



## Full Assurance

*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

*(Hebrews 10:22 NIV)*

Assurance. We all want it. We all seek it. Too often, we seek it in all the wrong ways. The full assurance that faith brings. What does that mean?

The very next verse should help us.

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*  
*(Hebrews 10:23 NIV)*

Faith comes from hearing the word of God.

Faith is trusting God and what He has said.

Faith is not whatever I want to believe or think.

Full assurance comes from believing what God has actually said. The God who knows all things. The God who has all power. The God who does not lie. The God who keeps His promises.

Drawing near to Him is coming to know His heart, His will, His words. Listening to Him and submitting to Him is trusting Him. Trusting Him brings assurance. The full assurance of faith.

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### KidMin

- **Adventure Club:** Sunday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. in the New Adventure Club Room.
- **Pre-Teen Devotional:** Sunday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, October 17, 3:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.

### Teen

- **Wednesday Night Bible Class:** Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Fall Retreat:** October 23-25, Cost is \$75.00. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, October 7.

### College

- **Weekly Devotional:** On zoom. Details in the college classroom.

Riverchase Family

# Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Mark your calendars!

We are moving our annual Trunk-or-Treat to a Saturday Fall Festival. **The fall festival is for the entire congregation and visitors.** Make plans to invite your friends and neighbors!

The Fall Festival will be located in the back parking lot near the west foyer. The entire event will be held outside and we will be encouraging masks and social distancing.

As we move closer to the date, we will be encouraging members to help with this community outreach by running games, serving food, and welcoming guests. If you have any questions, please reach out to...

[eric@riverchasechurch.org](mailto:eric@riverchasechurch.org).



### Pre-Teen Devo

Sunday, October 4,  
6:00 p.m.

We will be meeting in the 6th grade classroom.

## Is Your Axe Dull?

**Matt Thompson**

In our Wednesday evening teen class, we are studying a series of lessons designed to instill biblically-based leadership traits in our teens. We hope to plant a seed in each teen's heart that will help them recognize that anyone can be a leader, whether it be at school, church, or within their families. Our most recent lesson was based on a scripture from Ecclesiastes: *If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success* (Ecclesiastes 10:10).

In a busy, hectic world, we exert a lot of energy trying to achieve our goals, but we often strive to achieve these goals without first making sure we have the right tools to do the job and without making sure our tools are in top-notch condition! This scripture from Ecclesiastes reminds us that hard work is important, but it is even more important to take time to let God equip us for the struggles we encounter in this world. "Sharpening the axe" as we prepare to face challenges in our spiritual life may involve different things for different people. One suggestion we discussed involved setting aside a consistent time each day to study, pray, and allow God to "feed us" as we prepare ourselves for the challenges of the day. We read John 6:35 and were reminded that we must eat of the "bread of life" before we can lead, feed, or serve others. We discussed finding mentors to help equip us as is mentioned in Proverbs 27:17 ("*as iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another*"). Finally, we discussed the importance of rest and maybe even a "digital vacation" to help clear and sharpen our minds in preparation for the struggles of the world.

These scriptures we studied last week reminded me of the importance of working smarter rather than harder by taking the time to allow God to provide us with the tools we need to serve others, solve problems, and live more like Christ.



### Grace Is Teaching Us

*Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age. (NASB)*

In these verses, Paul is teaching Titus what to do as he works within a congregation of the Lord's body. Here, Paul is reminding Titus what grace does for us. We all enjoy the benefits of grace, and it reminds us that we are free from sin and that our life is secure with Christ. But also, grace instructs us in all areas of our life. For us, this means that we must be ready to learn how to do the things that grace is trying to teach us. Most of the time people think that grace is only meant to be received, accepted and believed. But we must not forget that we also have a responsibility towards grace.

Since we have been saved by grace, we need to say "NO" to anything that comes our way in the form of sin. "NO" to anything that is contradictory to what is good, and we need to say "NO" to our human urges and wants, which may include "NO" to certain TV shows, movies, and social media. But also, grace is trying to teach us to live! We need to have our senses sharp and ready so that we can make great choices every day. When we make good choices, we will live the way God wants us to live and be happy with our lives.

David

## Prayers

Karen Green came forward Sunday evening asking for prayers and wants to become part of the Riverchase family.

## Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Dyer and Dianne Honeycutt** (FTG #5) who recently placed membership. Their address is 525 Willow Branch Circle, Chelsea, Alabama 35043. Their phone number is 205-639-3657.

## Celebration of Matt Snow

The Snow Family invites you to a "Celebration of Matt," a come and go gathering to visit and remember the life of Matt Snow.

It will be held on Sunday, October 18, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## Por Los Niños

As we near the end of September, our time for collecting funds for the care of children of Por Los Niños is drawing to a close. At this time about half of our yearly average has been collected. Paper money and checks would be happily received! The collection of funds will end Sunday, October 11.

## Youth Minister Search Committee

Please be in prayer as we conduct the search for a new youth minister.

You may communicate with the committee by email:

[Search.Committee@riverchasechurch.org](mailto:Search.Committee@riverchasechurch.org)

## Clothing for Homeless Items in Backpack:

**COST: \$75**

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Bible
- 1 Sleeping Bag
- 1 Pair of Wool Socks
- 1 Winter Hat (Toboggan)
- 1 Hygiene Kits (Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant)
- 1 Long-Sleeved Shirt (Men)
- 1 Winter Coat
- 1 Pair of Underwear (Boxers or Panties)
- Feminine Hygiene Products for Ladies'**
- 1 Chapstick
- 1 Pair of Sweatpants
- 1 Crewneck Sweatshirt
- 1 Pair of Winter Gloves

(Some Items Not Pictured)

If you would like to Donate, please earmark your check "Clothing for Homeless"

## For the Record

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Bible Study	—
Early Worship	—
Late Worship	—
Total Sunday Morning	—
Sunday Night	—
Contribution	\$27,225.45
YTD Average	\$34,547.53
Budget	\$37,500.00

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

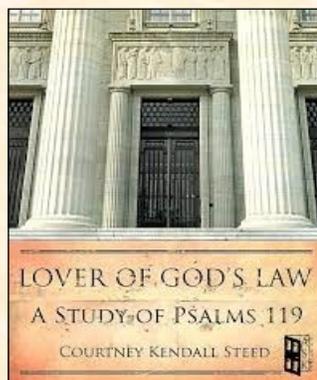
*The Lawson Family will forever remember the warmth and kindness shown to us during the loss of Holli.*

*We especially appreciated Donna Porterfield and Lou Powell for manning the kitchen and Dewayne for his part in the service.*

*God Bless You All,*

*Paul and Connie Lawson*

## Ladies' Bible Class



The Ladies Bible Class will begin again on Tuesday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. Books for the study, "Lovers of God's Law: a study of Psalm 119," can be picked up in the church office. This year, the Ladies Bible Class will meet in the Family Life Center to allow safe social distancing and all who attend are asked to wear

masks. There will be bottled waters, but because of COVID concerns, no shared food or babysitting available. We hope you will join us!

## Upcoming Events.

- **Wednesday Bible Class:** Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.
- **Adventure Club:** Sunday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. in the **NEW** Adventure Club Room by the gym.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Drive-By Bridal Tea for Ivey Pugh, Bride-Elect of Marshall Dyer:** Sunday, October 11, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. under the office awning. They are registered at Target, West Elm, Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, October 17, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.
- **Fall Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, October 23 - 25, Cost:\$75.00. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, October 7.

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### **This week at Riverchase:**

- Wednesday Night Bible Study in the auditorium.
- Adventure Club

### **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:**

**Ray Betz (#7)** recovering from surgery for a right lateral disc extrusion in lower spine.

**Kenna Brown (#4)** has neck and back problems.

**Susan Chaney (#4)** recovering from surgery in room 134 at Encompass Health Rehab.

**Barbara Parker (#7)** recovering from COVID.

### **CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:**

**FTG #1:** Rejetta Balentine, **Charles Bates,**

Lynda Cardwell, **Angie Dickinson,**  
Keith Dunn, **Ollie Scott, Michelle Whitaker**

**FTG #2:** Glenda Arnold, **John Bearden,**

Victor Boone, **Vonda Cook, Nina Pitchford,**  
Lance Rushing, **Bob Smith**

**FTG #3:** David Bath, **Ruth Bath, Becky Carter,**

Billy Gaines, **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, **Tami Picantine,**

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,**

Peggy Jackson, **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.

**Myra Myrick** (Pam Wampol's aunt) ovarian cancer.

**Lauren Orth** (David Orth's sister) health issues.

**Cecil Parker** (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) liver disease.

**Ruby Pitts** (Dana Keith's mother) Alzheimer's.

**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.