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## **Riverchase 2020 Wednesday Night Summer Series**

### **June 10: Dave Miller**

“Symbiosis: Proof of God (Part 1)”

### **June 17: Eric Lyon**

“Dinosaurs, the Bible, and History”

### **June 24: Eric Lyons**

“Dinosaurs, the Bible, and Science”

### **July 1: Kyle Butt**

“Creation & the Laws of Science: Biogenesis/Cause & Effect”

### **July 8: Kyle Butt**

“Scientific Foreknowledge: Germs”

### **July 15: Dave Miller**

“Symbiosis: Proof of God (Part 2)”

### **July 22: Kyle Butt**

“Scientific Foreknowledge: Quarantine, Leprosy, Sexually Transmitted Disease, Waste Disposal”

### **July 29: Eric Lyons**

“Scripture, Science, and the Age of the Earth”

### **August 5: Jeff Miller**

“The Science of Genesis One”

### **August 12: Jeff Miller**

“The Science of the Flood”

### **August 19: Dave Miller**

“Symbiosis: Proof of God (Part 3)”

### **August 26: Eric Lyons**

“Does the Bible Contain Scientific Mistakes?”

Maywood Christian Camp Registration  
www.maywoodchristiancamp.com



Use Code: **RCOC20**  
(Only for Riverchase Members)  
June 28 - July 3

### Kingdom Camp

June 15-18

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**For kids entering Kindergarten through  
6th Grade  
In the Family Life Center**

Kingdom Camp is our biggest Children's Ministry event of the summer. For four days we will be spending time together learning all about the Beatitudes and working to memorize them too.

#### Children need to be registered by Friday, June 12.

This is a **HARD** deadline and children will not be able to attend if they have not registered by June 12.

For safety reasons we will be checking each child's temperature before they enter the gym for day camp each day. We will also be doing our best to encourage social distancing but understand that children will be playing together and we cannot always enforce them to remain six feet apart.

Kingdom Camp will include bible time, singing, crafts, games, and so much more! To sign-up email [eric@riverchasechurch.org](mailto:eric@riverchasechurch.org). An email with a detailed schedule will be sent out later this week.

## May

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS: May 18-21**

## June

June 4- TNT (Thursday Night Together) Worship @ Building  
June 11 – TNT  
June 13- OneThree (Saturday) Water Kickball / Wiffle Ball  
June 18 - TNT  
June 22 – Tubing Cahaba River (Monday)  
June 25 - TNT  
June 28- July 3 – Maywood Camp

## July

July 8-10 – Whitewater Rafting on Ocoee River & Paintball (Wednesday – Friday)  
July 13 - (Monday) Lake Day at Smith Lake (Justice's)  
July 16 - TNT  
July 18 – Senior Banquet  
July 21- McDivots Driving Range (Helena)  
July 23 – Grill & Chill

## August

– Sunday Morning Coffeehouse

July 31 – August 3 -Big House  
August 4 - Graduate Dinner: Dreamland (Tuesday)  
August 5 – Teen Supper & Back to School Project  
August 13 – OneThree (Thursday)

Please check your email and let me know what events you can volunteer to help chaperone. Descriptions of each event are included in the email.

We look forward to a great summer. Interns will arrive on June 18.

### Stand up for Jesus

*Joshua 1: 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (NIV)*

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” — Theodore Roosevelt

Don't be afraid to stand up for goodness and righteousness. God commanded Joshua to be strong and courageous as they would be facing new challenges in their lives. Things were about to change, things were going to be different and God's people needed each other to survive. Joshua as a leader needed to take the torch and inspire God's people to be courageous and not be afraid of what may come. As God's child, be strong, be courageous as to inspire your family and your brethren to continue in the faith and in Christ. Stand up for Jesus!

David

## A Message From One Of Our Elders

**Ron Steen**  
**Trusting God**

We are living in unique times. No, this is not our first national crisis.

Many of us can remember more than one crisis. For example, in the 1970's we experienced gasoline shortages, double-digit inflation, and high interest rates. We feared that life would never be the same.

I will never forget September 11, 2001. We had been attacked on our own mainland – something that had not happened since the Revolutionary War. Would our lives ever be the same again?

**We trusted God**, and while some things in our lives changed (e.g., airport security), life went on and things became “normal” again.

Now we are experiencing a pandemic. Our authorities continually remind us how vulnerable we are. We have coined a new term – *social distancing*. We honor God by worshiping on-line. We are beginning to carefully gather for worship. Our businesses are beginning to reopen.

As the country begins to recover, we have had a tragedy in Minneapolis. One appalling act has sparked destruction in our cities. Will life ever be the same again? Maybe not the same. Possibly better if, as a nation, we can learn to treat each other as brothers.

**Just as we trusted God before, we must trust him now!** Paul tells us to not be anxious about anything, but make our requests known to God and his peace will guard our hearts (Phil 4:6-7). Nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom 8:38-39). All things work together for good for those who love God (Rom 8:28).

**Continually pray** (1 Thess 5:17). I urge you to pray for our governmental leaders. Regardless of your opinion of them, pray that God will grant them wisdom and courage to make good decisions. Pray without anger or dissension (1 Tim 2:8). The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:16).

Trusting God does not mean that we can be irresponsible. We should sensibly protect our health and safety. Paul escaped from Damascus secretly to avoid being killed (Acts 9:23-25). When the Jews planned to kill Paul, his nephew reported the plot to the centurion to protect Paul (Acts 23). We learned last Wednesday evening that God instructed the Israelites about what they could eat and not eat to keep them healthy.

During this period of trial, Christians have the opportunity to show their faith. The apostle John in his gospel and three epistles constantly expresses that we should love God and love each other. As we have opportunity, we are to do good for all people (Gal 6:10). During this time, we certainly have opportunity to do good for people.

There are many other scriptures dealing with trusting in God but space limits what can be documented here. I urge you to read Psalms 91. It describes how God cares for his people.

## For the Record

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Bible Study	—
Early Worship	—
Late Worship	—
Total Sunday Morning	—
Sunday Night	—
Contribution	\$40,567.96
YTD Average	\$35,032.33
Budget	\$37,500.00

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Steve and Lydia Howe and Scott and Sandy Sims and their families** in the death of Lydia and Sandy's mother, Barbara Stetler. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you for all the calls, text, prayers and cards during our time of loss. The flowers that were sent were absolutely beautiful. Your thoughtfulness means the world to us.*

*In Christian Love,*

*David & Sarah Akers*

*Eric & Laura Habshey*

### Por Los Niños

We are kicking off the three month coin collecting campaign for the children of Por Los Niños. Deep appreciation has been expressed, by the folks at Por Los Niños, for the support given by the Riverchase family. The coins collected by all of you have had an impact on the care given to those children of Honduras. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the care of children in a Christian environment.

Tables have been set up in the West Wing Foyer with cans available for new and former participants. If you participated last year, there is a can with your name on it. If you did not participate in the past please pick up a can and sign the register with your name and can number.

### Welcome to the Assembly!

We are happy to announce the next phase of our returning to normal worship at Riverchase. Starting this Sunday, June 14, we will open both worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Both worship services will now follow our normal format for worship. Go to our website or copy the following link for more details: <https://www.riverchasechurch.org/welcome-to-the-assembly>.

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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), **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)** will be in Aspire until June 12. Her address is Aspire 2070 Healthy Way Room 412, Vestavia, Alabama 35243.

**Susan Dees (#4)** recovering at home from gall stones surgery.

**Emily Fitts (#6)** pregnancy complications.

**Laura Habshey (#1)** will have surgery Thursday, June 11, at Grandview.

**Judy Masoner (#4)** cervical cancer. Chemo.

**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 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:**

**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.

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

**Billy Helms** diagnosed with NASH.

**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.