



Asking

I have learned a lot from my Nigerian brethren, and I'm trying to incorporate some of those things into my life. One of those things is in the area of asking.

I have a hard time asking for things. I suppose because I don't want to be a bother. At the same time, I have a hard time in saying "no" when I'm asked to do something.

On one of my early visits to Nigeria, I was informed that the Nigerians will not hesitate to ask you for things, but neither will they be offended if you say no. I found that refreshing and freeing.

"Ask, and it will be given you." Do you remember God saying that? He wants us to ask. He goes on to say, "You don't receive because you don't ask."

On a visit to his home town, we are told that Jesus did not perform many miracles there because of their unbelief. The context indicates they had a problem in believing the little boy they watched grow up was actually the Messiah. So Jesus did not do many miracles because of their unbelief. Does that mean their unbelief kept them from asking?

A Gentile woman of great faith asked for her daughter to be healed and kept on asking, even in the face of rejection and insults. Jesus finally said to her, "Oh woman, great is your faith." Her faith in who he was made her keep asking.

Maybe we should stop hoping people, and even God, will read our minds and start asking. First of all, people can't read our minds. And while God can read our minds and already knows what we need even before we do, he still wants us to ask. Asking demonstrates faith.

-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:** Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

College

- **Friday Night Flicks:** Friday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. in the college classroom.
- **Sunday Social:** Sunday, August 30, 6:00 p.m. at the Roses' house.
- **Weekly Devo:** In zoom. Details in the college classroom.

Wednesday Night Bible Class

Highlights

Scott Pruitt

Beginning Wednesday, September 2, we will begin having children's bible class again at the church building. We are so excited to finally be hosting Bible class again, and I encourage you all to make the best effort to be there. I know our children have been missing this time together.

For the fall quarter, we will be grouping ages together for Bible class and we will be meeting in large rooms to better enforce social distancing. Our babies and two year olds will meet in their respective classrooms. Children in Adventure Club (ages 3 through 2nd grade) will meet in the Reception Room. Children in 3rd grade through 6th grade will meet upstairs in the new 6th grade classroom.

I will be sending out more information this week as we finalize plans for Bible classes this fall.

Don't forget Sunday Night
Children's Bible Hour!

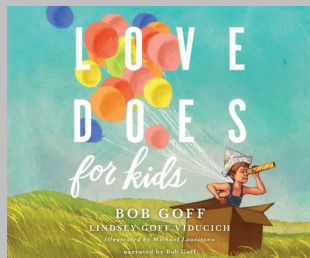
We are meeting in the Family Life Center at
6:00 p.m. with all kids ages 3 through 6th
grade.

We hope to see you there!

Love Does for Kids

Starting in September we will begin a weekly family devotional using the book *Love Does for Kids*. Once these book arrive, I will place them in your church mail boxes, or you can stop by the church office to pick one up. I will let you know when they arrive!

I hope you will all take advantage of this great book and use it with your family this coming fall!



Riverchase has been my home church since 1979, and although I went off to college for much longer than I should have, I still considered this place... home. Although I got married and moved to Atlanta for several years, we couldn't wait to get closer to home to raise our family. We are thankful we did. Life takes us in many directions, and at times, it is not where you would want to go, but it is the way you believe that God is moving you. I just hope that you all know our endless and eternal love for you all.

The memories I will cherish, and I would like to share briefly some highlights. I challenge you to always encourage each other and lift Jesus up above all others.

Reminiscing through years of pictures...

"The" Chair in my office where I sat and listened to countless teens and parents share their stories and trusted me enough to help.

Changing pictures in the teen classrooms each year and moving them to their next classroom (They were growing physically and spiritually).

Baptisms: I remember the studies, probably more than the actual baptism. Now I just pray for the follow through.

Signs that went up all over the building - **"It's o.k. to not be o.k."**, encouraging others to seek help and walking alongside them. The highlight came when we got to celebrate milestones of recovery.

Funerals: So many through the years, but it does my heart good when I know that the good ones made it to their heaven home.

Visitors showing up over and over and over again. The highlight is when they begin feeling and understanding their place and purpose in a family.

When **spiritual leaders** graduate and become invested in campus ministries all over the country, and then start having Christian families of their own.

Summer events and retreats were always a celebration to me after all the hard work, planning and preparation throughout the year. The highlights were the bus rides, long talks and watching teens invest their lives in others.

Family: It has been my honor to serve with my wife and 2 incredible boys. Whitney, Jackson and Tyler have always been the creative ones - blessing us all with blessings, thoughts, and the ability to connect.

Sin Confuses Us

Proverbs 26:4-5 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will also be like him. 5 Answer a fool as his folly deserves, that he not be wise in his own eyes. (NASB)

When the serpent talked to Eve in Genesis, the serpent was crafty and knew how to twist what God had said in order to deceive Eve. The serpent knew what God's command was, but it twisted the command to make Eve desire more. Then the serpent used Eve's words to confuse her about God's command. By the time Eve ate of the fruit, she thought she would be okay enjoying the fruit and still be in good standing with God.

What I see today in our world, is that people are confused about what God has said and what they need to do. People don't understand the difference between a command from God or command from man. For that matter, they can't see the difference between what God says and what the world says. What people need to understand is that the world is going to tell us what they want us to do, and that it's okay even if it is contrary to God's command. Satan will twist what God has said and make you believe you are not doing anything wrong. We must learn to never listen to what the world tells us is right or wrong. We must let God tell us what is right and wrong.

David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Jason, Karen, Katelyn and Brooklyn Smith** in the death of Karen's father, Clyde Barganier. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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Our sympathy is extended to **Stephen, Kelly and Andrew Skelton** in the death of Stephen's mother, Jane Skelton. There was a private family service last week.

Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Craig, Melissa, Tyler and Travis Anderson** (FTG #5) who recently placed membership. Their address is 1302 Heatherbrooke Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35242. Craig's phone number is 804-441-1196.

William and Shauna Woloszyn



Proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Daxton "Dax" James Mora. He was born Wednesday, August 19. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are Aaron and Stephanie Mora. The proud big siblings are Gray and Emmie.

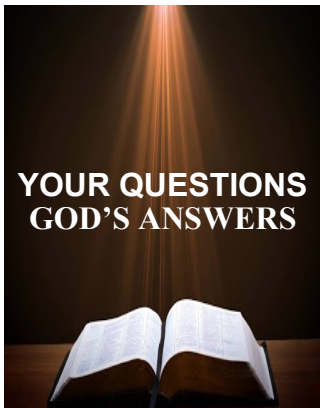
Summer Series

Please join us for our final Summer Series on Wednesday, August 26, 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 Eric Lyons, - "Does the Bible Contain Scientific Mistakes."

Wednesday Bible Class

Beginning Wednesday, September 2, our Fall Quarter Wednesday night Bible class will begin in our building. 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.

**YOUR QUESTIONS
GOD'S ANSWERS**



For the Record

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Bible Study	---
Early Worship	---
Late Worship	---
Total Sunday Morning	---
Sunday Night	---
Contribution	\$29,483.71
YTD Average	\$34,925.03
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

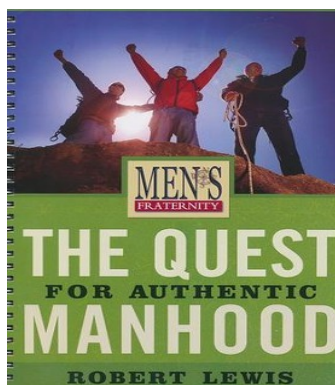
Thank you for the prayers, calls, texts, cards, and beautiful plant we received after the passing of our sister-in-law Becky, Aunt Juanita, and our cousin Lamar. Your kind words are a comfort to us and our family.

*In Christian Love,
Rodney & Sue Morris*

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you all for the comments, calls, prayers, cards, and plant following the death of Joyce Stewart. The demonstrations of love and caring have made her passing easier to bear as we know that we are not alone in this time of mourning.

*In Christian Love,
Chris & Kim Stewart*



Men's Devo

Beginning Monday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. there will be a men's devo studying "The Quest For Authentic Manhood." The cost of the books are \$10.00. There is a limit of 10 people. Contact David Dorantes for more information.

Upcoming Events.

- 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.
- **TNT:** Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Drive-By Bridal Tea for Brooke Holsonback:** Sunday, September 13, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. under the office awning.



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- College Sunday Social: Sunday, August 30, 6:00 p.m. at the Roses.

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) recovering from an outpatient procedure.

Windy Medley (#7) Recovering from pelvic laparoscopy surgery.

Larry Owens (#6) recovering from hernia 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.

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.

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.

Jerry Hopper (Becky's husband) recovering from heart bypass surgery.

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.