



Numbers 7

My Bible reading for last week brought me to Numbers 7. It would be one of those “boring parts” of the Bible as described by Philip Rosenbaum in his book “How To Enjoy The Boring Parts Of The Bible.”

Even my reading schedule recognized Numbers 7 as a “boring part”. The schedule will normally give two or more chapters to read in a single day. But not Numbers 7. It was a chapter that stood alone.

Chapter 7 is the place where the leaders of each tribe of Israel bring gifts from their respective tribe for the dedication of the altar. One leader a day for twelve consecutive days.

The really boring part is that each tribe is bringing the exact same gifts and the gifts are all described and identified in exactly the same way. The only difference is in the name of the tribe and the tribe’s leader. Except for the first verse, every paragraph of the twelve paragraphs describing the gifts reads exactly the same.

So why wouldn’t God shorten the Bible some by just telling us that all twelve tribes gave the same gift? He actually does that in the summary of the gifts given in verses 84-88. So why not just give us those five verses?

There may be many lessons here. Can you think of some? How about this one—God treated every gift as unique. Every tribe was given their special time and their special day to honor God and dedicate the altar.

There may be a lot of things about us that are similar and alike, but to God we are all our own unique individual, loved by Him and desired by Him.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Preteen Devotion:** Sunday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. in the 4th grade classroom
- **Parent Meeting:** Sunday, March 8, 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room
- **Molder of Dreams:** Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room

Teen

- **Rainbow Omega;** March 7; Arrival at RCOC: 11:30 a.m. Return: 3:30 a.m.
- **“13”:** March 13; I Still Believe Movie at Patton Creek AMC. Cost: \$7; We will meet at the theater. Details coming to your e-mails and texts to your cell phones.

College

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

Summer Parent Meeting

Sunday, March 8

5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room

All parents of children in Adventure Club and Preteens are invited to a parent meeting to discuss all upcoming spring and summer events.

We will review the calendar, discuss important dates, and have time for parents to sign up to volunteer for activities.

Molder of Dreams

"A Grand Celebration"

Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

FINAL REMINDER

Our annual Molder of Dreams banquet is one week away. All kindergarten through 6th graders are encouraged to invite their teachers, coaches, or mentors to this banquet.

Remember to RSVP by emailing eric@riverchasechurch.org. All RSVPs should be turned in by Sunday, March 8. Please also take several pictures of your child with their teacher. These pictures can be silly, candid shots and we will include them in the slideshow presentation. You can email all pictures to Eric Gott.

Parents, remember if your child is attending with his or her guest you will need to stay at the banquet to help serve food and help clean up.

Kidmin Family Supper

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m.

In the Family Life Center

Rainbow Omega

Scott Pruitt

The teens look forward to visiting the residents of Rainbow Omega this Saturday, March 7. We will be delivering care baskets full of goodies for all of them. Rainbow Omega is one of the most special places on the planet.

Have you ever been a part of something that you initially thought you were there to bring blessings, and you ended up being the one to receive blessings? That is exactly what we experience each time we get to be a part of this incredible group of adults. Rainbow Omega helps us all realize how special life is. They also help us appreciate the gift of each other. We look forward to their constant hugs, laughter, smiles and especially when several of them want to sing a special song that they have been working on or show us their latest artwork and woodworking projects.

We still have space available, if you would like to join us. Make sure that you arrive at 11:30 a.m. We will make lunch before we begin our journey to Eastaboga, Alabama.



**Saturday,
March 7**

Arrival at RCOC:

11:30 a.m.

Return: 3:30 p.m.

Blessed

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NIV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

I lack the words to express how blessed I am. It all started the day I was born. I was born to a family who was imperfectly following Christ. I was born to parents who disciplined me so that I could learn to listen and obey. I was born to siblings who gave me a hard time and sometimes were not the nicest to me. I was born to a poor family who barely had food some days. I came to a country when I had no money and didn't speak the language. I have been overlooked for opportunities and made fun of because of the way I talked and looked. Because of all of this it has formed me and made me the person I am today. I am blessed

I am blessed because I have come to know the Lord. I am blessed because he took pity on me to rescue my soul from damnation. I am blessed because I had parents who knew the Lord, and siblings who encouraged me to follow the Lord. I am blessed because I have a wonderful wife and family who love, support and honor me more than I deserve. I am blessed because I am part of a church family who accepted me for who I am and don't care how I talk, but try to understand what I'm trying to say. In all of this, we are who we are because of the grace of God.

- David



New Song of the Week

Our **New Song of the Week** is "I'm Bound for the Land of Canaan". The YouTube link is: https://youtu.be/rgtRoQ_y-pU. We will be singing this song during our evening service on Sunday, March 8.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Bill and Shirley McMillan, Bill and Maleah McMillan and family** in the death of Shirley's sister, Judy Hall. The funeral was last week in Rockwall, Texas.

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Our sympathy is extended to **Steve Frye, Bobby and Alicia Frye and family** in the death of Steve's father, JC Frye. The funeral was Sunday in Florence, Alabama.

All the men of the congregation are invited to a brown bag fellowship lunch on Monday, March 9, 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Come for a chance to catch up and break the Monday morning blues.



TOTS

Join us on **Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.** for TOTS. We will meet in the Family Life Center to make bears then enjoy a potluck lunch together.



MEN'S PRAYERBREAKFAST

Saturday
March 14,
8:00 a.m.

In the Family Life Center
Special Guest Speaker
Retired Brigadier General Michael Dillard,
U.S. Army

For the Record

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Bible Study	419
Early Worship	225
Late Worship	405
Total Sunday Morning	630
Sunday Night	257
Contribution	\$37,447.26
YTD Average	\$39,503.35
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Heart felt thanks to all who prayed, called and sent uplifting cards to Billy while he was going through his cancer treatments and Peggy recovering from a bad case of the flu. God has truly blessed us to have all of the Riverchase family in our lives.

Love,

Billy & Peggy Gaines

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you so very much for all of our Valentine's Day cards. We love you and miss seeing you.

Our Love,

Edy & Susan Chaney

Dear Riverchase Family,

I want to thank each one of you for all the lovely Valentine's Day cards and for all the expressions of love and kindness. I am truly blessed to be part of this family.

Love,

Vonda Cook

Upcoming Events

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **AC/PT Parent Meeting:** Sunday, March 8, 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. in the 4th grade classroom.
- **Men's Brown Bag Lunch:** Monday, March 9, 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Family Supper:** Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Molder of Dreams Banquet:** Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, March 14, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Dorcas Club:** Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **VBS:** Sunday - Wednesday, June 7 - 10.

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Wednesday, March 4

- Teen Supper

Friday, March 6

- Volleyball

Saturday, March 7

- Spring Forward

Sunday, March 8

- AC/PT Parent Meeting
- Pre-Teen Devo

Monday, March 9

- Men's Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, March 10

- TOTS

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **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).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

Riverchase Family:

Dee Barr (#4) recovering from a heart cath.

Jim Bosarge (#3) will have melanoma surgery on Thursday, March 5.

David Dorantes (#7) health issues.

Keith Dunn (#1) recovering from defibrillator surgery.

Terry Pruitt (#2) will have shoulder surgery on Thursday, March 5.

Levi Vincent (#6) will have tubes placed in both ears Thursday, March 5.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Ollie Scott, Michelle Whitaker

FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith

FTG #3: David Bath, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, Billy Gaines, Angie Guffey, Martha Johnston, Nona Miller

FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Ruby Lakeman, Martha Mann, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider

FTG #5: Beverly Strange, Ron Waddell, Shirley Wilson

FTG #6: Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Michelle Diciara, Don & Shirley Genry, Don Greer, Addie Jackson, Grover Jackson, Sarah Wolford

FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Tim Parker, Jerry Sharp

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Gladys Akers (David Akers mother) health issues.

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

Alice Ball (Michael Ball's mother) acute myeloid leukemia, chemo.

Joe Belmont (Johnny's father) lung cancer.

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

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

Walt Brown (Helen Rardin's brother) cancer.

Patsy Burks (Rhonda Ball's mother) eye issues.

Randy Chew (Missy Wright's dad) heart related issues.

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.

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

Eli Hairston (Teen in Chelsea) brain trauma from a golf cart accident.

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

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

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

Myra Myrick (Pam Wampol's aunt) ovarian cancer.

Lauren Orth (David's sister) health issues.

Cecil Parker (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) liver disease.

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.

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.