



# The Riverchase Family

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## The Joy of The Lord

Nehemiah's leadership has brought the repair of the wall in Jerusalem to near completion. The opposition from their enemies had not succeeded. The people of Israel had returned to the city of Jerusalem as God had promised.

On the first day of the seventh month, the day of Trumpets, Ezra read from the book of the law of God and the Levites gave the meaning of the reading to the people so they could understand it.

The people began to weep. Possibly because of their failure in the past to keep the words they were hearing.

*Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10 NIV)*

The sin is past. The sin has been turned from. The sin has been forgiven by God. The people have returned to God and His word. This is a day of celebration.

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

The joy of the Lord is your hope.

The joy of the Lord is your life.

Stay in the joy of the Lord.

-Dewayne

### Upcoming Events:

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

- **Tell-a-Tale Banquet:** Saturday, August 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Church Retreat:** August 23-25, at Shocco Springs, Talladega, AL

#### **Teen**

- **Teen Supper & Back to School Project:** This Wednesday, August 8. Bring \$10 for Back To School purchases and \$3 for Teen Supper. Supper is at 5:30 p.m. Departure: 6:30 p.m. Return: 8:15 p.m. We will shop at Target on Hwy 150.

**Menu: Ham, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Rolls and Dessert**

#### **College**

- **Volleyball:** Friday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

## Back to School Bash

Sunday night the Kidmin celebrated the end of summer with our Back to School Bash. Thank you to all the families that brought school supplies. We plan to donate those supplies to Pelham Oaks for the teachers to use in their classrooms. The Back to School Bash was lots of fun. We enjoyed pizza, snow cones, and popcorn. The kids had a blast jumping on the inflatables too!



## Those Good ol' School Days



### TELL-A-TALE

**Saturday, August 10  
6:00 p.m.**

In the Reception Room

All livewires are invited to join the Kidmin for this special night!

Please sign up on the **LIVEWIRES!** bulletin board.

Whenever you see a teen, please give them a hug, because they behaved beautifully this summer and their hearts of service, compassion and love were evident through each mission effort. I am so proud of this group in the many ways they reflect Jesus. Scott Pruitt



### Big House 2019



## Samson

Hebrews 11:39-40

Name your favorite hero of the Bible. Would Samson be in that list? When we think of heroes of the Bible, Samson is not one we think of first. Samson actually may not make it to our list. But he made it to God's list of heroes of faith. Samson was disobedient, he was disrespectful, and he was temperamental, and yet, God talks about him as one of the heroes of faith. You see, what God saw in Samson was the fact that in his last act of obedience, he asked God for strength to destroy the Philistines. Which is what God wanted him to do in the first place.

In the same manner, when we look at our life, we are disobedient, and sometimes disrespectful to God's commands when He doesn't give us what we want, and even sometimes we get angry! How are we different from Samson? We are not. However, we are all given the same chance by God to repent and change our ways. Samson is recognized as a man of faith because he is remembered for his faith. In the eyes of God we are going to be remembered for the things we do right. But we must be in Christ. You are perfect in the eyes of God because of Jesus! Keep walking the narrow way, keep your eyes on Jesus, and sin less.

- David

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Stephen, Kelly and Andrew Skelton**, in the death of **Kelly's** father, Marlin Murphree. The funeral was last week in Blountsville, Alabama.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Stephen and Donna Porterfield**, in the death of **Donna's** mother, Mary Abbott. The funeral will be today in Gardendale.

### Welcome to the Family

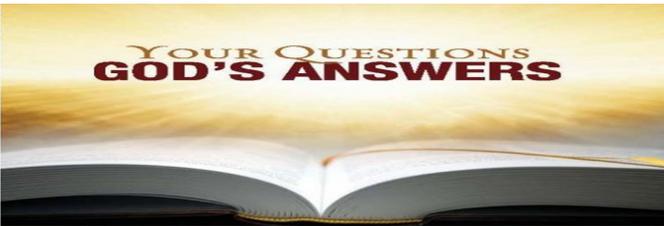


Welcome to **Seth, Kayla and Everleigh Self** (FTG #4) who recently placed membership. Their address is 708 Cross Creek Trail, Pelham, Alabama, 35124. Their phone number is 205-607-1983.

### New Class

Beginning in September, a new Bible class will be offered for those who do not wish to drive after dark on Wednesday nights. The class will meet for Fall and Winter Quarters, September - February. The class will meet from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm. More information to follow.

### YOUR QUESTIONS GOD'S ANSWERS



### Questions for Wednesday, August 7 LGBT

1. Scriptures to use in discussing transgenderism.
2. How do we respond to someone who does not believe in the traditional family structure?
3. What is to be our attitude toward gays and how should we interact with them?
4. How can we respond to the argument that the homosexual nature is part of a persons created being and they cannot be condemned for following their "God given" sexual orientation?
5. A quotation from the United Methodist Church regarding ordaining homosexuals – "To reiterate, the United Methodist Church's long-standing policy is that the practice, not the attraction, of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." Do you agree that "behavior" matters, not "orientation"?
6. How do we respond to someone who believes any sexual expression is good?

### For the Record

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Bible Study	328
Early Worship	205
Late Worship	350
Total Sunday Morning	555
Sunday Night	279
Contribution	\$36,557.51
YTD Average	\$35,572.85
Budget	\$37,500.00

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you so much for the spray of flowers you sent to my father's funeral. It was beautiful. All the love and prayers during this time are greatly appreciated.*

*In Christian love,  
The Ritenour's*

*Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,*

*The Oglesby Family thanks you for the beautiful flowers, the many cards and most for your years of treasured friendships for mom. It always meant the world to mom to be with you, in her favorite place, church.*

*In Christian love,  
The Oglesby Family*



### Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory **Sunday, August 11, 18, September 1 and 8**. 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.

### Upcoming Events

- **Teen Supper and Back to School Service Project:** August 7, 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Tell-a-Tale Banquet:** Saturday, August 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Bridal Tea for Claire Humphrey, bride elect of Kyle Holloway:** Sunday, August 11, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Amazon.
- **Men's Brown Bag Lunch:** Monday, August 12, 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, August 13, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Church Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, August 23-25, Shocco Springs in Talladega, Alabama.

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### **This week at Riverchase:**

#### **Wednesday, August, 7**

- Teen Supper and Back to School Project

#### **Saturday, August 10**

- Tell a Tale Banquet

#### **Sunday, August, 11**

- Bridal Tea for Claire Humphrey

#### **Tuesday, August, 13**

- TOTS

#### **Please continue to remember in prayer:**

**Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Greg Case** (Penny's husband), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay'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), **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).

#### **Please pray for our active duty deployed military:**

#### **Riverchase Family:**

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

**Susan Dees (#4)** in room 357 at Brookwood recovering from blood clots.

**Don Genry (#6)** stage 3 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

**Peggy Jackson (#7)** recovering from eye surgery.

**Beverly Strange (#5)** will have Thyroid surgery on Thursday, August 8, at Grandview.

**Linda Yerby (#4)** in room SICU 512 at Grandview recovering from health issues.

#### **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, Pat Bearden,

Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook,

Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith

**FTG #3:** David Bath, Becky Carter, Martha Johnston,

Nona Miller, Thelma Moon, Jean Oglesby

**FTG #4:** Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans,

Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Martha Mann,

Doug Mears, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider,

Linda Yerby

**FTG #5:** Jake Cole, Ron Waddell, Shirley Wilson

**FTG #6:** Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs,

Michelle Dichiara, Shirley Genry,

Grover Jackson, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford

**FTG #7:** Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley,

Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Tim Parker

#### **ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:**

**Noreen Anderson** (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.

**J.R. Andrews** (Peggy Jackson's friend) cancer.

**Zachary Bath** (Bath's grandson) rare chronic kidney disease.

**Don Blackwell** (Brent McCaleb's friend) paralyzed.

**Toby Blackwood** (friend of Ollie and Mary Scott) cancer.

**Patsy Burks** (Rhonda Ball's mother) recovering from surgery to help clot bleeding above her eye.

**Randy Burks** (Rhonda Ball father) recovering from back surgery.

**Jessica Brown** (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.

**Cathy Crittenden** (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.

**Bob Edwards** (Ron Steen's cousin) MDS.

**G. Estes** (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.

**Teresa Evans** (friend of the Peters') breast cancer

**Sam Gray** (Ward's neighbor) cancer.

**Jan Hall** (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.

**Jane Harrison** (Peggy Hendley's sister in law) heart issues.

**Bob Hull** (Howe's brother-in-law ) cancer.

**Mildred Martin** (Kristi Sibert's mother) breast cancer

**Tonya Masoner** (Judy Masoner's daughter) radiation.

**Jackie McKenzie** (Vaughn's cousin) health issues.

**Paul Meacham** (member at Panama Street) brain cancer.

**Becky Morris** (Rodney Morris' sister in law) cancer.

**Kim Morris** (Rodney & Sue Morris' daughter) health issues.

**Lauren Nudo** (Friend of the Coehoorn's) stage 4 cancer.

**Gunner Pendley** (friend of the Brown's) in UAB with head trauma.

**McKenzie Ray** (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

**Margaret Seagrest** (long time visitor) health issues.

**Mary Ella Sirmon** (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.

**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.

**Lisa Wallace** (Bath's niece) breast cancer.

**Carol Watson** (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.

**Raymond White** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.

**Judy Wiley** (David and Sarah Akers sister-in-law) pancreas cancer.

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

**Joseph Wright** (Stephen Wright's father) health issues.