

The Riverchase Family

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Listen To Him

Three times the Bible records the words God speaks to Jesus directly from heaven.

The first is at Jesus' baptism.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17 NIV)

God is well pleased with Jesus. He delights in him. All Jesus does is good. Jesus lived a life to be emulated. A life to be followed. Therefore, we are called to be his disciples.

The second is on the mountain where Jesus is transfigured.

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 7:5 NIV)

On this occasion, God gives us specific instructions with regard to our relationship with Jesus. We are to listen to him. To listen is to heed, to pay attention to. To listen is to obey. To listen is to trust.

We seem to say a great deal about the importance of listening to Jesus. So does the Bible. It doesn't take much awareness to realize how much we all need to be reminded of this one and essential commandment from God.

The third time God spoke to Jesus? John 12:28.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Reverse Trick-or-Treat:** Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Sunday, October 27, after evening services.

Teen

- **Halloween Party at the Mills':** Saturday, October 26, 6-9 pm
- **Walk Out of Darkness:** November 3. Signup online
- **Fall Retreat Signups NOW.** November 8-10; Cost: \$65. We will have a late bus going to Children's Harbor on Lake Martin in Alexander City.

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, October 25, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Reverse Trick-or-Treat
Saturday, October 26
10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, October 26, all children's ministry families are invited to join us for a service project at Morningside of Riverchase assisted living. This is the same assisted living facility we visited during the summer.

We will meet at the church building at 10:00 a.m. We will arrive at Morningside by 10:30 a.m.

All children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for this event.

Our children will deliver Halloween packages to the residents and spend time talking with them.

We hope you all can make it!



Trunk-or-Treat
Sunday, October 27
Immediately Following Evening Worship

All families are invited to join us after evening worship service for our annual Trunk-or-Treat.

Everyone wanting to dress up can change into their costumes after service. **Please do not wear your costumes to evening worship.**

Trunk-or-Treat will take place in the back parking lot near the west foyer.

We will serve hotdogs and chili during Trunk-or-Treat. **There will be NO chili supper before evening worship.** We hope to see all of you there!

How are you?
Scott Pruitt

As I write that question, my mind is flooded with so many people who will receive this question with a plethora of responses.

How are you? Some of us are overwhelmed with stress from work, school, or relationships. Others have found contentment as they grind through the day to day activities of life. A few are at their breaking point as they care for their loved one battling sickness.

When I was in 5th grade, each Sunday, my bible class teacher wrote all of the students' names on the chalkboard with one question at the top...How are you? He also had 2 other questions. How many days did you pray last week? How often did you read the Bible? I can remember striving to honestly be able to write "7" each week. I don't know why, but I guess I looked at that challenge as a competition to some degree. It wasn't until later when life hit that I dealt with that challenge at a much deeper level.

What part of the Lord's prayer do you struggle to pray for the most? What part do you connect with the most?

"Your Kingdom come, your Will be done."

Do you have the courage, assurance, and invitation to welcome God into every thought, conversation, and activity in your life or do you attempt to control Him?

Today, pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage...to crawl onto His lap and talk to Him honestly and openly, to surrender whatever you are trying to control and seek His help, to love deeply and serve wholeheartedly.

Preparing for the Eternal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

Why are you discouraged? Why do you loose heart? We all have stages in our lives when we get discouraged. A lot of things happen in this world that discourage us. Sometimes we feel like we just need to give up. DON'T! If you are feeling exhausted and tired of your Christian life and your Christian walk, don't give up! Paul tells the church in Corinth to not loose heart. Imagine all the evil they were surrounded by and all the decay of their world around them. It was extremely hard to be a Christian then, even more so than today. But the encouragement was to not lose heart, which means, don't give up! Don't stop believing you can succeed!

The moment we stop having hope and believe that there is no success to be had, we give up. Sometimes an illness, life events even church work can discourage us. Never stop believing in God. God's plan for your life is for eternity, not for the temporary things of this world. Trust him and obey him. It's okay if our body is wasting away because our soul has set it's eyes on heaven. No matter what happens here in this world, we belong to Christ, don't lose heart brothers and sisters.

- David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Mike and Carmen Knighton** in the death of Mike's father, Ross Knighton. There was a private family service on Monday in Anniston.

Sympathy

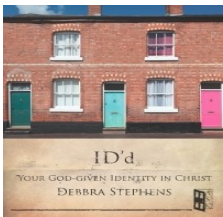
Our sympathy is extended to **Bill and Susan Mealer** in the death of Susan's brother, Jim Lewis Jr. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

New Wednesday Bible Class

A new Bible class is being offered for those who do not wish to drive after dark on Wednesday nights. The class will meet on Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm. in classroom 151.

Christian Woman Magazine

Ladies, it is once again time to renew or start your Christian Woman Magazine. The cost is \$17.50. Please make your check payable to Riverchase Church of Christ. The deadline is Wednesday, October 23.



Ladies' Bible Class

Ladies' Bible Class will be Tuesday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Babysitting will be available. We look forward to seeing you in Ladies' Bible Class.

Featured Guest Speaker:

DENNIS JONES

BIBLE CLASSES 9:30 a.m.

COMBINED WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

No 8:00 a.m. Worship

No Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. - Communion Only

A catered meal will be provided.

Contributions will go to Missions.

ANNIVERSARY
Sunday
NOVEMBER 3

Childhaven Children's Home

We will be collecting food items for Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, Alabama. A list and bags are provided in each of the foyers. Please choose one or more options to help supply Childhaven's pantry with **NAME BRAND** products. The deadline to have these products in will be Sunday, November 3. Small cans please because they serve meals in their homes not cafeteria style. Thank you.



LTC Sign-Ups

LTC sign-ups are now underway. If you would like to participate in LTC this year please fill out a form that is located on the tables upstairs or by the gym and return them to the church office or to William Clifford.

For the Record

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Bible Study	408
Early Worship	209
Late Worship	351
Total Sunday Morning	560
Sunday Night	316
Contribution	\$34,528.44
YTD Average	\$35,697.27
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

My heart is overwhelmed by the outpouring of love toward myself and family in the sudden passing of my daughter, Wendy Flatt. The calls, cards, prayers and donations in her name has been greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,

Sharon Daniel and Family

Dear Riverchase Church,

Thank you for your thoughtful gift to Rainbow Omega in memory of Rose Crawford. She loved the Riverchase church family.

Love,

Robert & Carol Crawford

Riverchase Family,

Thank you so much for the many cards and prayers during my recent surgery and on going illness.

It is such a comfort knowing you are praying for me. It is very special to be a member of a family such as ours.

In Christian Love,

Candy Parker

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- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Pensacola:** Wednesday - Saturday, October 30 - November 2.
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Saturday, November 2.
- **Anniversary Sunday:** Sunday, November 3.
- **Out of the Darkness Walk:** Sunday, November 3, 2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park on Valleydale Road.
- **Teens Worship Under the Stars:** Sunday, November 3.



This week at Riverchase:

Friday, October 25

- Volleyball

Saturday, October 26

- Adventure Club Reverse Trick or Treating

Sunday, October 27

- Trunk or Treating

Tuesday, October 29

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- Anniversary Sunday
- Walk Out of the Darkness
- Teen Worship Under the Stars

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom), **Joan Harris** (Betz's 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.
Angie Guffey (#3) heart failure.
Teresa Hare (#3) recovering at home from health issues.
Peggy Hendley (#7) recovering at home from knee surgery.
Chris Mayfield (#1) health issues.
Annette Sanderson (#5) recovering at home from a fall.
Kelly Skelton (#5) recovering from sinus surgery.
Beverly Strange (#5) thyroid cancer.
Cheryl Thomas (#5) recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.
Shirley Vines (#6) will have knee replacement surgery on Friday, November 1, at Andrew's Sports Medicine St. Vincent's.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Chris Mayfield, Ollie Scott, Michelle Whitaker
FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, John & Pat Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith
FTG #3: David Bath, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, Martha Johnston, Nona Miller, Theima 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 Diciara, Shirley Genry, Don Greer, Grover Jackson, 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.
Teresa Bondurant (Jeanne Wamack's friend) metastatic breast 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.
Jerry Earnest (Handley's friend) cancer.
Bob Edwards (Ron Steen's cousin) MDS.
G. Estes (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.
Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast 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.
Tonya Masoner (Judy Masoner's daughter) radiation.
Jackie McKenzie (Vaughn's cousin) health issues.
Becky Morris (Rodney Morris' sister in law) cancer.
Kim Morris (Rodney & Sue Morris' daughter) health issues.
Lauren Orth (David's sister) 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.
Randy Turrentine (Donnie's brother) recovering from heart surgery.
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.