

The Riverchase Family

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Whom You Represent

I know we have all been told, but how often do we seriously consider the impact of our actions and our words?

Do you know that you represent and reflect on everything with which you are associated?

A visitor will evaluate and judge our entire congregation by the one or two they happen to contact.

For this very reason, Paul will instruct Timothy to tell those under the yoke of slavery to consider their masters worthy of full respect.

It is his reason for giving this instruction we should consider most seriously in every area of our life.

His reason? "So that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered."

God's word and the fact we are Christians will be slandered by many in the world. But our conduct should not be contrary to what is right and true so that the world cannot be given a reason to say, "Those Christians are nothing but hypocrites."

We will not be able to prevent them from saying it. But our conduct should be such that honest people will realize that the charge is not true when they observe our right and godly conduct.

Consider it. When we do not allow Jesus to rule over us and our conduct is different than what Jesus would have it to be, we, by our unfaithful conduct, cause the name of God and His Holy Word to be slandered.

We need to remember whom we represent.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, September 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Family Picnic:** Sunday, September 23, after late service at the Lakeside Pavilion in Oak Mountain State Park.

Teen

- **R.U.S.H.** Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30; Cost:\$55;Deadline:September 5



Teen Supper

Wednesday, September 5, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Gym
Menu: Tacos
Cost: \$3.00

College

- **Volleyball:**Friday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Adopt a Student Pot Luck:** Sunday, September 9, after late service in the Family Life Center.
- **Trip to Dismal Canyon:** Saturday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONALS

PRE-TEEN DEVO
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9
6:00 P.M.
Kid Cave



**Adventure Club
And
Pre-Teen
Supper**

**Wednesday,
September 12
6:00 p.m.
In the
Family Life Center**



Sunday, September 23
After Late Service
At the Oak Mountain State Park,
Lakeside Pavilion
Cost is \$5.00 per adult / \$2.00 per child

Words of Wisdom

Scott Pruitt

²⁰My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. ²¹Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²²for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. ²³Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. ²⁴Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. ²⁵Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. ²⁶Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. ²⁷Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil. (Proverbs 4:20-27 NIV)

When you invite trouble, it's usually quick to accept.

Be the first to say "Hello."

No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

No matter how young or old we are, wisdom can always be found from our Father in Heaven, and the parents from whom He has blessed us. My mom has always been the master at these one liners that have stuck with me for years. When I was younger, she would share these nuggets of wisdom with me before, during and after times that I would do something unwise, unkind, or selfishly.

What are some of the most valuable lessons *you* have learned from Scripture and/or your parents? For months on Sunday mornings, the announcement guys have been challenged to offer the congregation a challenge for the week from the lesson.

My challenge for you is this...write down in a journal, notebook, or phone words of wisdom. Pray about it and as life happens, write down what you did well and what you could have done better.

Every day is full of opportunities to represent Jesus or represent Satan. Your mindset matters. Be the Light.



The Only God There Is

Exodus 3:13 "Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?'" (ESV)

The Israelites had been exposed to more than one god in Egypt. Generations had passed, and some Israelites didn't know the name of God. Moses asks a legitimate question to God, Which God is going to save them? The god of the sun? The god of the water? The god of nature? God answers Moses with "I AM WHO I AM." It means the only God that exists, the only God who ever was and the only God who ever will be. The only God that exists is coming to rescue you.

All the miracles that Moses did and all the signs that were performed showed the Israelites, Egyptians and the world around them that there is only ONE God! His name is Jehovah! There is no salvation besides him. There is no other God besides him. Remember this, He is the only one, don't serve any other gods.

- David

Message From The Elders:

We are pleased to announce some very exciting news regarding our Riverchase Ladies' Ministry.

Your elders have prayerfully assembled a new group that we are referring to as the Ladies' Coordinators' Committee, and we want to introduce the members of that group to you. Melissa Lester, Nancy Mount, and Rachel Steed have been asked by us to serve on this committee, and they have all graciously accepted.

By forming this committee, your elders are offering a new resource to the women of our congregation. One of the committee's main responsibilities will be to serve as liaisons between ladies of the congregation and our elders. This committee will function as a sounding board for ideas, questions, and concerns. These three coordinators will engage in helping to improve communication among our ladies AND between our ladies and our leadership. They will also be identifying women among us who are willing to lead and serve. It is the purpose of this plan to promote the ministries that are already in place in our church family, and to assist in the creation of new opportunities for our ladies.

In order to access the individual and collective talents of the ladies here at Riverchase, the elders have a plan to incorporate others into this committee over time.

We ask you to continue to pray that God will grant us wisdom as we strive to respond to the needs of our church family. We ask that you remember these three women in your prayers as they assist in launching this new dimension of our Ladies' Ministry. And finally, we ask for your patience in this process as we all work together to improve the way we serve each other and our community.

Tammy Tamez



Proudly announces the birth of her granddaughter, Everleigh Self. She was born Monday, August 27. She weighed 6 lbs. and 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. The proud parents are Seth and Kayla Self.

RCOC Ladies' Expo

RCOC Ladies' Expo this year will be on Sunday, October 14. If you wish to participate, fill out the form that is in your mailbox and return it to the church office by Sunday, October 7. Make your plans to see the displays and talents of your Christian sisters.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH

Students and adults who are participating in the adopt-a-student program please join us for a pot luck lunch on Sunday, September 9, following the late morning worship service. This will be the time when adopting parents will be introduced to their adopted student(s). For any questions that you have please see David Dorantes, Jim Wamack or Jeff Rose.

For the Record

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Bible Study	425
Early Worship	221
Late Worship	376
Total Sunday Morning	597
Sunday Night	308
Contribution	\$44,889.16
YTD Average	\$35,570.74
Budget	\$37,500.00

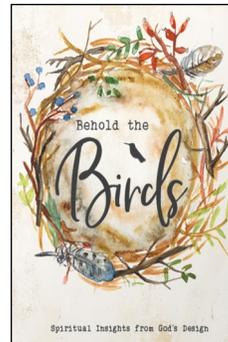
Brothers and Sisters,

After surgery I didn't expect such a long recovery time, but I also did not expect the tremendous support and help from the Riverchase Church of Christ family.

The visits, food, phone calls, and many notes of encouragement were very much appreciated.

Love,

Stephen Minor



Ladies' Bible Class will begin Tuesday, September 18. We will be studying "Behold the Birds". You can get your books from Helen Haskew or Joyce Bowen. The cost is \$15.00. Our first week, we will study the "Introduction: Understanding God from His Creation". We look forward to seeing you in Ladies Bible Class.

LiveWires!

Please check the lists on the bulletin boards for those going on the next two day trips. If you have any changes please notify Kathy Handley.

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- **College Adopt a Student Pot Luck Lunch:** Sunday, September 9, after late service.
- **Pre-Teen Dev:** Sunday, September 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Bridal Tea for Kathryn Hardin, Bride Elect of Dylan Glick:** Sunday, September 16, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.



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- Teen Supper

Friday, September 7

- Volleyball

Sunday, September 9

- College Adopt a Student Pot Luck
- Pre-Teen Devo

Tuesday, September 11

- TOTS

Wednesday, September 12

- Adventure Club and Pre-Teen Supper

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:

Morgan Carter (#6) stage 3 brain tumor, chemo treatments.

Shirley Genry (#6) recovering from sinus surgery.

Grover Jackson (#6) beginning a new treatment at UAB.

Eric Pruitt (#5) recovering from neck herniated disc surgery.

JJ Redmon (#1) back surgery Tuesday, September 11.

Sandy Sims (#4) recovering from cervical spinal fusion surgery.

Norma Thomas (#4) in room 420 at Aspire recovering from back surgery.

Linda Yerby (#4) recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

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, Lance Rushing, 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, Ron Waddell, Shirley Wilson

FTG #6: Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiarra, 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 Coehoorn'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.

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.

Ann Winsett (Brett Moran's grandmother) heart issues.