The Riverchase Family

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In Like A Lion

According to the forecast for the next couple of days March will come in like a lion. We hope it will go out like a lamb.

Just doing some brief research and from previous experience with the month of March, the saying seems to be more of a proverb rather than a serious weather forecasting statement. March is a transition month in which we generally make a distinct move from winter toward summer. Thus the proverb, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.”

The proverb is always a reminder to me of the similar statement made about Jesus. Only it is reversed. He came as a lamb and He will return as a lion.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (Jn. 1:29 NIV)

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." (Rev. 5:5 NIV)

But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.
27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,
28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (Heb. 9:26-28 NIV)
Christ appeared once for all time to be the sacrifical lamb for all sins. He will appear again to be the judge of all mankind.

The lamb has come, the lion is coming.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **LTC Practice and Mock Bible Bowl:** Sunday, March 4, 1:30 p.m. Bible bowl at 4:45 p.m.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, March 14, 6:00 p.m.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, March 18.

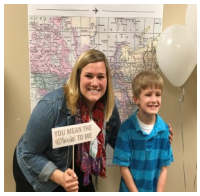
Teen

- **Teen Supper:** March 7
- **Rainbow Omega:** Saturday, March 10; 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to donate financially for the care packages the teens will deliver, please earmark your check “Rainbow Omega.” Thank you.

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.



Molder of Dreams 2018

Everyone Has a Story

Scott Pruitt

Look around you right now. Go ahead...It's o.k. Most likely, there is another person within view. Are they happy, sad, stressed, struggling, busy? No matter who they are or what they are feeling, wearing or doing, they have a story, a soul and something worth sharing. The interesting thing about people is that some are willing to share their story and some are not. Many are craving to be asked...so initiate the conversation. Ask them how they are doing. Ask them what the best and worst part of their day has been. Simply greet them and invite a simple conversation.

Over the past few days, we all have crossed paths with many people with different backgrounds, walks of life, beliefs, and struggles. My mom always told me growing up that if I am ever feeling down, do something nice for someone around me. I have put that to the test. I started with my family at home by asking what the best and worst part of your day has been...and we prayed for each other. In the past 72 hours, I have come in contact with people who are stressed as they have been awaiting test results that had the potential to be life threatening...So I prayed with them and even sang them a song. I found out that a true friend's mom is very sick and they are trying to figure out a way to get home to see her...so I prayed with them and tried to offer an encouraging word. I greeted a family with two small children holding a poster that read, "need help, trying to get home."...so I prayed with them and you helped get them home. I even spent 3 minutes with a cashier at Publix as she scanned my items. I simply said, "whoahhh, how did you get so good at that?" She thanked me for being kind to her, but her voice cracked. I asked if she was o.k. She has a story and a soul, too...so I prayed for her. She simply said, "Thank you and keep praying."

Reflect Jesus in all you do.
Share His story of Hope.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)

Nothing More To Add

1 John 1:5-10

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

- David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Erick, Heidi, Macee and Colton Boggs** in the death of Heidi's mom, Deb Rose. The funeral was Sunday in Tuscaloosa.

Help make someone's day! Riverchase teens will prepare and deliver care packages to the residents at Rainbow Omega on **Saturday, March 10**, and we need your help. Listed below are the items we have purchased in bulk. If you would like to contribute financially, please earmark your check: "Rainbow Omega."

2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner; Body Wash;
Toothbrush & Toothpaste; Simple Word Search;
Small Stuffed Animals; Coloring Books & Crayons
Play-Doh

Thank you for your support!!

Ministry Training Class

We are offering a training class for those who would be interested in visiting hospitals and nursing homes. The class will be on Wednesday, February 28 at 5:45 p.m. in room 154.

Riverchase Church of Christ

LifeSouth Blood Drive

Sunday, March 4,

LiveWires! Events

- **Trip to Greenville for the Camellia City Festival:** Friday - Saturday, March 9-10.
- **Game Night:** Friday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Tour the Honda Plant:** Wednesday, March 21.

For the Record

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Bible Study	425
Early Worship	234
Late Worship	366
Total Sunday Morning	600
Sunday Night	288
Contribution	$31,586.35
YTD Average	$36,367.23
Budget	$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,

On behalf of the Doris Elsberry family thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

In Christian Love,
James & Shirley Bailey

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,

We have been overwhelmed with your goodness, dear family. Thank you very much for the hospital visits, calls, texts, emails, meals, cards and most of all the many prayers.

2 Corinthians 9:12 That service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of "Lance and Donna" but is also overflowing in many expression of thanks to God.

In Christian Love,
Lance and Donna Rushing

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, your kindness and your generous heart. Please continue to remember Hunter in your prayers.

In Christian Love,
The Hunter Shankles Family
Jerry, Tena and Hunter

Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Training Class:** Wednesday, February 28, 5:45 p.m. in room 154.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, March 3, 8:00 a,m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Blood Drive:** Sunday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, March 4, 1:30 p.m.
- **LTC Mock Bible Bowl Practice:** Sunday, March 4, 4:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. in the reception room.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center; Cost: $3

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- Ministry Training Class

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- LTC Practice
- PT Devo

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Please continue to remember in prayer:
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), **Jay Odom** (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother), **Barbara Stetler** (Howe/Sims mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor), **Roger Thomas** (Fabray Turner's uncle), **Olen Vickery** (Kim Ledingham's brother-in-law).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:
Michael Epperson (Amber Henderson brother-in-law)

Riverchase Family:
Glenda Arnold (#2) recovering at home from a mild stroke.
Johnny Barnes (#7) will have surgery on Thursday, March 1, for spots on his lungs.
Keith Dunn (#1) recovering at Lakeshore from an automobile accident.
Kim Harmon (#7) recovering at home from surgery.
Lance Rushing (#2) waiting on a treatment plan.
Ron Waddell (#5) solitary plasmacytoma, will begin radiation.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:
FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Michelle Whitaker
FTG #2: John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Henry & Vonda Cook, Cathy Hayes, Ed & Nina Pitchford, Jo Wamack
FTG #3: Ray & Martha Johnston, Becky Carter, Nona Miller, Thelma Moon, Jean Oglesby
FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Alan Jackson, Martha Mann, Norma Thomas
FTG #5: Jake Cole, Norma Nabors, Shirley Wilson,
FTG #6: Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiara, Shirley Genry, John Gibson, Grover Jackson, Kathleen Perkins, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford
FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Judy Ingram, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Vivian Parker

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
Kristin Adams (friend of Peggy Jackson) brain tumor.
Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
Andy Arvin (Kevin's Brother) prostate cancer.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Becky Carr (Danny Hill's sister) liver cirrhosis.
Cathy Crittenden (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.
Roger Davis (Peggy Jackson's brother) leukemia.
Lee Dawkins (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer.
Angela Dickerson (Amber Henderson cousin) health problems.
Sally Dunn (Keith Dunn's mother) recovering from a stroke.
G. Estes (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.
Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast cancer.
Renee Folk (Cindy Thompson's cousin) cancer.
Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.
Scott Green (Cindy Thompson's cousin) brain tumor.
Jonathan Griggs (friend of the Vaughn's) recovering from amputation.
Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.
Bob Hull (Howe's brother-in-law) cancer.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
Lewis Kryger (Handley's friend) lymphoma, 127 Crestmont Lane, Pelham AL, 35124.
Sharon Lawley (Brandy Tuech's mother –in-law) chemo.
Tonya Masoner (Judy Masoner's daughter) radiation.
Paul Meacham (member at Panama Street) brain cancer.
Vanessa Mount (Mount's daughter in law) hashimoto disease and sero negative arthritis.
Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.
Lauren Nudo (Friend of the Coehoorn's) stage 4 cancer.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer.
McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.
Wally Riggins (friend of Alan Boshell) infection after surgery.
Miller Rock (Jonn Rock's brother) health issues.
Glen Rogers (Neisha Dorantes father) broken collar bone.
John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) heath problems.
Mary Ella Sirmon (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.
Jenny Slaughter (The Slaughter's daughter-in-law) breast cancer.
Matt Snow (Mark & Diane's son) continuing treatments.
Paul Strength (Cindy Thompson's cousin) kidney tumor.
Nicole Valentine (Ward's friend) cancer.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
Raymond White (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.
Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.
Lisa Wills (former member) breast cancer.