed I am. This year I want to do better than that. I want to be thankful for the blessings God has given me and the blessings that I can't see. The type of blessings that God gives me but that I can only see through faith. God gave us the Holy Spirit when we were baptized. God gave us the unafraid Spirit; a Spirit that has the power of God. The power to love, the power to exercise self control. God has given us a part of himself. For that we should be thankful as well.

-David

Calling Post Information

We are in the process of updating our Calling Post System. In your mailboxes are information sheets that will tell us how you would like to receive church wide information. Please complete and return to the office or the designated boxes in the Front Foyer or the West Wing. Thank you.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed November 26-27, for Thanksgiving. Please contact us at home or on our cell phones if you need anything.

LiveWires!

The *LiveWires!* Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 13, 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please bring a covered dish. There is a sign up sheet on the *LiveWires!* Board.

LTC

The forms for LTC are due Sunday, November 29. Please return your completed forms to Erick Boggs.

College Exam Care Packages

David will be delivering care packages to our college students during finals week. If you would like to donate items for the care packages please turn your items in by Wednesday, December 2.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR THE SHUT-INS

On Tuesday, December 1, and Monday, December 7, we will be singing Christmas Carols to the shut-ins. There is a sign up sheet in the West Wing Foyer Bulletin Board. Buses will leave at 5:30 p.m.



For the Record

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Bible Study	426
Early Worship	254
Late Worship	379
Total Sunday Morning	633
Sunday Night	297
Contribution	\$27,145.65
YTD Average	\$32,722.68
Budget	\$32,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

I want to thank every one for the prayers, calls, and cards during my surgery and stay in the hospital. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this family.

*In Christian Love,
Keller Campbell*

Livewires! Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13th
following late service in the gym.
Bring a covered dish lunch.



Upcoming Events

- **Change in Midweek Service:** Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.
- **Caroling for the shut-ins:** Tuesday, December 1, leave the church building at 5:30 p.m.
- **Teen Supper / Compassion Project:** Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 p.m. Cost \$3.00.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Bellingrath Gardens:** Thursday- Friday, December 3-4.
- **Teens Breakfast for the Homeless:** Saturday, December 5, 6:30 a.m.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. in the reception room.
- **FTG 4 Potluck Lunch,** Sunday, December 13 following late service in the reception room.
- **LiveWires! Christmas Lunch,** Sunday, December 13, following late service in the gym.

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This week at Riverchase:

Tuesday, November 24

- Mid-Week Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

November 26-27

- Office Closed

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), **Ruth Hare** (David Hare's mother), **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), **Barbara Stetler** (Sandy Sims and Lydia Howe's mother), **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor).

Please continue to remember our military in prayer :

Thomas Balentine (Rejetta Balentine's son)

Michael Epperson (Kevin and Amber Henderson's brother -in-law)

Jim Hendley (Jim and Peggy's son)

Dewayne Hester (Bill and Jan's son)

Alan Smith (Bates' grandson)

Brad Walker (Tommy's son)

Kirk Walker (Tommy's son)

Riverchase Family:

David Driskell Jr. (#3) recovering at home after leg surgery.
Elaine Evans (#4) recovering at home after knee replacement surgery.
Don Haefner (#7) heart procedures in the upcoming weeks.
Alan Jackson (#4) recovering at home from surgery.
Denise Newton (#7) recovering from car accident.
Anne Robinett (#2) on bed rest.
Norma Thomas (#4) in Meadowbrook Extended Care / Rehab Center.

Continue to remember these members:

Mary Babin (#3), Shirley Bailey (#3), John Bearden (#2), Lynda Cardwell (#1), Becky Carter (#3), Jake Cole (#5), Henry & Vonda Cook (#2), Michelle Diciara (#6), Elaine Evans (#4), John Gibson (#6), Don & Jan Haefner (#7), Charles Herring (#3), Alan Jackson (#4), Grover Jackson (#6), Bill Johnson (#5), Ray Johnston (#3) Debra Jones (#2), Bill Lovell (#1), Dean Lyon (#6), Norma Nabors (#5), Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2), Peggy Rogers (#4), Ollie Scott (#6), Matt Snow (#4), Norma Thomas (#4), Jo Wamack (#2), Michelle Whitaker (#1), Shirley Wilson (#5), Sarah Wolford (#6), Linda Yerby (#4).

Add to your prayer list our friends and relatives:

Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
Kellie Aycock (the Aycock's daughter - in - law) signet cell carcinoma.
Vickie Bennett (Barbara Parker's sister) recovering from a car wreck.
Bernard Bradford (Diane Snow's father) under hospice care.
Joseph (Buddy) Bradford (Emma Aycock's cousin) lung cancer.
Fred Brown (Ellen Wagner's brother) under hospice care.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Becky Carr (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis, transplant needed.
Nell Chandler (Lori Pruitt's mother) possible stroke.
Hubert Conner (Ellen Davis' father) bladder cancer.
Camden Creamer (Terry Pruitt's great nephew) rare blood condition.
Larry Daniels (Rodney & Becky Johnson's brother in law) chemo and radiation for cancer.
Lee Dawkins (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.
Marie Echols (Judy Ingram's sister) heart problems.
Robert Garner (Paula Davis niece, Rebecca Garrick, father) terminal lung cancer.
Peyton Hardy (The King's niece) leukemia.
Kim Horne (Kim Ledingham's coworker) lung cancer.
Robert Howe (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.
Tony Howell (Barbara Parker's brother) recovering from a broken back.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
Martha Knight (Kathy Handley's friend) heart surgery.
Michael Lacey (Kim Ledingham's cousin) hodgkins lymphoma.
Alice Lucas (friend of the Gaines) brain tumor.
Remington May (Bill & Twyla Jones's grandson) in hospital for GI procedure.
Quin Merryman (toddler from Hoover Church of Christ) brain tumor.
Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.
Penny Nava (David & Teresa Hare's daughter) surgery. 426 Harding St., Danville, KY. 40422. Cards requested.
Loranine Naylor (Cindy Thompson's cousin) recovering from a stroke.
Jay Odom (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law) recovering from a stroke.
John Pierce (Rebecca Hill's father) heart problems.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.
Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.
Eric Ritchie (Pitchford's friend) chemo.
Marie Seals (friend of the Snow's) thyroid cancer.
John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) multiple heath problems.
Billy Shikle (Helen Haskew's brother in law) chemo.
Claudia Sibert (John Sibert's mother) breast cancer.
Mariella Sirmon (Sirmon's granddaughter) running tests for severe reflux.
Pam Snider (Bob & Jane Snider's niece) under hospice care.
Donna Somerville (friend of the Ball's) acute leukemia.
Bob Terrell (Clanton Church of Christ minister) recovering at home from a stroke.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Olen Vickery (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) memory impairments.
Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
Don Watson (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.
Burt Wheeler (Debra Jones' father) possible Alzheimer's.
Craig Windle (Elaine Evans brother - in - law) spot on kidney.
Bill Wright (friend of the Vaughn's) in rehab hospital with pneumonia and a fractured bone.