

The Riverchase Family

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Our Challenge—Their Challenge

Paul dealt with a serious problem in the Corinthian church almost two thousand years ago.

Some were saying there is no resurrection from the dead. In essence Paul responded, if there is no resurrection from the dead, then there is nothing after death and this life is all there is, then let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

Two thousand years later we are confronted with the same ignorance of God. The ignorance is self induced, because we want to do what we want to do and remove any thought of an accountability before God.

We don't want there to be a God, because we do not want to be held accountable to Him for what we do.

The problem is, we cannot live that way. First and foremost because God is reality and our appointment of judgement before Him is reality.

But to see what the world would become if we lived just for ourselves, think about some things.

If there is no God and no accountability to Him - why be honest? Why have any concern for anyone else? Why not just take whatever you want from someone else? Of course, they could do the same to you, and will. Can you imagine living in that kind of world? We are getting a pretty good glimpse of it in some places today.

We still live in a world where most people see the absolute foolishness of living as if there is no God and having no rule of right and wrong except what you make for yourself. Just think about it the next time you drive your car. Is it chaos or law-abiding orderly? You wouldn't drive if it was chaos.
-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Church Retreat:** Friday through Sunday, August 24-26.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, September 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Teen

- **Bus Washing Day:** Saturday, August 18; 10:00 a.m. - Noon
- **Sign-Up Sundays:** Fall/Winter Calendar Signups; Sunday, August 19, 26, & September 2.
- **R.U.S.H.** Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30; Cost:\$55;Deadline:September 5

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Welcome to Birmingham:** Sunday, August 26, 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

School Routine

Eric Gott

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

By now many of our kids have been in school one full week. The start of school means bus rides and car lines are in full swing as well as homework and afternoon snack time. These afternoon moments, whether in the car or at home, are an excellent time to reconnect with your kids to discover how their day went. There is a simple routine that happens in nearly every family after school and it goes like this:

Parent: How was your day?

Kid: Fine.

And then the child is silent and we, adults, are racking our brains trying to figure out what to say next. Perhaps you have discovered a better approach to reconnecting with your child in the afternoon, but if not here are a few questions to help start a new routine.

- 1) What was one thing you did today that was helpful?
- 2) When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
- 3) What was something kind you did for someone else?

These open-ended questions will likely have your children talking more than you expected, and the beauty of these questions is that you can easily incorporate God's teaching along side them. These small openings help build a foundation of who God is for your child.

What other questions could you ask?



Bus Washing Day

Who is ready to scrub those gnats, grime and dirt off of all of our buses? We have everything needed to get our transportation shining like new again. We even have special cleaner, power nozzles, and pole brushes custom designed for our buses. **WE JUST NEED YOU!!!**

When? Saturday, August 18

Time? 10:00 a.m.– Noon

We always have a special prize for those who are brave enough to sign up and show up.

Sign-Up Sundays:

2018-2019 Fall and Winter Calendars

We need Parent Volunteers to make these events happen. Please review your emails with the complete descriptions of each event and come prepared to sign up for as many events as you can commit. The Calendars will be in the West Wing Foyer and in the Nursery Hallway for the following 3 Sundays.

WE NEED YOU!!!



Baptism or Confession

What is the method of salvation? Based on conversations I have had in the past with people, this question came up often. They ask because they were saved by asking Jesus into their hearts according to Romans 10:9. Others may have challenging questions or arguments such as, According to Ephesians 2:8,9 we are not saved by works but by the grace of God. Since baptism is something you have to do, it seems that baptism is not necessary because it qualifies as a work.

Don't get offended when you are asked this question. On many occasions people believe this to be the truth. The Bible is clear on the message. We are not saved by works, but by faith in Jesus Christ. We are not saved by something that we do, rather, in the work the Lord did at Calvary. But even then, we are asked to OBEY the Gospel which we have heard, and obedience requires an action from us. We are baptized not because we are saving ourselves, but because we are acting in obedience to what the Lord said we need to do in order to be saved according to Mark 16:16. Yes baptism is a work, but a work of God! These passages don't contradict each other. Instead they support each other.

- David

Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Bob and Rose Statom** (FTG #2) who recently placed membership. Their address is 1879 Shannon Road, Bessemer, Alabama 35022. Bob's phone number is 256-490-3300 and Rose's phone number is 256-490-0073.

Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Sharon Garrett** (FTG #6) who recently placed membership. Her address is 3509 Bearden Lane, Helena, Alabama 35080. Sharon's phone number is 256-470-1703.

Congratulations

Johnathan Goodrum graduated from the Police Academy and will be working for the Trussville Police Department.

Congratulations to **Sam Boshell** who graduated from Harding University with a Masters degree in Family Counseling. Sam is the son of Alan Boshell.



fellowship POTLUCK

Family Time Fellowship

Family Time Groups #1, #4, #5 & #6 will have a pot luck lunch after late service on Sunday, August 19, in the Family Life Center.

Family Time Groups #2, #3 & #7 will have a pot luck supper after evening service on Sunday, August 19, in the Family Life Center.

Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory **SUNDAY, August 19 AND 26**. We will be making them after early service and after Sunday school. If you are a new member or your picture needs to be updated please stop by and get your picture taken. Also, let the office know if you need to make any changes to the directory.



For the Record

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Bible Study	429
Early Worship	227
Late Worship	395
Total Sunday Morning	622
Sunday Night	335
Contribution	\$30,854.24
YTD Average	\$35,409.73
Budget	\$37,500.00

Riverchase Church Retreat

Friday - Sunday, August 24 - 26
Shocco Springs in Talladega, Alabama

"God Give Us Christian Homes"
Melvin Otey



College Students

Welcome to Birmingham Lunch

Sunday, August 26

After late service in the
Family Life Center.

Por Los Niños



Now is the time! We are reaching the end of our 3-month coin collecting. Your participation has been wonderful. The children of Por Los Niños will be blessed. Please leave your can on the shelf by the gift room or give it to Al or Jane Gardner.

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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), **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), **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:

David Scott Vise (Larry and Jeanne Vise's son)

Riverchase Family:

Gwynn Bates (#1) recovering from hip replacement surgery.
Morgan Carter (#6) stage 3 brain tumor, chemo and radiation.
Melody Ferguson (#4) recovering from surgery.
Lindsay Handley (#4) recovering from knee surgery.
Grover Jackson (#6) beginning a new treatment at UAB.
Steve Minor (#5) recovering from surgery.
Tim Parker (#7) recovering from shoulder surgery.
Lance Rushing (#2) chemo treatments.
Sandy Sims (#4) will have cervical spinal fusion on Thursday, August 23, Brookwood.
Norma Thomas (#4) in room 620 at Grandview recovering from back surgery.
Ron Waddell (#5) multiple myeloma, chemo.
Linda Yerby (#4) will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, August 22, at Grandview.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Sandra Hunt, Judy Ingram, Michelle Whitaker
FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook, 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, Bill Hester, 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, Doug Mears, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford
FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Family of Wesley Abernathy (Boggs' friend) health issues.
Kristin Adams (friend of Peggy Jackson) brain tumor.
Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
Andy Arvin (Kevin's Brother) prostate cancer.
Patsy Burks (Rhonda Ball's mother) recovering from surgery to help clot bleeding above her eye.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Becky Carr (Danny Hill's sister) liver cirrhosis.
Cathy Crittenden (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.
G. Estes (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.
Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast cancer.
Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.
Jonathan Griggs (Vaughn's friend) 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.
Vicki Love (Mary Smith's daughter) breast cancer.
Tonya Masoner (Judy Masoner's daughter) radiation.
Jackie McDuff (mother of the Gaines neighbor) cancer.
Paul Meacham (member at Panama Street) brain cancer.
Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.
Lauren Nudo (Friend of the Coehoom's) stage 4 cancer.
McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.
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.
Rod St. Clair (friend of the Rardin's) cancer.
Paul Strength (Cindy Thompson's cousin) kidney tumor.
Jenny Thompson (Spivey's niece) recovering from back surgery.
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.
Ann Winsett (Brett Moran's grandmother) heart issues.