

The Riverchase Family

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The Lord's My Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,*

³ *he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

⁴ *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

⁵ *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

⁶ *Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Ps. 23:1-6 NIV)*

Lord, help me to be a faithful sheep. One who is reliable, responsive and faithful to your will.

Help me to take notice of all the things you have always and continue to provide for me.

Help me to know and surrender to your wisdom and guidance. Help me to know you are a far greater guide for me and my life than I can ever be of my own life.

Help me to wait on you and your timing and help me not to rush ahead of you, nor lag behind you. Help me to follow your lead and to walk in your ways.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Family Campout at Oak Mountain:** Friday-Saturday, April 27-28.
- **Kindergarten Bible Presentation:** Sunday, May 6, at the beginning of late service.
- **Sixth Grade Graduation Reception:** Sunday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.

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

- **Devo:** Sunday, April 22, after evening service.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Vacations

Josh Steed

When I was a child, often times our family vacations were going camping for a week. Many of my favorite childhood memories come from those trips. Swinging on vines, roasting marshmallows, hearing the crickets and fighting off raccoons are all etched into my mind. One favorite family memory is a night we were camping and a terrible storm came. I can remember feeling like a river was rushing underneath our tent and I had nightmares about being washed away! I was so grateful for morning to come and still be in the same place!

The story of Jesus calming the storm is one of my favorites. As someone who gets seasick and has a fear of drowning, my heart races thinking of being on that boat and fearing death. Jesus calms the storm and asked the disciples "Why are you so afraid?" No storm was going to sink a boat that the Savior of the world was on. The disciples again just didn't get it. I think of this story when in my head I start hearing a lot of "what are we going to do if _____ happens?" When the storms of life cause doubts and fears to play over and over in my head, I wish I could hear Jesus say: "Peace, be still." Thankfully, we have this story to remind us. I also have the stories of my life where my lack of faith showed and God provided everything I needed and more. I heard someone recently say "Gaze at the eternal, and glance at your circumstances." God tells us "Fix your eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of your faith.

Golden Age Banquet

Scott Pruitt

This is the week of the Golden Age Banquet. There is no way to calculate how many hours of script writing, revising, rewriting, practices, planning and preparation that have gone into what will take place Saturday night for our *Livewires!*. Mary Poppins was a big box office hit years ago, and there is no doubt that our directors, Dee Sandlin and Janie Slaughter, have once again exceeded all expectations for another incredible performance.

Each year, I get excited as everything always finds a way to come together. The talents and abilities of each teen and adult actors are a joy to experience. If you have not signed up, please go by the *Livewires!* bulletin board and make sure your name is on the list on Wednesday night. We have a wonderful meal planned, and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Livewires!, we can not thank you enough for your constant support, and I know that you will do what you do best... give your love to each person that is giving every bit of effort and energy to make this night so special for you.

Our church family continues to inspire me as we share times like this together. The laughter, bond, memories, joy and love are a constant reminder of what makes this life worth living. Thank you for allowing our youth to be a part of your lives and the many ways that you invest your lives and hearts into them. They thoroughly enjoy performing on stage for you, but what I thoroughly enjoy is the connection so many of you have chosen to make with them.

If you will, please take some time this week to pray for our teens as they finish another school year. Please take some time to share your time with them and encourage them and give them a big Livewire hug.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday night at the banquet. Doors open will open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Performance will begin between 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.

A Good Man

Luke 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." (ESV)

Why would this man want to see Jesus? My assumption was the obvious state of his physical body. He couldn't walk, his friends had to bring him. I would usually teach this story to focus on friendship and Jesus' ability to heal and forgive. Two things that I missed were the fact that Jesus could see the hearts and intentions of people. I would only focus on the intentions of the Pharisees and forget to look at the intentions of the man on the pallet.

Jesus, knowing the heart of the man on the pallet, tells him that his sins have been forgiven. Although this man knew he was paralytic, he knew how hard it was that everyday someone had to take care of him. His main concern was his soul, and Jesus knew that! That is why the first thing Jesus said to him is your sins are forgiven! This man wanted to see Jesus to have his sins forgiven, not necessarily to heal his physical condition. Why do we look for Jesus? Do we look for him to take care of our physical needs only? Or do we look for him to resolve our situation with sin?

- David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **David and Donna Jones** in the death of Donna's mother, **Faye Kirby**. The funeral was Sunday in Trussville, Alabama.



Props Needed

We are in need of an outdoor bench to use as a prop for the Golden Age Banquet. If you have one please let the office know.

Baja Mission Trip

There will be an informational meeting for anyone going on the Baja Mission Trip. The meeting will be Sunday, April 22, at 5:10 in room 154. The Baja Mission Trip is planned for June 23-30. If you plan on going on this mission trip please know that you will need a passport.

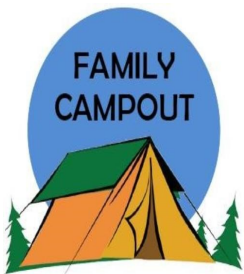


Golden Age Banquet

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.

LiveWires! Events

- **Golden Age Banquet:** Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Day at the Lake:** Saturday, April 28.



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 15, 2018

Bible Study	435
Early Worship	222
Late Worship	449
Total Sunday Morning	671
Sunday Night	303
Contribution	\$34,398.69
YTD Average	\$36,788.91
Budget	\$36,629.56

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and expressions of concern during my recent surgery and hospital stay. We are so thankful for the brothers and sisters at Riverchase and can't begin to express our gratitude for your love and support. Please continue to pray for complete healing and recovery.

*In Christian Love,
Johnny & Diana Barnes*

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

- **Golden Age Banquet:** Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **College Devo:** Sunday, April 22, after evening service.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Family Campout and Cookout:** Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, at Oak Mountain State Park.
- **LiveWires! Trip to the Lake:** Saturday, April 28.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$3.00.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.



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- Ladies' Bible Class

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- Family Campout and Cookout

Saturday, April 28

- *LiveWires!* Day at the Lake

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.
Candy Parker (#7) continuing health issues.
Lance Rushing (#2) chemo treatments.
Norma Thomas (#4) in room 637 at Grandview with health issues.
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 Coehorn'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.