



A Common Mistake

Job was a great man of faith. God said so and demonstrated his faith to us. But Job made a mistake common to many of us, and probably all of us at one time or another.

Job, this great man of faith, accused God of wrong doing.

He declared God to be unfair - unjust, mistaken - unrighteous, confused - not knowing, and we could probably list other charges of wrong Job leveled against God to himself and his friends. God's first question, "Who is this that darkens council without knowledge?" This was followed by many other questions demonstrating to Job that his lack of knowledge meant he was in no position to pass judgement upon God.

Job was never given the answers to his questions. He was brought back to the reality of trust in God.

Sure, from Job's perspective, the things that happened to him seemed bad and wrong. They would to all of us. But were they from God's perspective? We can't see the end of the matter; therefore, we cannot come close to seeing things from God's perspective. We should learn to trust God, not judge Him.

Wouldn't knowing that help us be a little more patient with one another? Shouldn't we all be more careful about passing judgement on others simply from our own perspective?

- Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Kidmin

- On Sunday nights in August, all kids ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to the gym for children's bible hour at 6:00 p.m.

Teen

- **TNT:** Thursday, August 13. Meet at the building at 7:00 p.m. for Back to School Project. Shopping at Target on Hwy 150.

Starting School

Eric Gott

School is starting back and for the first time, Leah and I are also preparing for our little girl to begin kindergarten. This is a time that is often filled with such strong emotions - sadness that our kid is old enough to begin school, excitement for all the things she will get to do, worry as to how she will adjust, happiness for all the friends she will make, and then you pair all of these emotions with the COVID regulations for schools, and there are even more heightened thoughts and feelings. Each of our families is having to make decisions for what is best for our kids.

If you are going to school - great!
If you are staying home learning virtually - great!
If you are homeschooling - great!

My prayer is that this school year will be as normal as possible and wonderful for all of our kids.

No matter what decisions you are making for your children, I know there are going to be adjustments throughout the year. What I find most incredible is that, while Leah and I have had concerns about our little girl starting school, she is full of excitement and has little, to no, concern about wearing a mask or keeping distance from others. She is just ready to be a big kid.

Our little girl's attitude is a reminder to me of how kids look to adults to set the expectations. It's a reminder to stay present on what is happening here and now and not be too concerned with the future. It's a reminder to be focused on the Father.

At a time where we could be filled with uncertainty and anxiety, I am choosing to focus on the Father. I'm choosing to have a child-like faith that trusts fully in God's goodness and faithfulness. May this school year be a year of joy and growth for all of us.

Build Sandcastles

Scott Pruitt

People ask me often, "Scott, what do you do for fun?" I love building sandcastles. This past week, my family and I got to slip away for a few days for a vacation at the beach. As I began the building process, many comments and puzzled eyes were buzzing around me. I simply smiled and asked them to come back in about an hour when this pile of sand begins to take shape. They did.

A couple of ladies came back hours later, stopped and chatted for a while. One of them asked, "This must be therapy for you, huh?" I said, "How did you know?" She smiled and said, "I'm a therapist."

Sand - The nature of sand is very easy to manipulate, move around and create. Think about that. How wonderful would it be to take our struggles, addictions, hurt and be able to push them away as easily as it is to move a pile of sand at the beach? What is even more exciting to consider is this...How wonderful would it be to create something out of those struggles that brings joy to others? Something beautiful and possibly a positive conversation starter, out of that hurt?

Look at the sandcastle below. This picture is certainly not the finished product. I guess my sandcastles and yours are never finished. Continue creating, forgiving, loving, and never, ever give up.

A family with five kids began building a sandcastle next to mine. They would observe and attempt to build what I was building, but added their own personal touch. To me, that is always the best part of building sandcastles...when we get to connect multiple castles together, helping each other along the way, learning from one another and inspiring others to greatness.



SIN

Genesis 3:4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. (NIV)

How does sin get started? The first thing it does is to find opposition to God's commands. Satan wasted no time to divide a beautiful relationship between God and man. God spoke directly to Adam and Eve. What a privilege it would have been to hear God's word face to face! Satan could not stand that he had been cast out of God's presence and decided to break that relationship. He separated the woman and convinced her to do what was contrary to God's words. When she heard him, she believed the serpent the moment she looked at the fruit because it had great appeal.

Satan's influence is still strong in our world today. He has been dividing people and nations, and he started that when he started dividing families. Knowing that God wants us to have a relationship with Him, Satan's influence will always try to break our relationship with God by telling us that our sin is not that bad. He will try to convince us that what we do is not too bad. We need to convince ourselves that our sin is not going to separate us from God. DO NOT believe that lie! Sin will separate us from God, and if it goes unchecked it will enslave us and separate us from God eternally. Don't let the world decide where you will live eternally. Trust God and His word!

- David

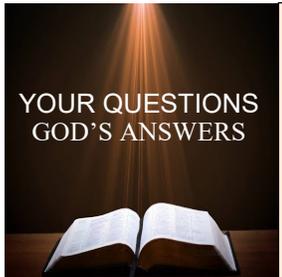
Welcome Back to the Assembly!

We are happy to announce that we are returning to normal worship services. We will open both worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and we will also meet for our 6:00 p.m. service. No Bible classes at this time. Livestreaming will continue for all services including Wednesday nights. 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.



Children's Bible Hour

On Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. in August, all kids ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to the Family Life Center for children's bible hour.



Wednesday Bible Class

For our Fall Quarter Wednesday night Bible class, we will be having a question and answer session. If you have any biblical questions, please give them to one of the ministers or office staff.

Por Los Niños

If you have not picked up your can or you need to return your can, you can do so in the hallway by the West Wing Foyer. Thank you.



Online Giving

We now have the ability to give on-line.

Go to our website:

www.riverchasechurch.org

and click on the graphic that says "online giving."

Summer Series

Please join us for our Summer Series on Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m. The broadcasts will be available on Riverchase's website; www.riverchasechurch.org, Facebook page, YouTube and Vimeo. This week's speaker is Jeff Miller, - "The Science of the Flood."

For the Record

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Bible Study	—
Early Worship	—
Late Worship	—
Total Sunday Morning	—
Sunday Night	—
Contribution	\$52,941.91
YTD Average	\$35,251.18
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ Family,

Thank you so much for the phone calls, texts, kind words and many cards after the passing of Paul's dad, Dr. Jon Sanford. Paul's dad and mom attended worship at Riverchase with us for about a year and a half, and many of you got to know them. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness at this time.

Love,

Paul & Donya Sanford

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and plant during the sickness and passing of our brother-in-law, Pat Patterson. It's been a long two years with his increasing dementia and then getting COVID in the hospital, that took him out. My sister and all my family are very appreciative.

Love,

Phillip and Shirley Vines



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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- TNT: Thursday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.



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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), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

Zach Temple – Mechanic in Kuwait

Riverchase Family:

Glenda Boone (#2) will have a procedure on Friday, August 14, UAB.

Danny Fitts (#6) recovering from torn bicep tendon surgery.

Nancy Mount (#2) recovering from outpatient surgery.

Landon Wagner (#2) recovering for meniscus 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, Edy Chaney, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Ruby Lakeman, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider

FTG #5: Vonda Cook, 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.

Joe Belmont (Johnny's father) lung cancer.

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

Joy Borland (Twila Bedgood's sister) cancer.

Barry and Joann Bozeman (Alan Jones' cousin) COVID.

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

Dot Carpenter (Snider's Sister-in-Law) health 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.

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.