

# The Riverchase Family

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## The Path

*“In Nashville, every family boasts  
Of five rooms and a bath;  
But in my youth I never had  
But three rooms and a path.”*

Those words are the beginning line of a poem entitled “Three Rooms And A Path” written by Richard M. “Pek” Gunn and found in his book “Tumblin’ Creek Tales”.

To alter the meaning of his word, every home should have a path and make sure it is the correct one.

There is a path that leads to eternal life. There is another path that leads to eternal destruction. (Matthew 7:13-14)

In our sermon for this past Sunday, we talked about two men who each followed their truth. Gaius had made the will of Jesus his truth. That meant he had to learn what that will was and to change his own thinking in order to cause his thinking and his life to fall in line with the truth of Jesus.

He was successful in doing that and John recognized that Gaius had made the truth of Jesus his truth.

Diotrephes also followed his own truth. But what a difference. His truth was his own thinking and it was in opposition to the will of Jesus. He ignored the will of Jesus and did as he wanted to do and demanded that others agree with him.

He was on a completely different path from Gaius. There are only two paths. Which do you travel?

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Family Supper:** Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Family Picnic at Oak Mountain:** Sunday, September 22, after second service.
- **LTC Kick-Off and Sign-ups:** Sunday, September 22, after evening service in the Family Life Center. Food will be provided.

### Teen

- **RUSH:** September 27-29; Cost: \$55; Deadline - September 11.
- **LTC Kick-Off and Sign-ups:** Sunday, September 22, after evening service in the Family Life Center. Food will be provided.

### College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **College Trip:** DeSoto Caverns Saturday, September 14. Leave at 10:00 a.m.



**Family Picnic at Oak Mountain  
Sunday, September 22  
Following Second Service**

Everyone is invited to join the Kidmin at the **Discover Shelby Pavilion** after second service. We will grill hotdogs and have drinks and desserts prepared. Parents, please bring sides to go with the hotdogs (Fruit, chips, etc.)

The Discover Shelby Pavilion is a new pavilion between the playground and the basketball courts located beside the water.

We will use the Oak Mountain State Park ticket system to enter the park. Please see Eric Gott to receive your tickets. There are tickets for both adults and children. If you do not have tickets you will have to pay to enter the park.



**Vision**

Scott Pruitt

Yesterday I had to take a little 2 hour drive, and I must say that I was focused and deep in thought about a particular lesson coming up. And then...it happened.

**Distractions**

Apparently it was bug migration season and I was in their direct path. And then...a massive thunderstorm accompanied with pounding rain and hail.

**Distractions**

Branches flying, leaves swirling, brake lights, cars swerving, cars stopping on the interstate due to one major problem - WE COULDN'T SEE! We were all struggling with lack of vision.

**What causes the most distractions in your walk with God?**

**Does your spiritual life, at times, resemble the physical distractions in this article?**

**How do you restore clear vision?**

<sup>23</sup> Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. <sup>24</sup> Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. <sup>25</sup> Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. <sup>26</sup> Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. <sup>27</sup> Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil. (Prov. 4:23-27 NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2 NIVO)

**Interactions with Jesus**

*John 8:7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (NIV)*

Have you counted how many times Jesus interacted with women in the Bible? When you read the Gospel account, do you feel like Jesus was giving importance to women that they hadn't received in a long time? Most of the time the women who met Jesus were not expecting something out of him. They were going about in their daily routine, when they received what they were needing.

A sinful woman received unexpected forgiveness, a widow received unexpected joy and an adulterous woman received a second chance. If we are to be Jesus in this world, we need to be bringing those attitudes to the people around us. We need to bring joy, forgiveness and a second chance.

- David

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Robert, Carol, Baron and Leann, Corinne, Xander & Knox Crawford** in the death of Robert's mother, Rose Crawford. The memorial service was Monday in Bessemer.

## Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Ruby Lakeman** (FTG #4) who recently placed membership. Her address is 121 Crestmont Lane, Pelham, Alabama, 35124. Her phone number is 205-621-4197.

## NEW FALL QUARTER CLASS

A new Bible Class will be offered for those who do not wish to drive after dark on Wednesday nights. The class will meet from 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. in classroom 151 beginning Wednesday, September 11.



## Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory **Sunday, September 15**. 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.

## fellowship POTLUCK

### Family Time Fellowship

Family Time Groups #1, #4, #5 & #6 will have a pot luck lunch Sunday, September 15, after late service in the Family Life Center.

Family Time Groups #2, #3 & #7 will have a pot luck supper Sunday, September 15, after evening service in the Family Life Center.

## Por Los Niños

Jose Chinchilla and Karla Ponce, the national directors for Por Los Niños in Catacamas, Honduras, will soon be visiting Riverchase Church of Christ. They, along with Lisa Steele, the new Family Life Missions executive director, will be giving a presentation on the status of the work at Por Los Niños beginning at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 22 in Room 154. Please make plans to attend and learn about this great work!

## For the Record

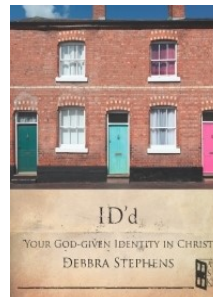
Sunday, September 8, 2019

Bible Study	402
Early Worship	255
Late Worship	374
Total Sunday Morning	629
Sunday Night	339
Contribution	\$34,917.98
YTD Average	\$35,742.48
Budget	\$37,500.00

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you very much for your loving support following my surgery and cancer diagnosis. The many cards I have received along with the texts, phone calls and many prayers have shown that Bobby and I are part of a very loving church family. Please keep us in your prayers while we are at MD Anderson in Houston, Texas, fighting this disease.*

*In Christian love,  
Bobby & Beverly Strange*



## Ladies' Bible Class

Ladies' Bible Class will begin Tuesday, September 17, in the Reception Room. We will be studying "ID'd, Your God-Given Identity in Christ". The cost of the book is \$5.00. Babysitting will be available. We look forward to seeing you in Ladies Bible Class.

## Upcoming Events

- **PT/AC Supper:** Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **College Trip to Desoto Caverns:** Saturday, September 14.
- **FTG #1, #4, #5 & #6 Pot Luck Lunch:** Sunday, September 15, after late service.
- **FTG #2, #3, & #7 Pot Luck Supper:** Sunday, September 15, after evening service.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Nashville:** Thursday-Saturday, September 19-21.
- **Family Picnic:** Sunday, September 22, after late service at Oak Mountain State Park.
- **Faulkner Reception:** Sunday, September 22, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Lester Family.
- **Por Los Niños Meeting:** Sunday, September 22, 4:45 p.m. in Room 154.
- **LTC Kickoff and Dinner:** Sunday, September 22, after evening service in the Family Life Center.



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

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

- Pre-Teen/Adventure Club Supper

#### **Friday, September 13**

- Volleyball

#### **Saturday, September 14**

- College Trip to Desoto Caverns

#### **Sunday, September 15**

- FTG #1, #4, #5 & #6 Pot Luck Lunch
- FTG #2, #3 & #7 Pot Luck Supper

#### **Tuesday, September 17**

- Ladies' Bible Class

### **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 Holton** (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.

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

**Peggy Hendley (#7)** will have knee surgery on Tuesday, September 24, at Shelby.

**Dana Keith (#2)** recovering from kidney stones and kidney infection.

**Chris Mayfield (#1)** recovering at home from health issues.

**Candy Parker (#7)** will have surgery on Tuesday, September 24, at St. Vincent's North Tower on her vocal cords.

**Jennifer Reid (#5)** recovering at home from surgery.

**Beverly Strange (#5)** thyroid cancer. Radiation and Chemo.

### **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 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.

**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) eye issues.

**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 Coehoon's) stage 4 cancer.

**Lauren Orth** (David's sister) health issues.

**Gary Pemberton** (Jane Spivey's brother-in-law) health issues.

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

**Ronnie Rogers** (CJ Rogers father - college student) brain cancer.

**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.

**Patrick Styles** (Donya Sanford brother) recovering from neck surgery.

**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.