

## Unclean

*"Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!'*

*As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp. (Lev. 13:45-46 NIV)*

A nation of people living in the wilderness as God was moving them toward the land he had promised to give to them. The year was sometime around 1445 BC.

The passage above gives some of the instructions for dealing with infectious disease.

Notice how similar it is to the instructions given to us today regarding the current concern for an infectious disease.

If you read deeper into the context, you will see that they were to wash themselves and their clothing. They were to identify themselves as “unclean” or infected. They were to cover the lower part of their face—nose and mouth?. They were to isolate themselves for as long as the disease was still with them.

We have a responsibility to help the sick. The sick have a responsibility to warn others and try to keep the disease from spreading. We work together to help and protect as best as we can.

-Dewayne

### Upcoming Events:



Church  
Office  
Closed

Monday,  
March  
23

## Helping Kids during a Crisis

Eric Gott

Over the weekend as we watched the news unfold concerning the spread of the Coronavirus I began thinking of ways we could be helping our children navigate this time of major change. Below are a few trauma-informed thoughts:

- 1) Remember stress weakens your immune system. Parents take care of yourself first so that you can take care of your kiddos. Take moments of quiet time and prayer.
- 2) We need connection. Yes, we are not to be gathering in large groups (or small groups) but we can use this time to connect again as a family and connect with our neighbors.
- 3) Stick together. This is a family rule of mine and Leah's. If needed, let your kids know that should someone in your family get sick they will be taken care of. Family will not be left alone.
- 4) Create routine. This is probably the most important thing right now. Kids thrive on routine. Develop your schedule so they know what to expect during this time. This will help make your days more pleasant.
- 5) Offer your kiddos choices. Choices help your kids feel more in control. These choices can be small things like oatmeal or cereal for breakfast? Which t-shirt do you want to wear this morning? Etc. Small choices add a sense of normalcy.

Remember during this time kids will likely have behavioral changes, and our kids are watching us to see how we are handling these changes too. Each kid will have their own level of understanding about the coronavirus – some may have no idea that it's happening, and that is ok. Should your child show concern only give him or her the necessary information to ease their worry. We don't want to cause more anxiety.

As Christians we are blessed to go to our Father with all concerns and all worries. Take time to talk to God.

Philippians 4:4-7

## Are you a People Person?

Scott Pruitt

<sup>15</sup> *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. (Mark 16:15 NIV)*

Did you ever wonder how much you would miss family and friends when you couldn't see them every day or at least each week? Have you even noticed how many people you come into contact with in a given day until now, when contact has been restricted?

What do you worry about?

What do you get excited about?

If you made a Top Ten List of your greatest motivators, what would make your list?

Matha Waddell posted the following picture on facebook the other day, and I have been thinking about it ever since. This is why.



So many things this side of Heaven have the potential to cause us to downward spiral into panic mode. Thousands have been infected with the Coronavirus, and it has affected the entire world. It has not only affected the entire world, but it has caused each person to reschedule, rethink, redo, reevaluate what has to be done vs. what needs to be done. Why? Because this virus truly affects our day to day life.

I don't know if I would go as far to say that "No one cares that Jesus is coming," but it certainly has caused me to consider this thought - Am I prepared and willing to act on the fact that Jesus is coming soon by rescheduling, rethinking, redoing, and reevaluate each and every moment in life to spread the gospel? What about you?

<sup>12</sup> *"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. (Revelation 22:12 NIV)*

<sup>20</sup> *He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

<sup>21</sup> *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (Revelation 22:20-21 NIV)*

## Part of the Family

*Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. NIV)*

What is the best thing about being a family? Is it the fun times we have together? Maybe the vacations and the hassle that comes with it. What about the financial struggles that we face everyday? Maybe watching your favorite movies together snuggled up in a couch? I believe that the answer is yes to all of that. As we spend time together whether in good times or bad times, what connects us is time. The time we spend together doing things together. If dad is playing a video game, and mom is watching tv and one kid is on his phone and the other kid is in his room by himself, and if we do that everyday, we will not be able to have a cohesive family. We will just have people living under the same roof.

God wants us to spend time as a family, together. Doing things that we all are involved, If mom is cooking, we are all together helping as she guides us. If dad is working in the yard, we all help with his direction. God wants us to be part of His family, therefore, we need to spend time with His family! We need to find things that we can do together to connect. It's not necessary a job for a minister or an elder or a deacon to organize, but rather it depends on all of us to be intentional and look for things that we can do together as a church.

- David

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of our dear sister, **Shirley Wilson**. A graveside service was held in Pelham on Tuesday.

## Announcement from our Elders

With regard to the COVID-19, Corona Virus concerns. In keeping with recommendations from medical professionals and the CDC, the Eldership, in an abundance of caution, will be implementing some temporary precautions for the next several weeks.

### OUR GATHERINGS:

**At this time we will assemble for scheduled Sunday morning worship only. All other assemblies, classes, fellowships, gatherings are postponed until further notice.** During Sunday morning worship there will be no auxiliary services such as a staffed nurse.

**Members of any age suffering with flu-like symptoms should avoid close contact with others as much as possible while you are sick. Remain home and attend worship by way of the internet live-stream until you are at least 24 hours symptom-free without the aid of symptom-reducing medications.**

**The elders also urge our at-risk members to remain home at this time. This at-risk group includes our senior members and those with immune deficiency, as well as those with underlying medical conditions.**

The office will remain open. Feel free to come by the church office to pick up communion supplies sufficient for the next few weeks, and worship with us on the internet Live Stream. Of course should you remain home due to sickness, please keep the church office informed so that we can assist with any immediate need. The current condition will present many opportunities to serve one another and our community, use those opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.

### DURING OUR MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY:

For Communion we will begin serving bread that has been broken into individual servings. This should reduce the need for multiple persons to handle it. Also we request that you each return your used cup to the pew-rack as opposed to returning it to the tray.

### IN GENERAL:

Feel free to greet each other with a nod and a smile. Everyone please observe frequent hand-washing, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposing of the tissue in the trash. Again, if you are ill, or at high-risk, we urge you stay home during this time.

Disinfect frequently touched items on a regular basis. Please know our building maintenance staff is increasing efforts to disinfect frequently touched surfaces within our buildings.

Finally, we encourage you to stay informed by credible sources. Make sound health decisions based on fact rather than panic. Communicate with us if you have concerns. Watch for frequent updates from us, this situation is rapidly changing.

Again, these are temporary measures being taken in an abundance of caution. Disease is ever present in our sin-sick world. The Elders encourage every member to pray we will benefit from God's protection, be guided by His wisdom, and that He will bring this situation to a safe and prompt resolution.

## For the Record

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Bible Study	—
Early Worship	138
Late Worship	173
Total Sunday Morning	311
Sunday Night	—
Contribution	\$21,780.85
YTD Average	\$38,567.90
Budget	\$37,500.00

*Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,*

*Thank you for the gorgeous flower arrangement you sent to our mom's memorial service. Having her remembered in such a special way was very special to each of us.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jay & Jill Hall*

*Scott & Jennifer Webb*

*The McMillan Family*

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you for the flowers, many cards, thoughts and prayers made to me after my sister, Judy Hall, passed away. It was heart warming to know my church family was thinking about me. She was a faithful Christian that made her passing so much easier to accept. I love my church family.*

*Love,*

*Shirley McMillan*

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards and prayers for our family and for those who made the trip to Florence for our dad's/grandfather's funeral.*

*In Christian Love,*

*Steve Frye*

*The Bobby Frye Family*

*Dear Riverchase Church,*

*What a blessing to be associated with so many brothers and sisters in Christ. I deeply appreciate your gracious support of my birthday. It has warmed my heart and brought me joy for time to come.*

*Love,*

*Miriam Watkins*

*Sue Morris mother*

## Upcoming Events

- **All events have been cancelled until further notice.**



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**Riverchase Family:**

**Keith Dunn (#1)** recovering from defibrillator surgery.

**Terry Pruitt (#2)** recovering at home from shoulder surgery.

**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

**FTG #6:** Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiaro, 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.

**Joy Borland** (Twila Bedgood's sister) cancer.

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

**Valari Lagrone** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) 3rd degree burns on both hands.

**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.

**Pattie Ryan** (Sarah Pate's mother) melanoma.

**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.

**This week at Riverchase:**

**All Events Have Been Cancelled Until Further Notice**

**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:**