

The Riverchase Family

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Dilly

The phrase “Dilly, Dilly” has become quite popular due to its commercial use.

I’ve even had a couple of our members who are trying their best to get me to use the phrase in a sermon. They have been without success thus far.

But I heard something on the radio this morning, and I had to check it out for myself. It turns out the Texas Rangers baseball team is adding a new item to their concessions menu this year. It is called the “Dilly Dog.”

The Dilly Dog is a dill pickle which has been cored and stuffed with a wiener (hot dog, if you don’t get wiener). It is then breaded and fried like a corn dog. Which raises the question, if you go to a Rangers game and ask for a “Dilly Dilly” are you actually ordering two Dilly Dogs?

All of this silliness to make a point about the meaning of words. What does “dilly” mean? Webster says it has an old meaning of “diligence”, with a more current meaning of “delightful.” The folks who wrote the commercial said they were using it in the sense of “cheers.”

A more frequent answer to its meaning seems to be, “it means whatever you want it to mean.” That is actually true with many of our words. They are defined according to popular usage. So words are constantly changing meanings depending on how we use the words. For example, how would you define these words: mouse, bat, ball, base, etc.?

But when God writes a book, the Bible, we need to be careful to learn the meaning He intended for the words He used. God did not write a book that means whatever you want it to mean. He wrote a book to reveal Himself and His will for us. We need to make sure we handle the words in it with great care.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **LTC Convention:** Friday - Sunday, March 30 – April 1, in Mobile, Alabama.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Teen

- **Leadership Training for Christ:** March 30 - April 1
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$3.00.
- **Golden Age Banquet:** Saturday, April 21; Actors: Please see group text for Practice Schedule.

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Movie Night:** Friday, April 13.
- **Devo:** Sunday, April 22, after evening service.

New Beginnings

25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

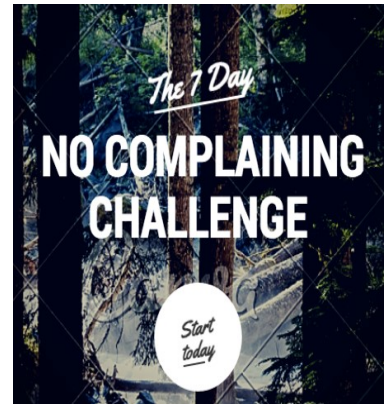
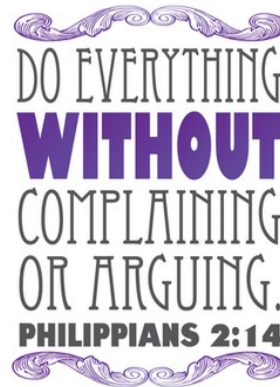
27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

*28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:25-28 NIV***

As we enter Spring, we think of new beginnings. The grass grows again, flowers bloom and the world emerges after spending much time indoors during the Winter season. For me personally, Spring means the beginning of another busy soccer season as the coach of my son, Jonas', soccer team. We all seem to be busy this time of year, and we are anxious to either start something new or renew past passions or goals.

As a church, Riverchase is on the cusp of a new beginning as we search for a new children's minister. Our elders, ministers and deacons believe in the importance of this ministry and fully support it. Our children are vitally important to us, and we all want them to come to know Christ in a personal way that will guide them through the rest of their lives. In Romans, Paul speaks of the hope we have. We can't see it yet, but we patiently wait for what God has in store for us. He tells us that the Holy Spirit helps us. God searches our hearts and works for our good if we love Him and seek out His purposes.

On behalf of our elders, ministers and deacons, I would like to ask you to keep diligently praying for us as we seek out God's purposes, and we keep working towards hiring the new children's minister that God has prepared for the Riverchase Church of Christ. Pray that our hearts will be pure as we continue to search and that we would always seek God's purposes above all others. We are confident that the Holy Spirit is faithfully working throughout this process, and we anxiously anticipate the good that God has planned for the future of his church at Riverchase.



NO COMPLAINING ZONE!



Don't complain about things you're not willing to change.

*¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. ¹⁴ **Do everything without grumbling or arguing,** ¹⁵ **so that you may become blameless and pure,** "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. (Phi 2:12-16 NIV)*

How would you do with a 7 day "No Complaining, Arguing, or Grumbling" Challenge? We aren't the only ones that struggle with this, and Paul recognized and addressed the dangers that come from it. The end goal is that we can become BLAMELESS & PURE.

For today, Smile when challenges come your way, and then try it again tomorrow. Be a Shining Star!! You can do this - One moment at a time.

Scott Pruitt

Great Job!

Luke 17:10 "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'" (NASB)

A few weeks ago, my wife went to see her family in California. She left me in charge of my two oldest children. One thing she told us before she left was "Keep the house clean. I cleaned it so please leave it the same way when I get back home." For two weeks we had to pick up after ourselves, wash our dishes, put our laundry up and take care of the pets. When she got home, she was happy to see that the house was clean. The first thing she said was, "good job". I felt proud, I felt that I had accomplished something important. I did what she asked for, and I kept my promise to do so. This is something I need to be doing all the time!

The verse above reminds me that as a Christian, I have duties to perform, I have commandments to obey, and I am here in this world to serve God's people, not the other way around. I need to serve the brethren, not because I am a preacher or a deacon or an elder. I need to do it, because I am a Christian. When we do that, we do what is required of us. I look forward when my Lord hopefully will tell me, "good job".

-David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Nina Pitchford** in the death of her husband and our dear brother, **Ed Pitchford**. A private memorial service will be at a later time.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Martha Johnston** in the death of her husband and our dear brother, **Ray Johnston**. The funeral was last week in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Congratulations



We rejoice with **Kaitlyn Shebs** who was baptized Monday night. Kaitlyn, an eighth grader, is the daughter of Kelly and Julie Shebs.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday, March 29, at 12:00 p.m. and all day Friday, March 30, to prepare for LTC in Mobile, Alabama. If you need assistance the church staff can be reached on their cell phones.

LTC



March 30
thru
April 1
Mobile, AL.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday, April 3
10:30 A.M.

IN THE RECEPTION ROOM.
WE WILL BE STUDYING
"By Faith"



LiveWires! Events

- **Game Night:** Friday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Natchez Trace to Nashville Trip:** Thursday - Saturday, April 12-14.
- **Golden Age Banquet:** Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Day at the Lake:** Saturday, April 28.

For the Record

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Bible Study	367
Early Worship	212
Late Worship	336
Total Sunday Morning	548
Sunday Night	325
Contribution	\$31,127.15
YTD Average	\$36,875.06
Budget	\$37,500.00



Teen Supper

Wednesday, April 4
6:00 p.m.

In the Family Life Center

Menu:

Chicken Alfredo, Salad,
Bread and Dessert

Cost: \$3.00

Summer Mission Trips

May 30 – June 6, a group of our teens will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to **GIVE KIDS THE WORLD VILLAGE**. They partner with Make a Wish Foundation. June 24-29 a group of teens will also be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky to **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME**. July 8-14 a group of our High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents will be going on a mission trip to **NICARAGUA**. Throughout the summer, they will also be participating in several local mission efforts (Mission Hometown) to help out in our community. If you would like to donate to these mission efforts, please earmark your check 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.

Upcoming Events

- **Church Office Closed:** Thursday, March 29, at noon and Friday, March 30, to prepare for LTC.
- **LTC Convention:** Friday - Sunday, March 30 - April 1, in Mobile, Alabama.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, April 7, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center
- **Bridal Tea for Jade Sanders, bride-elect of Shane Sibert:** Sunday, April 8, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target and Magnolias in Chelsea.



This week at Riverchase:

Friday - Sunday, March 30 –April 1

- LTC Convention
- Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3

- Ladies' Bible Class

Wednesday, April 4

- Teen Supper

Friday, April 6

- Volleyball
- *LiveWires!* Game Night

Saturday, April 7

- Men's Prayer Breakfast

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:

Susan Chaney (#7) recovering from kidney stone surgery.
Carol Crawford (#7) recovering at home from shoulder surgery.
Keith Dunn (#1) recovering at home from an automobile accident.
Lynn Franks (#2) recovering from a broken foot.
Rodney Morris (#7) recovering at home from surgery.
Candy Parker (#7) continuing health issues.
Tim Parker (#7) recovering from a broken foot.
Lance Rushing (#2) chemo treatments.
Ron Waddell (#5) multiple myeloma, radiation.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Michelle Whitaker
FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Henry & Vonda Cook, Cathy Hayes, Nina Pitchford, Jo Wamack
FTG #3: 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 Diciara, Shirley Genry, John Gibson, Grover Jackson, Doug Mears, 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.
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.
Clarice Goodin (friend of the Ball's) bone marrow transplant.
Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.
Scott Green (Cindy Thompson's cousin) brain tumor.
Jonathan Griggs (Vaughn's friend) recovering from amputation.
Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.
Jacob Herring recovering from Transverse Myelitis.
Bob Hull (Howe's brother-in-law) cancer.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
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 Riggs (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.