

# The Riverchase Family

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## So, How Do We Talk?

How do we talk to those we are trying to persuade? How do we talk to people in general? How do we talk to those with whom we disagree?

How do we want others to talk to us?

Delivering a message, especially God's message, should be of primary importance to us.

The apostle Paul was a spokesman for God. He has some things to tell us about how he talked to others. It is found in 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. Below is a summary of what he says.

1. "We have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God."

Open and honest handling the word of God correctly. That's the way Paul determined to talk.

2. "When we set forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."

God's truths are universal. When we set them forth clearly and plainly, we commend ourselves to open and honest hearts.

3. "We recognize that the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, but we are trying to shine forth the light of the knowledge of God's glory into the darkness of this world."

4. "We do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord. We present ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake."

Let's learn to talk better.

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### **Adventure Club/Pre-Teen**

- **Family Picnic:** Sunday, September 23, after late service at the Lakeside Pavilion in Oak Mountain State Park.
- **LTC Kick-Off Dinner:** Sunday, September 23, after evening service.
- **Pre-Teen Devotion:** Sunday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave.

### **Teen**

- **R.U.S.H.** Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30. Departure: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Return: 3:00 p.m. Sunday.
- **Campout** - October 12-13; Cost: \$5; Location: Oak Mountain State Park; Deadline to Signup: October 3.

### **College**

- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 21, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.



Sunday, September 23  
after late service  
at Oak Mountain State Park,  
Lakeside Pavilion

Cost is \$5.00 per adult / \$2.00 per child  
Email Eric (eric@riverchasechurch.org) if planning to  
attend.

Rather than paying at Oak Mountain we will be using  
tickets to enter the park. See Eric to pick up your  
tickets.



## KIDMIN SPOTLIGHT

**Maddie Shebs** is a 6th grader in the Children's Ministry. She is the daughter of Kelly and Julie Shebs. Maddie attends Pelham Park Middle School and in her free time she enjoys dancing, especially tap, running with her mom, swimming and bike riding. Maddie's favorite family activity is playing board games and card games like Uno. Her favorite Kidmin activities are helping with all the service projects.

Maddie looks forward to being in the youth group and going on all the retreats.

Maddie is a talented, sweet, awesome girl who loves to help and serve others!



## Growing Up

Scott Pruitt

Last night was the Shelby County Band Showcase at Helena High School. It's amazing how quickly life changes. Years ago, it was my mom and dad slaving away in the concession stand and hauling equipment all over the stadium. Now, I'm the dad. The running joke all night long was, "you're doing such a good job, I'm tripling your pay." Growing up is hard, hard work, but I hope we never lose sight of the priceless investments so many make in our children.

Through the years, what I have grown to love more and more as youth minister is watching our teens shine with the talents God has given them and also catching a glimpse of their parents cheering for them.

As we all continue to grow, may we also never lose sight of the following thoughts:

*Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years, and bring you prosperity. Proverbs 3:1-2*

No failure is ever final - nor is any success.

Have a firm handshake and look people in the eye.

Say "thank you" and "please" a lot.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7*

What you are becoming is more important than what you are accomplishing.

Compliment at least three people every day.

You will never build a reputation, a business, or a relationship on what you intend to do. Your intentions may be sincere and honorable, but unless you put them into action, nothing is changed.

Every one of these requires action, and never forget that you and God make an incredible team. Have a productive week.

## Firmly Rooted

*Colossians 2:7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. (NASB)*

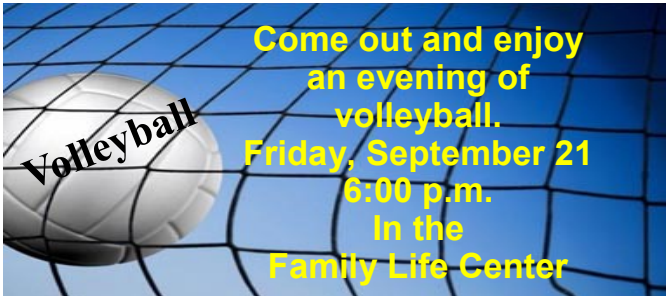
We had the opportunity to go to Dismals Canyon last weekend with the college group. Besides a beautiful scenery with great rock formations, we also admired the shapes of the trees. Some of these trees were so tall and others were not so tall. One interesting thing that we could observe were the roots on the trees. These massive trees hanging from the rocks by their roots. Some of the trees were barely hanging although they have been there for a long time. They were still hanging by the roots wrapped around the rocks. That view made me think of this verse.

We need to have our foundation wrapped and rooted in Christ who is the rock. To some people it may look like you are barely hanging, but to you and to me it means that the rocks won't let us fall because our roots are firmly secured in the rock. Hang on to Jesus always.

- David

## Por Los Niños

Now is the time! We have reached 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.



**Come out and enjoy an evening of volleyball.**  
**Friday, September 21**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**In the Family Life Center**




**LTC Kick-Off And Sign-Ups**

Sunday, September 23, after evening service in the Family Life Center. Food will be provided. We will be answering questions about LTC and signing up for the events.

**LiveWires! Events**

- 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.
- **Tour of Alabama and Lyric Theatres:** Monday, September 24, leave building at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00.



Ladies' Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. We will be studying "Behold the Birds". You can get your books from Helen Haskew or Joyce Bowen. The cost is \$15.00. We look forward to seeing you in Ladies Bible Class. Baby sitting will be available.

**Safety Class**

There will be a safety class offered on Tuesday, October 9, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. We will discuss general safety procedures and safety procedures in the building.

## For the Record

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Bible Study	425
Early Worship	227
Late Worship	398
Total Sunday Morning	625
Sunday Night	320
Contribution	\$33,305.28
YTD Average	\$35,424.01
Budget	\$37,500.00

**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.

All the men of the congregation are invited to a brown bag fellowship lunch, Monday, October 8, 12:00 p.m. in the reception room. Come for a chance to catch up and break the Monday morning blues.



**Riverchase Church of Christ**  
**LifeSouth Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, October 7**  
**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**In the reception room**

## Upcoming Events

- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 21, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **AC & PT Family Picnic at Oak Mountain:** Sunday, September 23, after late service. See Eric Gott for details.
- **LTC Kick-off Supper:** Sunday, September 23, after evening service in the Family Life Center.
- **LiveWires! Tour of Alabama and Lyric Theatres:** Monday, September 24, 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **R.U.S.H.:** Friday - Sunday, September 28-30.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, October 3, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, October 6, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.



**This week at Riverchase:**

**Friday, September 21**

- Volleyball

**Sunday, September 23**

- Family Picnic at Oak Mountain State Park
- LTC Kick-Off Dinner

**Monday, September 24**

- *LiveWires!* Tour of Alabama and Lyric Theatres

**Tuesday, September 25**

- Ladies' Bible Class

**Friday - Sunday, September 28-30**

- RUSH

**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:**

**Amy Anderson (#6)** recovering at home from gall bladder surgery.

**Zane Armstrong (#6)** will have a VNS placement on Tuesday, October 2, at Children's Hospital.

**Morgan Carter (#6)** stage 3 brain tumor. Chemo treatments.

**Sandra Hunt (#1)** will have surgery on Wednesday, September 26.

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

**Doug Mears (#6)** is in room 114 at Aspire recovering from health issues.

**JJ Redmon (#1)** recovering at home from back surgery.

**Norma Thomas (#4)** recovering at home from back surgery.

**Jo Wamack (#1)** recovering from broken femur 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 Dichiaro, 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.

**Susan Boothe Kelly** (friend of Jane Spivey) acute leukemia.

**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.