

The Riverchase Family

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Interruptions

I called Terry a few weeks ago to ask him a question. I began by apologizing for interrupting him. To which he replied, "Dewayne, remember that Jesus' life was one interruption after another."

How true that was. How true that still is for all of us. How many days go just the way you planned them? Improvise and adapt are two words that describe our actions on a lot of days.

One of my favorite stories is the way Jesus improvised and adapted on a particular day that did not go as he may have planned.

It is recorded in all four accounts of the life of Jesus. Matthew will tell us that Jesus has learned of the death of John the baptizer and he desires to go to a solitary place. Mark, Luke and John will tell us that the disciples have returned from teaching in villages and Jesus wants to take them and himself to a secluded place for some rest. They have been surrounded by crowds so much that they did not have any leisure time, not even enough time to eat.

So they get into a boat and cross the Sea of Galilee.

But the crowd sees them and runs along the shore to go to the place Jesus and the disciples are going. When Jesus and the disciples arrive, the crowd is already there.

The Bible gives us Jesus' reaction to this interruption. It is not a sigh nor a groan. It is not anger nor frustration.

He has compassion on them and heals their sick.

We know the size of the crowd. It is the 5,000 men, not counting women and children, whom Jesus feeds with two fish and five loaves of bread.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **McWane Lock-in:** Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, parent chaperoned event, open to kids of all ages.
- **Missions Fair & Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, June 25.
See details and sign up at: signup.riverchasechurch.org

Teen

- **VBS:** June 11-14; Theme: The Great Christian Adventure- (Study of Fruit of the Spirit); all ages welcome!
- **Uplift:** June 17-22; Theme: Greater; Please sign up online www.upliftonline.com

College:

- **Devo:** tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- **VBS:** June 11-14; Theme: The Great Christian Adventure- (Study of Fruit of the Spirit); all ages welcome!

Children's Ministry Summer Events

Sunday - Wednesday, June 11-14 - VBS

Friday - Saturday, June 23-24 - McWane Lock-in

Sunday, June 25 - Missions Fair & Pre-Teen Devo

Tuesday, June 27 - Movie Night

Sunday, July 2 - No Children's Worship

Sunday-Friday, July 2-7 - Maywood Camp

Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. - Princess Party

Thursday, July 13, 6:00 p.m. - Lego Party

Sunday, July 16, 6:00 p.m. - Pre-Teen Devo

Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22 - Mission Trip to Pinevale Children's Home

Tuesday, July 25 - Intern's Service Project

Saturday, August 5, 12:00 p.m. - Super Summer Send Off

Sunday, August 6, 6:00 p.m. - Pre-Teen Devo

Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 p.m. - Family Supper

Saturday, August 12, 5:00 p.m. - Tell-a-Tale Banquet

Sign-Up: signup.riverchasechurch.org
OR tim@riverchasechurch.org

The Great Christian Adventure

Sunday: VBS at 5:15
Potluck at 7:15
Monday: BBQ & Hotdogs at 5:15
Tuesday: Nachos at 5:15
Wednesday: Pizza at 5:15



I Fell Down

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:1

This is embarrassing to admit. Sometime ago, I was going to the store to get ingredients for our cookout. I was in a hurry so I just grabbed the first pair of shoes I saw- an old pair that should have been thrown away long ago. While I was heading back to my car, I rushed to avoid an oncoming car and the next I know, I'm on the pavement. There were people in their cars looking at me. I think some were laughing. Two men opened their door and asked me if I was ok. I was; only my pride was hurt.

Although I admit to that fall, there are other stories that are hard to admit. Falling into sin can be even more embarrassing and devastating. Many who have fallen into sin find it very hard to come forward. We tend to believe that since no one saw that sin, they don't need to come forward. Coming forward after a lesson doesn't mean it's the only way to find repentance. It lets your brothers and sisters know that you need help! What Satan does is laugh at you. He tells you that everyone else will laugh at you for falling so miserably. Don't believe that! We, as brothers and sisters, need to get out of our comfort zone and go check on the person that fell down. We shouldn't be bystanders. We need to help them get back on their feet. This is not an option. According to God, it is the obligation of every Christian.

- David

Kevin and Susan Arvin

Proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Ellis Charles Arvin. He was born Wednesday, May 31. He weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. The proud parents are Nich and Kristie Arvin and the proud big sister is Olive.

Por Los Niños Coin Banks

We are kicking off the three month coin collecting campaign for the children of Por Los Niños. Deep appreciation has been expressed, by the folks at Por Los Niños, for the support given by the Riverchase family. The coins collected by all of you have had an impact on the care given to those children of Honduras. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the care of children in a Christian environment.

Tables have been set up in the hallway at the rear of the auditorium with cans available for new and former participants.

TOTS

Join us on Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. for TOTS. We will meet in the Family Life Center to make bears then enjoy a potluck lunch together.



Maywood Christian Camp

Registration

maywoodchristiancamp.com

Use Code: RCOC17

(Only for Riverchase Members)

(DO NOT share with your friends)

July 2 - July 7

To volunteer please email
tim@riverchasechurch.org

Summer Mission Trips

June 3-9 a group of our teens will be traveling to Orlando, Florida, to **Give Kids the World Village**. They partner with Make a Wish Foundation. July 9-14 a group of teens will also be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to **Potter Children's Home**. July 16-22 a group of our High School Seniors and their parents will be going on a mission trip to **Montana**. Throughout the summer, they will also be doing several **local mission projects: (Mission Hometown)** to help out in our community. If you would like to donate to these mission efforts, earmark them for teen summer missions. You may turn in your checks to any of the office staff. Above all, remember us in your prayers this summer. Thank you.

For the Record

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Bible Study	447
Early Worship	232
Late Worship	474
Total Sunday Morning	706
Sunday Night	281
Contribution	\$47,030.16
YTD Average	\$35,842.97
Budget	\$36,000.00

VBS Reminders

- Please help us in planning for VBS (June 11-14) by registering online at www.riverchasechurch.org or fill out a registration form that is in the lobby and west wing. We need **EVERYONE** that is planning to attend (even teens and adults) to sign up, so we can plan for the nightly dinners.
- We will have a church wide potluck this Sunday at 7:15 p.m. right after VBS. Please bring enough food for your family and any guest you may be bringing.
- It is time to sign up to volunteer during VBS!!! Please look for the tables in the west wing and in the main foyer to sign up for crafts, snacks, dinners or class guides.

Gym and Reception Room

Closed For VBS

The gym and reception room will be closed (office open) Monday, June 5, thru Friday, June 16, to prepare and clean up for VBS.

Upcoming Events

- **Gym and Reception Room Closed:** June 5 -June 16, for VBS decorating and clean up.
- **VBS - "The Great Christian Adventure":** Sunday - Wednesday, June 11-14, 5:00 p.m.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Bridal Tea for Sarah Beth Jones, Bride Elect of Philip Clark, Daughter of Dan and Dana Jones:** Sunday, June 25, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Belk, Target and Dillard's.



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This week at Riverchase:

Sunday June 11- Wednesday, June 14

- VBS. Don't forget to register online!

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother), **Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Greg Case** (Penny's husband), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **Wynonia Davis** (Peggy Jackson's mother), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom), **Brenda Forehand** (Joyce Bowen's sister), **Robert Garner** (Paula Davis' friend), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Jim Hollon** (Clemmons' friend), **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **Butch Johnson** (Dana Jones' brother), **Martha Manwarring** (former member) **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), **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Jay Odom** (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother), **Deb Rose** (Heidi Bogg's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor), **Roger Thomas** (Fabray Turner's uncle), **Olen Vickery** (Kim Ledingham's brother-in-law), **Bill Wright** (Georgia Vaughn's father).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

Thomas Balentine (Rejetta's son)
Jimmy Hendley (Jim & Peggy's son)

Riverchase Family:

Lori Fornwalt (#5) will have knee replacement surgery Wednesday, June 14 at Grandview.
Steve Howe (#4) recovering from shoulder surgery.
Vicki Loyd (#3) health issues.
Martha Mann (#4) recovering at her daughters, 525 Canterbury Road, Pelham, AL 35124.
Jean Oglesby (#3) recovering at her sons, 3121 Trace Way, Trussville, AL 35173.
Rick Sirmon (#4) recovering at home from salivary gland surgery.
Norma Thomas (#4) recovering from back surgery.
Caleb Turrentine (#4) recovering at home from open heart surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Jean Marshall, Michelle Whitaker
FTG #2: John Bearden, Glinda Boone, Henry & Vonda Cook, Dottie Harbst, Ed & Nina Pitchford, Bob Snider, Jo Wamack
FTG #3: Ray & Martha Johnston, Becky Carter, David Hare, Nona Miller, Thelma Moon
FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Peggy Rogers, Corrinne Taylor, Norma Thomas
FTG #5: Jake Cole, Clark Kelley, Shirley Wilson, Norma Nabors
FTG #6: Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiar, John Gibson, Grover Jackson, Kathleen Perkins, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford
FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Judy Ingram, Lori Lambert, Denise Newton, Candy Parker, Georgia Vaughn

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Pat Beavers (Billy Gaines' cousin) cancer.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Eleanor Callan (friend of the Mathews) recovering from heart surgery.
Becky Carr (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis.
Ashley Creamer (Terry Pruitt's niece) medullary thyroid cancer.
Cathy Crittenden (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.
Lee Dawkins (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.
Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast cancer.
Renee Folk (Cindy Thompson's cousin) cancer.
Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.
Karen Green (Norma Thomas' daughter) health issues.
Scott Green (Cindy Thompson's cousin) brain tumor.
Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.
Kim Harmon (friend of the Dorantes) health issues.
Bob Hull (Howe's brother-in-law) cancer.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
Cody Krantz (youth minister at North Boulevard CoC in Murfreesboro) brain tumor.
Sharon Lawley (Brandy Tuech's mother -in-law) chemo.
Tonya Masoner (Judy Masoner's daughter) chemo.
David McFall (Julie Shebs brother) health problems.
Art Mealer (Bill Mealer's brother) abdominal aortic aneurysm.
Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.
Lynda Morris (Jim Hendley's mother) health problems.
Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.
Jimmy O'Clair (Jina's father-in-law) lung cancer.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer.
McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.
Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.
Miller Rock (Jon Rock's brother) health issues.
John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) health problems.
Ken Sexton (Angela's father) recovering from a heart attack.
Billy Shikle (Helen Haskew's brother in law) chemo.
Mary Ella Sirmon (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.
Hunter Smith (teen from North Alabama) in Children's Hospital with brain injury.
Pam Snider (Bob Snider's niece) under hospice care.
Peggy Stocks (Snider's friend) melanoma.
Paul Strength (Cindy Thompson's cousin) tumor on his kidney.
Karen Thomas (Norma Thomas' daughter) health problems.
Nicole Valentine (Ward's friend) cancer.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
Don Watson (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.
Andra White (Cindy Thompson's cousin) cancer.
Raymond White (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.
Craig Windle (Elaine Evans brother - in - law) spot on kidney.
Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.