The Riverchase Family

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It's a joy to serve you in the office each day.
Thank you for a wonderful year.
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and the riches of God's blessings in the New Year.

Tony, Jana, Lauren and Megan Brimingham
Mike, Diania, Tyler, Kathryn and Claire Clemmons
David, Neisha, Ileah, Ethan and Layla Dorantes
Keith, Donna, Keely and Erica Strickland
Scott, Whitney, Jackson and Tyler Pruitt
Dewayne and Jane Spivey

Finish the Job!

Tony Brimingham

If you are around me much at all, you know I like to tinker (tear up is probably more accurate) with my vehicles. Last week I had another opportunity. The temperature gauge on "The Beast" began to go haywire indicating the engine was running hot. "The Beast" is what my girls call my 200,000 mile,1999 Chevy Tahoe. The girls will barely ride in it and Jana will hardly drive it. They say it is "stinky". I think it just has character.

I knew the culprit had to be a stuck thermostat. I knew this was something I could do myself. I bought the part. I got my wrenches ready. I raised the hood. I went to work loosening bolts and ripping out parts. I found the part that looked just like the new one still in the packaging on my hood. Feeling extremely proud of myself, I put the new part in place. I started putting bolts and screws back together. I put coolant into the radiator system and started the engine.

To my surprise, coolant started running all over the ground. My ego was shattered. I did what any self respecting shade tree mechanic would do. I called Kelly Shebs, my bona fide mechanic. Within minutes he found the problem. I forgot to reconnect the radiator hose. The easiest part of the entire procedure. Boy, did I feel dumb!!!

I forgot to finish the job. Finishing the job is important in any aspect of life. I tell my daughter who is taking finals this week to finish the job. I want her to study all the way to the end. I tell our college students when I visit them on campus to finish strong. I tell my Pre-Teens on the mission trip to finish what you start.

Our God expects the same from His children. We were put on this earth for a reason. We are here to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them. Let us not forget to finish the job. Let us not grow weary in our good works. Let us not give up and give out before the final screws have been tightened. Finish the job!

Rejoice

Romans 12:15 (NIV) Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

This is a great season. A season to be happy. We give and receive presents. We get to be around family and enjoy many other traditions. As much as we need to take the time to appreciate the good times, I think it is fitting that we remember those whose lives will be different this year. For so many people, their lives have changed. Take the time to remember those who are suffering and struggling. Be happy with those that are happy. Be happy and merry with your family and friends, but don't forget to say a prayer for those that may need one in this season. Send them a card. Call or give them a hug to let them know that we are thinking about them. I hope this new year brings lots of prosperity and happiness to you and your family. I pray that in the upcoming year we grow closer to God and that we grow closer to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As we wait for that glorious day, may we grow closer together as well.

- David

Congratulations.

Ron and Peggy Jackson proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Andrew James Maddux. He was born Tuesday, December 8, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 19 inches long. Proud parents are Jim and Anna Maddux and proud great-grandmother **Addie Jackson.**

Congratulations to **Hannah Carroll** who graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications. Hannah is the daughter of Jeff and Cindy Carroll.

Congratulations to **Carol Creel Mastroianni** who graduated from UAB receiving her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She is working as a PT at Therapy South in Liberty Park.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 24 through January 3. If you need anything, please contact us on our cell phones.

Holiday Services

Wednesday, December 23 & 30, all classes will meet in the auditorium for a special service. Nursery will be provided.

Riverchase Singing

Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Riverchase Singing on January 22, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For the Record

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Bible Study	426
Early Worship	271
Late Worship	457
Total Sunday Morning	728
Sunday Night	301
Contribution	$34,231.28
YTD Average	$33,296.66
Budget	$32,500.00

Dear Church family,

Words cannot fully express our gratitude for your prayers, cards, hugs, calls, and flowers following the death of our dad/granddaddy. We also extend a special thank you to those that made the drive for the visitation or the funeral. This was so unexpected but much comfort comes from knowing that after living a full life here on earth, he is now with our Father in heaven. We are blessed to be a part of a church family that is so supportive in times like these. Thanks again for your support and please continue to pray for our family, especially my mom.

In Christian love,
Alisa, Adam, Jake, Carol,
Crystal and Daniel

Dear Riverchase Family,

The family of Rex Jones acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Your act of kindness meant so much to Alisa, Adam, Carol, Jake, Crystal and Daniel.

In Christian Love,
The Jones Family

Upcoming Events

- **College Movie Night:** Saturday, December 19.
- **FTG #2 & #7 Potluck Dinner:** Sunday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **College Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teens New Year's Eve Party:** Thursday, December 31, 8:00 p.m. at the Milliron's.
- **Trish Wampol & Andrew Wilkerson's Wedding:** Saturday, January 2, 3:30 p.m.

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This week at Riverchase:

Saturday, December 19
- College Movie Night at Patton Creek

Sunday, December 20
- FTG # 2 & #7 Fellowship, 7:00 p.m. in the gym

Sunday, December 27
- College Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Thursday, December 31
- Teen's New Year's Eve Party, 8:00 p.m. at the Milliron's.

Saturday, January 2
- Trish Wampol & Andrew Wilkerson's wedding, 3:30 p.m.

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 pray for our active duty deployed military:
No one at this time.

Riverchase Family:
Jeff Carroll (#4) starting a clinical trial at UAB for cancer.
Michael Newton (#7) recovering from surgery to repair a torn cartilage.
Barbara Parker (#7) cervical pain epidural Wednesday, December 16.
Candy Parker (#7) walking pneumonia.
Mary Smith (#1) bronchitis.
Matha Waddell (#5) pneumonia.
Anquinese Walker (#2) recovering from surgery.
Kim White (#5) knee surgery Wednesday, December 30, at Brookwood.
Liz Winter (#2) colon surgery on Wednesday, December 16.

Continue to remember these members:
Shirley Bailey (#3), John Bearden (#2), Lynda Cardwell (#1), Becky Carter (#3), Jake Cole (#5), Henry & Vonda Cook (#2), Michelle Dichiara (#6), David Driskell Jr. (#3), Elaine Evans (#4), John Gibson (#6), Don & Jan Haefner (#7), Charles Herring (#3), Judy Ingram (#7), Alan Jackson (#4), Grover Jackson (#6), Bill Johnson (#5), Ray Johnston (#3) Debra Jones (#2), Bill Lovell (#1),Norma Nabors (#5), Barbara Parker (#7), Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2), Peggy Rogers (#4), Ollie Scott (#6), Matt Snow (#4), Norma Thomas (#4), Matha Waddell (#5), 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.
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's, 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.
Quin Merryman (toddler from Hoover Church of Christ) brain tumor.
Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.
Maxine Mount (Darrell's mother) in hospital in Illinois for test.
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.
Howard Rogers (Diania Clemmons' father) heart related issues.
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.
Kay Smith (Nicole Epperson's mother) shoulder replacement surgery.
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.
Pat Thomas (friend of Jake Cole) cancer.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Olen Vickery (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) Alzheimer's.
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 (Georgia Vaughn's father) in rehab hospital with pneumonia and a fractured bone.