

The Riverchase Family

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Knowledge Beyond Comprehension

Joy and suffering are very personal things.

Rejoicing with those that rejoice and weeping with those that weep is generally done with those with whom we are close. It is most definitely limited to those situations we know about.

When our joy and our suffering is ours and it is great, we want the world to stop and it is a bit of a shock to us when it doesn't. "Don't they know?" "How can the world go on when so much of it has stopped for us?"

But even the best and kindest of us cannot rejoice and weep with everyone, simply because we do not know about their situation in life. Such knowledge is beyond our ability.

But not so with God.

Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father. Jesus tells us that.

David focused on this knowledge of God and wrote the 139th Psalm about it.

He pondered the impossibility of going to a place where he could be out of the presence of God. Even his own thoughts were known by God before David even thought them.

He said such knowledge was too wonderful and too high for him. It was beyond his comprehension.

But what David realized about God was not just true for David. It is true for everyone. Such is the nature of the Bible. It is God's book written to individuals which applies to every human being in the world.

Such knowledge and wisdom is beyond comprehension.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Adventure Club Valentine Party:** Wednesday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Pre-Teen Valentine Friendship Banquet:** Sunday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.

Teen

- **Lunch for Homeless/ Broom Hockey:** January 30; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. NO COST
- **Devo: Auburn Christian Student Center:** January 26; Departure: 4 p.m. 11th—12th Grades
- **Valentine's Party for Widows:** February 6
- **Winter Retreat:** February 12-14

College

- No events this week.

WORLD OF DREAMS

★ Teacher Appreciation Banquet ★

CHILDREN AGES K-5 THROUGH 4TH GRADE START ROUNDING UP YOUR TEACHERS AND BRING THEM TO THE OK CORRAL. INVITATIONS ARE IN YOUR BOX. EXTRA INVITATIONS WILL BE ON THE PRE-TEEN BOARD NEXT TO THE SECOND FLOOR ELEVATOR AND ON THE WEST WING FOYER BOARD. GO AHEAD AND GET THOSE PICTURES INTO THE OFFICE. WE NEED AT LEAST 10 SILLY AND SERIOUS PICTURES.

SATURDAY

March 5th, 2016

6:00 PM



ALL PARTNERS WEAR YOUR BOOTS AND CHAPS AND COWBOY HATS, SPURS, AND LATIGO. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR HORSE AT THE WATERING HOLE LOCATED NEXT TO THE BRANDING IRON.

Winter Retreat:

February 12-14

Cost: \$65

Location: CHILDREN'S HARBOR

Theme: RHYTHMS OF THE SOUL (ANCHORING TO JESUS THROUGH EVERY SEASON)

Winter: SEASON OF REST

Spring: SEASON OF RENEWAL

SUMMER: SEASON OF REFINEMENT

FALL: SEASON OF REFLECTION

(ECCLESIASTES 3:1-14)

Deadline: Wednesday, January 27

Valentine's Party for the Widows:

When? February 6

Time? 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hosts: Riverchase Church of Christ
Teens

What do I wear? Something Casual
and Red

What am I going to do? Play games,
eat some fun hors d'oeuvres, and get
some Valentine's Hugs

Is Christianity like Insurance?

Hebrews 6:11,12 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Why do we buy insurance? I have home, car, health, pet and even life insurance. I bought some of those policies, because I can't afford to fix everything in case something major happens. I bought my home and car insurance just in case something happens. If this is how I think of Christianity, then I need to change that mentality. We can't be Christians just in case there is a God or just in case there is a hell. Christianity is not about, "just in case something happens so I am protected by the policy". God meant for us to be active in the Church. He meant for us to take charge and help those who need encouragement. God wants us to work in his church serving one another. Let's imitate the faith of those who obtained what God promised them, because they did what God asked of them.

-David

LiveWires!

LiveWires! Will have a game night on Friday, January 29, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room. Bring finger foods, drinks, games and friends.

LiveWires! "Lunch with Tea" is Friday, February, 26. Please sign up this week if you are interested in going to the Southern Magnolia in Montevallo. The sign up sheet is on the *LiveWires!* bulletin board.

Visitors Welcome Center

If you would like to help by working in the Visitors' Welcome Center (welcoming visitors, giving out our welcome bags, escorting visitors to Bible classes, etc.) Please sign the sign up sheet on the *LiveWires!* bulletin board. All ages welcome.

Ready to Know More!!

Our new resources, "Faith@Home" and "Faith Path" are underway. You have seen the displays and had a brief introduction Sunday morning January 17th. Now we would like to provide you a deeper insight as to how they will strengthen us as individuals, families and as a family of God's children. On Sunday, January 31, at 4:45pm in Adult Room 154, we will spend an hour introducing the details of these new efforts. They can help parents with their children, strengthen our family relationships and allow you to help others fighting the difficulties that life brings. Parents, singles and grandparents can all benefit.

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. **DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016.**

Upcoming Events

- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, January 29, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Teens Lunch for the Homeless and Broom Hockey:** Saturday, January 30, 10:30 a.m.
- **Faith @ Home Informational Meeting:** Sunday, January 31, 4:45 p.m. in Adult Room V.
- **Ladies Bible Class:** Tuesday, February 2, 10:30 a.m. in the reception room.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Live Center. Cost \$3.00.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast;** Saturday, February 6, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Widows Valentine Party:** Saturday, February 6, 2:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Bridal Tea for Katie Jean McCullers bride elect of Stuart Wagner:** Sunday, February 7, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Belk.
- **Bridal Tea for Elsa Sims:** Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the reception room. She is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

For the Record

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Bible Study	470
Early Worship	240
Late Worship	446
Total Sunday Morning	686
Sunday Night	345
Contribution	\$65,168.61
YTD Average	\$44,040.20
Budget	\$34,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church,

Thank you so much for your support during the loss of our mom. We are touched by your thoughtfulness.

In Christian love,

Ray Speegle Family

Dear Riverchase Church,

On behalf of the entire Stewart family I thank you all for the many ways you showed your care and love to us in the passing of my mother, Barbara Stewart.

I am surely blessed to be a part of the Riverchase family that shows the love of Christ to so many in so many ways every single day.

In Christian love,

Tom Stewart

Dear Riverchase family,

I want to thank you all for the prayer, thoughts, cards and food. You have no idea what it meant to me! Also, to all the ladies on the prayer list chain thank you! I am a true believer in prayer because God has answered them all!

Your Sister in Christ,

Susan Chaney

Dear Riverchase family,

Thank you for your expressions of concern and sympathy for me and my family members in the sudden death of my brother. Your prayers, cards, calls, flowers and those who came to the service truly touched our hearts.

In Him,

Marie Oaks

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This week at Riverchase:

Friday, January 29

- LiveWires! Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 30

- Teens Lunch for the Homeless and Broom Hockey, 10:30 a.m..

Sunday, January 31

- Informational meeting regarding Faith @ Home and Faith Path, 4:45 p.m.

Monday, February 1

- Jr./Sr. Teen Trip to Alabama for Devo, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2

- Ladies Bible Class, 10:30 a.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:

Betty Lovell (#1) recovering from surgery on a broken hip. Will be moved to Lakeshore on Wednesday.

Barbara Parker (#7) recovering from neck surgery.

JJ Redmon (#1) diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Doris Tucker (#2) recovering from knee surgery at Aspire Rehab Room 226.

Madelynn Tuech (#6) oral surgery Thursday, February 4.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **John Bearden (#2)**, **Lynda Cardwell (#1)**, **Jeff Carroll (#4)**, **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)**, **Judy Ingram (#7)**, **Alan Jackson (#4)**, **Grover Jackson (#6)**, **Bill Johnson (#5)**, **Ray Johnston (#3)** **Debra Jones (#2)**, **Bill Lovell (#1)**, **Norma Nabors (#5)**, **Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2)**, **Peggy Rogers (#4)**, **Ollie Scott (#6)**, **Matt Snow (#4)**, **Norma Thomas (#4)**, **Jo Wamack (#2)**, **Shirley Wilson (#5)**, **Sarah Wolford (#6)**.

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.

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

Joseph (Buddy) Bradford (Emma Aycock's cousin) lung cancer.

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) recovering from stem cell transplant.

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.

Zach Harris (Jimmy & Theresa Harris' son) fluid around his heart.

Lindsay Homan (David 's dad) waiting on test results.

Kim Horne (Kim Ledingham's coworker) lung cancer.

Robert Howe (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.

Tommy Howe (Carol Ingram's brother) kidney cancer.

Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.

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.

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.

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) 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.

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.

Mary Ann Watson (Terry Pruitt's sister) in CCU in Texas from a fall and virus.

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.