

## Greetings!



Greetings Riverchase family! I am delighted to be serving you this summer as the pulpit ministry intern! It is a great privilege to be here alongside you all and to continue to learn and grow. Although there are many who know me very well, I would like for you to know some things about me. I love BBQ. I could eat BBQ for every meal for weeks, and I would be happy as a clam! My mortal enemies are Brussels sprouts. I will not eat them. I will not eat them with a fox, on a train, or any other way that Dr. Seuss may have thought of. One of my best friends is my bow and arrow. We have been friends since my Freshman year of High School, and we hang out almost every day.

As I am introducing myself, I would like to share one of my favorite Bible verses. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:2 says, *“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also (ESV).* As a preacher and minister, this verse hits home. But this verse does not apply only to preachers and ministers. It is easy to keep the word of God to ourselves in order to enhance our own lives. Instead, the word of God is for others as well. We all have the opportunity to affect the lives of others, and to pass down the things we have been given by those who have gone before us.

As we begin the summer together, let us all remember to be mindful of the needs of others. Let us remember to pass on those things that have been given to us by those who have loved and invested in us. Let us give as we have been given.

-Dimitri Sims

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

## Summer Kidmin Calendar

Eric Gott

We have condensed the Kidmin calendar and lessened the number of events, however we still plan on having fun this summer. The following events are being planned, and we want you to go ahead and mark your calendars!

### June 11: Service Project

**June 15-18: Kingdom Camp**— A day camp hosted here at the church building focused on the Beatitudes. Kids will enjoy crafts, games, Bible lessons, etc. This will be taking the place of our Terrific Tuesdays from last year.

**July 7: Oak Mountain Boys Night** - All boys, dads, grandpas, and friends are invited to join us at Oak Mountain to cook out.

### July 16: Service Project #2

**July 28: Princess Party** - Our girls will enjoy an afternoon dressed in their royal gowns and sharing a meal together.

**August 2: Back to School Bash** - Because we will not have the chance to do our Summer Bash with the waterslides right now, we are moving the waterslides to the end of the summer. We will enjoy an afternoon outside with giant waterslides and a dunking booth.

Each of these event dates could potentially change as we are navigating this summer and reopening our church building. I will be emailing more detailed schedule with more information this week. We cannot wait to start enjoying time with all the Kidmin kids soon!

At this time we are going to stop doing the weekly Zoom calls with the different grades. Should we see a need to return to those we will do so in the future. Thanks to everyone for joining the Zoom meetings. It was great getting to check in with you all each week.

## Good Fruit

Scott Pruitt

### What is your favorite fruit?

#### Why is that one your favorite?

Yesterday, for Memorial Day, my family spent some time at my parents' house swimming, eating, relaxing, and thanking God for all the military who have served our country and given their life to protecting our rights and maintaining peace.

Lately, I have been focused on fruit that I am striving to represent (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control). I was challenged yesterday as my dad and I were trying desperately to locate any signs of fruit on his Loquat tree. That tree was given to him about twenty years ago to see if it would grow in Birmingham. It is doing incredible, and the fruit is certainly not one that people think of as their favorite, but I love it. The only problem is that it seems to produce fruit only when it wants to produce. You really have to search diligently at different times of the year to find one of those nuggets of sweetness.

**What about you?** Is your fruit of the Spirit easy to identify or is it hidden and made known only when you decide to share it? When others think of you, do they think of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and/or self-control?

**Do you tend to be a person whose glass is half full or half empty?** Do you look for the positives in others or consistently feel that your role in life is to communicate problems and negatives? Positives and Negatives are all around us, and I believe that our role is to develop the positives and figure out healthy solutions to the problems surrounding us. Just like any fruit tree, we must have a balance of the necessary nutrients to allow that tree to produce a healthy, sustainable fruit.

<sup>13</sup> *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup> *I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.*

<sup>15</sup> *I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me*

<sup>16</sup> *to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13-16 NIV)*

### Find A Way, Not An Excuse

*1 Corinthians 10:11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it (NIV).*

There's a sense of confidence when we accomplish a task; a chemical release into our brain called dopamine which gives us a sense of pleasure and satisfaction when, in our mind, we believe we have finished a task. When we listen to God's commands and when we do his commands, how does that make you feel? Say for instance when you feed the homeless, when you assist someone on the road, or how about when you pay for someone's groceries? It makes us feel good, doesn't it! I know it makes me feel like I have a purpose, and that I have worth.

God will always provide a way to accomplish the command given. Read the stories in the book of Acts. The beginning of the church was rocky and difficult but look where we are now! There are countries filled with the Lord's people. When God asks you to do something, He will provide a way. Find a way to do what He commands!

- David

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Jon and Dana McCarver and their family** in the death of Dana's father, Jim Cline. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

## Reassembly Announcement

As we phase in reopening, **the 55+ group, KidMin and their families, Young Professionals and College Group** is welcome to attend the 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, May 31, if they are comfortable in doing so. We will observe CDC recommended social distancing and the use of a face covering. Please watch our video on the website page [www.riverchasechurch.org](http://www.riverchasechurch.org) for more detailed information.

## Drive-By Bridal Tea

Join us for a drive-by bridal tea at Riverchase Church of Christ on Sunday, June 14 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and grab a sweet treat to go! We will be honoring Morgan Jones, Bride-Elect of Matthew Pouncey. Morgan is the daughter of Bruce and Kira Jones. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Wayfair.

Dear Riverchase Family,

*Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and food during Bob's recent accident. We love, appreciate and miss seeing all of you.*

*In Christian Love,  
Bob & Liz Winter*

## Riverchase Church of Christ Live Streaming

During this period in which we are unable to meet in the building, worship services and devotionals will be broadcast at the following dates and times:

**Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.**

The broadcasts will be available on [Riverchase's webpage](#), [Facebook page](#), [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). Recordings of all services will continue to be available under the sermons section on our website. [www.riverchasechurch.org](http://www.riverchasechurch.org).

## Summer Series

Please join us as we begin our Summer Series on Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. via our website. Again this year we will have speakers from Apologetics Press each week.

## For the Record

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Bible Study	—
Early Worship	—
Late Worship	—
Total Sunday Morning	—
Sunday Night	—
Contribution	\$33,574.63
YTD Average	\$35,322.44
Budget	\$37,500.00

## A Message From One Of Our Elders Bill Jones

### The Reality of Uncertainty and Illusion of Control

A newborn baby cries out trying to get someone or something to make him comfortable and calm his fears. He begins life seeking to control his environment. This desire to have control over our life circumstances doesn't end when we are babies. It progresses into childhood, the teen years, and into adulthood only ending when we breathe our last. However, no matter how hard we try, this life is full of uncertainties, and our ability to control life's circumstances is, at best, limited.

I came across an article by Chris Elkins that really resonated with me in light of the COVID19 pandemic:

*"The reality of uncertainty and the absence of control are the most distressing things I am experiencing in all of this. There's no certainty about how this virus will spread or who it will impact. The economic uncertainty is palpable. As well, I have zero control of the stock market, the hoarding, or people's compliance to guidelines. I find all of this troubling and deeply distressing.*

*Coronavirus did not create this reality—it just made it clear. To this point, I have mistakenly confused a measure of material success with the myth of certainty. Nothing in this world is certain, no matter the balance in my checking account or the investments in my retirement plan. Control is an illusion. I often cannot even control myself, much less anything outside of me.*

*The myth of certainty and the illusion of control are the result of the devil's oldest temptation: being like God. God's Word is all I have that is certain.* (Emphases added)

This article made me think of Job who, in the beginning of his story, seemingly had his wealth and family firmly under his control. That all changed quickly due to forces unknown to him. However, through all of this "Job did not sin or charge God with wrong" (Job 1:22). Job's story ended well, not because he was in control, but because of his faith and trust in an all-powerful God who IS in control.

Be encouraged. We have certainty in our Father's promise to supply our every need (Philippians 4:19), that all things will work together for our good (Romans 8:28), and that because of Jesus Christ our Savior, we have victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:57).

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### **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:**

Zach Temple – Mechanic in Kuwait

#### **Riverchase Family:**

**Diana Barnes (#7)** recovering from back issues.  
**John Bearden (#2)** heart related issues.  
**Edy Chaney (#4)** health issues.  
**Vonda Cook (#5)** in Aspire with health issues.  
**Amanda Korneghy (#3)** recovering from illness.  
**Emily Fitts (#6)** pregnancy complications.  
**Sean Marks (#1)** recovering from illness.  
**Judy Masoner (#4)** at Brookwood hospital with cervical cancer. Chemo.  
**Denise Newton (#7)** recovering from throat surgery.  
**Rick Sirmon (#4)** recovering from hip replacement surgery.  
**Bobby Thomas (#5)** recovering at home from knee replacement 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, 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.  
**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 Orth'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.  
**Lisa Wallace** (Bath's niece) breast cancer.  
**Carol Watson** (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.  
**Raymond White** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.  
**Ann Winsett** (Brett Moran's grandmother) heart issues.  
**Joseph Wright** (Stephen Wright's father) health issues.