

The Riverchase Family

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Fall Quarter Classes Begins Sunday, September 1, 2019

Class	Sunday	Wednesday
0 - 24 months	Baby Jesus M Waddell, K Waddell, K Yaeger, S Pate	Noah's Ark M Waddell, K Waddell, K Yaeger
2 year olds	New Testament B Johnson, B Parker, M Hutchinson	Old / New Testament TBA
3 year olds	Old Testament J & A Robinett	
4 year olds	Old Testament A Sexton, J Stockman	Old / New Testament J Medley, D Jones
5 year olds	New Testament R & M Mills	
1st grade	Bible Overview C Stewart, H Boggs	Bible Overview J Spivey, L Lyon
2nd grade	Old Testament J Bowen, P Williams	Old Testament L Lambert
3rd grade	Old Testament S Sims, M Whitaker	God Made It Perfect P Parker, B Goodrum
4th grade	Gospels E Gott, M Bassett	
5th grade	Acts W & M Edwards	One Big Question E & L Gott
6th grade	Epistles W & A Clifford	
7th grade	God's Plan for Salvation M Thompson	
8th grade	Jesus' Sermon from the Mount N Click	Why I Believe S Pruitt
9th grade	Lessons from I & II Peter K Strickland	
10th grade	Galatians (Freedom in Christ) J Sibert	
11th grade	Lessons from Hebrews P Dyer	
12th grade	Graduation Class Z Steed	
College - (#256)	Elijah J Mastrioni	Kings of Israel D Dorantes
Adult I/II - (#253)	I, II, III John J Wamack	Kings of Israel D Spivey
Adult III - (#252)	Elijah J Lester	Hebrews R Betz
Adult IV - (#251)	I, II, III John R Steen	Kings of Israel N Whitaker
Adult V - (#154)	Elijah B Wagner	
Adult VI - (#151)	I, II, III John T Steed	
Ladies' - (#255)	Elijah B Hardin	King of Israel D Harper
Wednesday- 3:00 PM (#151)		



Riverchase Church Retreat

“Christians in the Digital Age”

Speaker:
Chad Landman
August 23-25, 2019

We are excited about our annual church retreat happening this weekend at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. For those who registered please see the packing list below:

Packing List:

- Bible and notepad
- Flashlight
- Fishing gear (no license required)
- Cards/ Board games
- Swimsuits and beach towels
- Clothing and toiletries for the weekend

Shocco Springs will provide bedding and towels.

We are excited to welcome Chad Landman as our guest speaker for the weekend. He will deliver three lessons to us all centered on Christians and technology. The titles include:

- 1) Times have changed
- 2) What we say matters
- 3) Freedom from Digital Addiction

We look forward to a great weekend with our church family. The church retreat is a fun, action-packed weekend. If you wish to ride the bus to the retreat please email tim@worldbibleschool.net so that we can have a list of all those needing a ride.

The address for the retreat is:
1314 Shocco Springs Road
Talladega, Alabama 35160

September - Sunday Coffeehouse
September 4 - Teen Supper
September 7-8 – Small Group Leader Retreat
(Camp Tuscoaba)
September 27-29 – R.U.S.H.
@ Freed Hardeman University

October – Sunday Coffeehouse
October 2 – Teen Supper
October 11-12 – Campout – Tents (Oak Mountain)
October 26 – Halloween Theme Party
October 27 – Trunk or Treat / Fall Festival

November– Sunday Coffeehouse
November 3 –Walk Out of the Darkness
(Veteran’s Park –Valleydale)
November 6 – Teen Supper & Worship Under the Stars
November 8-10 – Fall Retreat (Children’s Harbor)
November 20 –Packing Day- Backpacks for Homeless
(Wednesday)

December – Sunday Morning Coffeehouse
December 1 – Church Wide Caroling (Sunday)
December 4 - Teen Supper and
Christmas Compassion Project
December 14 – Breakfast / Clothing With the Homeless
(Morning)
December 14 –Teen Christmas Party (Saturday Evening)

January – Sunday Morning Coffeehouse
January 1 – Teen Supper ???
January 11 – Life Lessons: Livewires & Teens
TOGETHER
January 17-19 – Winter Retreat (Camp To Know Him,
(Pisgah, AL)

February – Sunday Morning Coffeehouse
February 1 – Broom Hockey & Devo
February 2 – Super Bowl Party (Sunday Night)
February 5 – Teen Supper
February 8 - Valentine’s Party for Widows (Saturday)

Parents & Teens: Please check your emails for details.

Welcome Our Visitors

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (NIV)

How do you make someone feel welcome? Most of us we understand the importance of needing to be welcomed properly. We decide to visit a restaurant a second time depending on our first experience, and based on other experiences after that, we make that place familiar and we get to know people who work there and serve us.

So how do we translate that to a church atmosphere? Do we yell, “Welcome to Riverchase!” as soon as they enter the door? Do we greet them with a big yell of, “Hey there!” That’s not what I’m talking about. What I’m talking about is simpler. 1. Recognize them, if you think a person might be visiting. Go say hi and let them know you are happy to see them. If they are already members, you just met a brother or sister in Christ, and it will mean a lot to them that you came to say hi. It’s better to err in that direction, than never saying hi, because we were afraid to be embarrassed. 2. Smile! You don’t have to tell jokes. You don’t have to be funny. All you have to do is approach someone with a smile and it eases their minds and hearts. You and I know what it is like to be in a new place, not knowing anyone. A smile will fix that. A smile can make people feel comfortable. There are more ways to make visitors feel welcome, and we will see those next week. Practice these two traits this week and make a difference in someone’s life.

- David

New Class

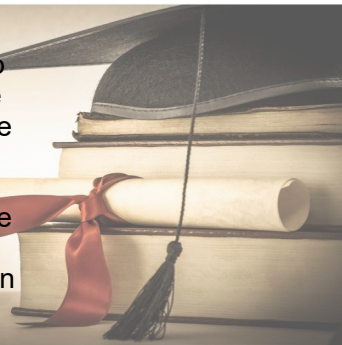
Beginning in September, a new Bible class will be offered for those who do not wish to drive after dark on Wednesday nights. The class will meet for Fall and Winter Quarters, September - February. The class will meet from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm. In room 151.



Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Kimberly & Charlie Nalley** (FTG #5) who recently placed membership. Their address is 2112 2nd Ave. North, Irondale, Alabama, 35210. Kimberly's phone number is 205-389-6898.

Congratulations to **Bethany Goodrum** who graduated from Wallace State Community College with a degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant. She is the wife of Johnathan Goodrum and the daughter of Bryan and Pat Parker.



Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory **Sunday, September 1 and 8**. We will be making them after early service and after Bible Class. 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. The photo room is in the hallway beside the West Wing Foyer.

YOUR QUESTIONS GOD'S ANSWERS

Questions for Wednesday, August 21 Drinking

1. Please discuss the use of alcohol by Christians considering several studies conclude there is no safe amount of alcohol to drink.
2. The new testament does not prohibit the use of alcohol. The words used are "not given to drunkenness" or "no indulging in much wine". As a Christian, how do I reconcile my decision to not drink at all when there are those around me who do drink? Should I allow someone to drink alcohol in my home? Should I eat in public with those who have ordered alcohol?

For the Record

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Bible Study	418
Early Worship	266
Late Worship	363
Total Sunday Morning	629
Sunday Night	338
Contribution	\$27,080.54
YTD Average	\$35,697.78
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,

Bob and I want to thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, and most of all, your prayers. He is home from the hospital and beginning the process of healing and regaining his strength after the brain bleed and surgery. Our God is mighty. He has heard and answered our prayers. Thank you so much for your out pouring of His love.

In Christian love,

Bob and Alice Smith

Congregation and Elders,

Our family appreciates the prayers and gentle, loving, presence and your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. My dad's passing was sudden, but he is on his journey and we know we will miss him for a while.

We have felt the prayers of our brothers and sisters at RCOC and are so grateful.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the peace and comfort through the prayers offered on our behalf to our loving Lord.

In Christian Love,

Kelly, Stephen and

Andrew Skelton

Upcoming Events

- **Teens, Pre-Teens and Adventure Club Fall and Winter Sign-ups:** Sunday, August 25, September 1, in the West Wing Foyer and in the Nursery Hallway.
- **Church Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, August 23-25, Shocco Springs in Talladega, Alabama.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, August 30, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **'Bridal Tea for Sarah Sanford, bride elect of Blake Neill:** Sunday, September 8, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Pottery Barn and Target.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, September 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.



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This week at Riverchase:

Friday - Sunday, August, 23 - 25

- Family Retreat

Friday, August 30

- Volleyball

Wednesday, September 4

- Teen Supper

Friday, September 6

- *LiveWires!* Game Night

Saturday, September 7

- Men's Prayer Breakfast

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) recovering at home from blood clots.
Alisa Creel (#3) recovering from orthostasis vasovagal.
Don Genry (#6) stage 3 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
Peggy Jackson (#7) recovering from eye surgery.
Chris Mayfield (#1) recovering at home from health issues.
Candy Parker (#7) nodules on vocal cords.
Jennifer Reid (#5) will have surgery on Wednesday, August 21, at Brookwood Women's Center.
Beverly Strange (#5) thyroid cancer. Going to MD Anderson for treatment.
Pam Wampol (#4) recovering at home from surgery.
Bob Winter (#2) will have heart valve surgery on Wednesday, August, 21.

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,
FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Martha Mann, Doug Mears, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider
FTG #5: Jake Cole, Ron Waddell, Shirley Wilson
FTG #6: Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiaro, 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) will have surgery on her eye.
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.
Lim Morris (Rodney & Sue Morris' daughter) health issues.
Lauren Nudo (Friend of the Coehorn's) stage 4 cancer.
McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.
Margaret Seagrest (long time visitor) health issues.
Mary Ella Sirmon (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.
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.