

# The Riverchase Family

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## Blessed

*Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Rev. 14:13 NIV)*

A blessing all would wish to claim, but a blessing limited by the Giver to those who die in the Lord.

We have most certainly witnessed many deaths of the blessed individuals.

The latest was our friend and brother in Christ, Jack Strachan. He passed away Sunday evening at 6:30 Scotland time, which would have been about 1:30 Central Daylight Time. Jack epitomized the life of one living in the Lord and, therefore, one of those blessed ones who dies in the Lord.

His life was directed by the will of God. He allowed God's word and will to teach him, correct him and direct him. His wife, Maureen, does the same.

Their devotion to God created a marriage of sweetness, kindness, faithfulness, thoughtfulness and a love that exemplified the love of Jesus toward his bride and from his bride.

Jack's devotion to God gave him a message. God's message became Jack's message. It was in his mind, his heart and his soul. It was a message he both talked about and lived. You had to know what God said to understand Jack and where he was coming from.

This devotion to God gave him a hope and made him consider his life here as just a temporary journey. He always lived ready to go home. He had lived his entire life for what happened Sunday afternoon.

No wonder God calls those who live like this, "Blessed".

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.
- **Family Campout at Oak Mountain:** Friday-Saturday, April 27-28.

### Teen

- **Golden Age Banquet:** Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. Theme: Mary Poppins
- **Senior Banquet & Reception:** May 19-20
- **Whitewater Rafting:** May 25-26; Deadline to Signup is May 9.

### College

- **Movie Night:** Thursday, April 12, 6:00 p.m. in the college classroom..
- **Devo:** Sunday, April 22, after evening service.

## Talent

Josh Steed

Riverchase has talent! After witnessing the LTC Celebration on Sunday I am convinced that Riverchase has an abundance of talent. The singing voices were great, the puppets were clear in their humorous message and the skits were full of great acting! Our youth are full of energy, enthusiasm and joy of sharing the message of making God the King of our heart! I can't help but think of Samuel who as a young boy was called by God in the night and learned to answer that call. The Bible says this about Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:19

*<sup>19</sup> And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.*

How I desire for my children to be like Samuel and have the Lord with them and to cherish his words where none will fall to the ground. I am so grateful for so many at church who have taught my children, sang to them, held them, corrected them and showed them the love and the joy of Christ. The talent in our youth is a result of so many making God the king of their hearts and showing it to their children and all the children of Riverchase. Thank you to all who put so much effort into LTC and all who put effort and love into all of our children each and every week. May God continue to bless us richly through our children.



## Pre-Teen Devo

Sunday, April 15,  
6:00 p.m.

We will be meeting in the Kid Cave.

## Today

Scott Pruitt

Over Spring Break, my family and I got to spend one day at the beach. Well, a few hours is more realistic. We prepared well since we only had a very short time. Sandcastle tools, swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, hats, and beach chairs. It was a very overcast day so I quickly put sunscreen on my face and shoulders but didn't spend any more time applying generous portions of sunscreen on the rest of my body, because it was sandcastle time. Three hours later, I was cooked, fried, burned, not red but purple on my back and belly. Regrets? Ohhhh yes. Now, a week later, the itching is still in full force but the peeling is almost over.

### Regrets, Regrets, Regrets.

Do you ever look back at your life and think, "What was I thinking?" Why did I eat so much or why did I eat or drink that? Why did I say that? Why did I do that? Why didn't I...? After all these years, what is it going to take for ME to learn and act on what is best?

### Why? Why? Why?

I wondered how many others have asked God all these "why" questions. 510 verses of the regrets of why. From time to time, we burden ourselves with thoughts, attitudes, and actions of the past and forget to focus on our hope for the future. Maybe this nugget of hope will be helpful for you today.

<sup>NIV</sup> **Hebrews 3:1** *Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest...* <sup>7</sup> *So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,* <sup>8</sup> *do not harden your hearts..."* <sup>13</sup> **But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."**

Today I am reminded of hearts full of hope for Heaven like Jack Strachan (Scotland Missionary who passed away Sunday) and our dear brother and friend, Ed Pitchford. In Adam Creel's prayer last night during our meeting, I will never forget these words, "They have won! They have made it home."

That is the spur I needed to tackle today. No Regrets is the way to live. Today, fix your thoughts on Jesus. Today, focus on hope. Today, focus on the finish line. Today, invite Jesus into your thoughts, attitudes, and actions so that hope will respond for you today.

## LTC Weekend

*Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (ESV)*

Two weekends ago I had one of the greatest experiences ever along with a massive group of parents and volunteers. We traveled to Mobile for Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). Each year we have an amazing group of kids to participate, but this year I experienced mixed emotions. This was the last year for my oldest to participate. My youngest is excited for next year, although she is not old enough to participate yet. My son is looking forward to doing it all over again!

I wish I had these activities when I was growing up. We were expected to do certain things when we reached a certain age, but we had no training nor practice. Sometimes we would get encouragement and some feedback on our efforts in the body of Christ. When I look at activities like LTC, it reminds me that I need to my best to promote these activities. We are helping raise the future of the church. I won't be here always, but if I can help one of these little ones stay in the faith when they get older, I'm sure God will be pleased. People will remember those who helped.

-David

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Maureen Strachan** and family in the death of her husband and our dear brother, **Jack Strachan**. You may send cards to Maureen at 60 Whitelees Road, Cumbernald Lanarkshire, G67 3NJ, Scotland, UK.



**AC/PT Supper**  
 Wednesday, April 11  
 6:00 p.m.  
 In the Family Life Center  
 Menu:  
 Grape Jelly Meatballs with  
 Rice and S'mores Cookie  
 Bars

## LiveWires! Events

- **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.

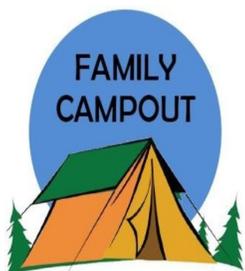


## Family Time Fellowship

Family Time Groups #1 & #4 will have a pot luck lunch after late service on Sunday, April 15.

Family Time Groups #5 & #6 will have a pot luck supper at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15.

Family Time Groups #2, #3 & #7 will have a pot luck supper after evening service on Sunday, April 15.



## Family Campout and Cookout

Friday-Saturday, April 27-28,  
 at Oak Mountain State Park

Campout Begins at 4:00 p.m.  
 Cookout Begins at 12:30 p.m. on  
 Saturday, April 28.

Cost: \$10.00 plus park entry fee



Save The Date  
 VBS  
 June 10-13

Under The Sea Adventure:  
 Finding Faith

## For the Record

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Bible Study	466
Early Worship	245
Late Worship	433
Total Sunday Morning	678
Sunday Night	365
Contribution	\$40,055.53
YTD Average	\$36,788.91
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement that you sent in memory of my brother in law, Phil Wright. We truly appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers and cards during this difficult time.

In Christian Love,

The Marvin Windham Family



## Golden Age Banquet

Come and enjoy an evening of food and fun. The Golden Age Banquet will be Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

## 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.

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- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Nashville:** Thursday - Saturday, April 12-14.
- **College Movie Night:** Thursday, April 12, 6:00 p.m. in the college classroom.
- **FTG Potlucks:** Sunday, April 15, FTG #1 & #4 after late service, FTG #5 & #6 at 4:30 p.m. and FTG #2, #3 & #7 after evening service.
- **PT Devo:** Sunday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Golden Age Banquet:** Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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**Wednesday, April 11**

- AC/PT Supper

**Thursday, April 12**

- College Movie Night

**Thursday - Saturday, April 12 - 14**

- *LiveWires!* Trip to Nashville

**Sunday, April 15**

- FTG #1 & #4 Lunch
- FTG #5 & #6 Dinner (4:30 p.m.)
- FTG #2, #3 & #7 Supper
- PT Devo

**Tuesday, April 17**

- Ladies' Bible Class

**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:**

**Morgan Carter (#6)** waiting to schedule a brain biopsy.  
**Peggy Hendley (#7)** waiting to see a cardiologist before she can schedule back surgery.  
**Tim Henry (#1)** recovering from a stroke.  
**Candy Parker (#7)** continuing health issues.  
**Tom Phifer (#2)** recovering at home from achilles tendon surgery.  
**Lance Rushing (#2)** chemo treatments.  
**Ron Waddell (#5)** multiple myeloma, chemo.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:**

**FTG #1:** Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Judy Ingram, Michelle Whitaker  
**FTG #2:** Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Henry & Vonda Cook, Cathy Hayes, Vivian Parker, 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 Dichiaro, Shirley Genry, John Gibson, Grover Jackson, Doug Mears, Kathleen Perkins, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford  
**FTG #7:** Don & Jan Haefner, Lori Lambert, Candy 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.  
**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.  
**Clarice Goodin** (friend of the Ball's) bone marrow transplant.  
**Sam Gray** (Ward's neighbor) cancer.  
**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 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 Smith** (Beason's friend) colon 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.