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Fall Quarter Classes Begin Sunday, October 18, 2020

Class	Sunday	Wednesday
0 - 24 months	Baby Jesus T & K Yaeger	Noah's Ark S Pate
2 & 3 year olds	Old Testament B Johnson, L Gott	Creation K Yaeger
4 & 5 year olds	New Testament R Mill, K Bassett	Grow W & A Anderson, T & R Thomas, C Stewart
1st & 2nd grade	Bible Overview C Stewart, H Boggs	
3rd & 4th grade	Gospels T & K Phifer	Bold Questions E & L Gott
5th & 6th grade	Acts J Steed	
7th grade	God's Plan for Salvation M Thompson	Habitudes Youth Deacons
8th grade	Jesus' Sermon from the Mount K Shebs	
9th grade	Lessons from I & II Peter K Strickland	
10th grade	Galatians (Freedom in Christ) B McCaleb	
11th grade	Lessons from Hebrews P Dyer	
12th grade	Graduation Class (Transitions) Z Steed	
College - (#256)	Having It All??? A Study in Ecclesiastes T Steed	Your Questions and God's Answers D Spivey
Adult I/II - (#253) 20's & 30's	Having It All??? A Study in Ecclesiastes T Steed	
Adult IV - (#251) 40's	Having It All??? A Study in Ecclesiastes T Steed	
Adult V - (#154) 50's	Having It All??? A Study in Ecclesiastes T Steed	
Auditorium 55+	Having It All??? A Study in Ecclesiastes T Steed	

Community
Fall Festival

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

Mark your calendars!

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 requiring masks and social distancing to keep everyone safe.

This is a church-wide event with fun for everyone. We will need volunteers to help run games, help prepare food, and help with welcoming guests and kids. We need members to begin donating bags of individually wrapped candy. Collection boxes will be located in the west foyer and main lobby.

We need volunteers. Email eric@riverchasechurch.org to sign up to help.

Adventure Club

Adventure Club has moved to the new classroom across from the adult library. Each Sunday night, children 3 years old to 2nd grade are invited to join us for a Bible lesson, singing, crafts, and games.

We have updated our curriculum to focus on one main topic each month, and we hope all families are taking advantage of the take-home forms each week, too.

Join us next Sunday night!

Thermometer VS Thermostat

Kelly Shebs

If I were to ask you the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat, that would be an easy answer...right? A thermostat changes the temperature where a thermometer is changed by the temperature. While preparing this study for our ongoing lessons for the teens, I came across a definition for the two that made me look at this in a completely different way. A thermometer reacts to the temperature in the room and a thermostat first takes the temperature of the room and then puts a plan in place to adapt and adjust to what is needed. For some reason that really grabbed me and made me rephrase the question... Am I a thermostat or a thermometer? At times we are both, but sometimes we need to be a thermometer. We need to be able to let ourselves adjust to the climate around us. Other times we must be the thermostat in the room. This is where it can get tricky...if we adjust the thermostat incorrectly, we can make the situation way too hot or way too cold!

We live in such a fast paced society now that we neglect the important things because we are too busy doing the things we believe are important. We find ourselves putting more and more things on our plate to get done, and before we realize it, we have pushed the time we need to study and pray off the plate. When we fail to take the time to study, our core values and strong foundation can shift and we can become thermometers changing with what is around us. Jesus warns us about this in Luke 6: 46-49 when he tells us the parable of the man building his house on a rock with a strong foundation vs building it on sand. If you are a thermometer and build your house on the sand, then whatever wave comes across you during the day will change you to that climate. But if we take time to study his word, pray and put into practice what we are taught, you are like the man building on the rock. You are strengthening our foundation and core values. The stronger our foundation is, the better thermostat we can be. It will not matter the storm that will rise in front of you, you will be able to take that wave, evaluate what the issue is and respond in a way that warms our hearts to Jesus rather than turn them cold!

The Right Way of Living

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)

Because God has given us grace - something we could never earn on our own - God asks us to learn three things from that grace. He wants us to learn to live sensibly, righteously, and godly. But how do we do that? How do we learn grace? We need to listen when God talks to us through His Word. When we sin, we feel guilty, and because of that, we immediately seek God's forgiveness. But when we start taking for granted God's grace and don't repent immediately after sin, we are starting to drift apart and move away from God. However, if we listen to His Word, we will start feeling the love of God and be grateful for the immense patience that He has for us. That love is so great and a sacrifice so compelling that we should start drawing back to God. His grace should make us want to be better, His grace should compel us to dedicate our lives to be like the One who saves us. His grace provokes us to do good and to be patient like our Lord, who forgives us again and again when we turn back to Him. Are you willing to listen to God? Or are you going to do what your flesh wants?

David

Library Donations

At this time, please wait to donate books to the church adult library. We will be getting new shelves and organizing existing books before accepting more.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER:
MARK MCINTEER

BIBLE CLASSES: 9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP: 10:30 A.M.

AGAPE Pecan Sale

Just in time for Holiday baking! This year, our annual pecan sale will be done differently due to COVID. Please go to the website below and order your pecans. You can place an order from October 1-31. You can have the pecans shipped to the church office without any cost.

<https://www.agapeforchildren.org/pecan-sale>

Backpacks for the Homeless

On December 12, the teens will deliver 200 backpacks and sleeping bags to the homeless in downtown Birmingham. We have purchased all clothing / hygiene items in bulk, and if you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "homeless clothing." The **cost per backpack is \$75** and includes the following:

Bible, backpack, sleeping bag, winter coat & hat, long sleeve shirt, socks, underwear, hygiene kit with deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrush, soap, shampoo, comb, chapstick, & hand sanitizer. We will also have special hygiene kits for the homeless ladies.

Childhaven Children's Home and Congregational Food Drive

We will be collecting food items for Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, Alabama and a Congregational Food Drive for local needs. There are two lists with food items for Childhaven or our local efforts. There are also bags provided in each of the foyers. Please choose one or more options to help supply Childhaven's pantry and to help those locally who are in need. The deadline to have these products in will be Sunday, November 1. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Food Drive" and someone will make the purchase for you. **Please attach your shopping list to your bag to help distinguish between the bags.**

For the Record

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Bible Study	—
Early Worship	—
Late Worship	—
Total Sunday Morning	—
Sunday Night	—
Contribution	\$31,192.21
YTD Average	\$34,510.50
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you so much for all of the cards and prayers offered on our behalf during the recent death of my father. Thank you, also for the beautiful flowers sent to his funeral. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family.

Love,

Jason, Karen, Katelyn
and Brooklyn Smith

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you so much for all the kindness shown to us during Jerry's surgery and recovery. Your care, concern and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Love,

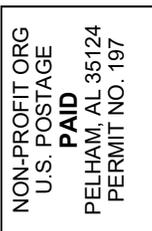
Jerry & Becky Hopper

Single Moms Support Group

A single moms support group will meet on Sunday, October 25, 4:30 p.m. in Classroom 255. Contact David Dorantes for more information.

Upcoming Events.

- **Volleyball:** Friday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **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.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Por Los Ninos Cans Due:** Sunday, October 11.
- **Adventure Club:** Sunday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. in the **NEW** Adventure Club Room by the Family Life Center.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, October 17, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.
- **Teen Fall Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, October 23 - 25, Cost:\$75.00. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, October 7.
- **Drive-By Bridal Tea for Bobbie Ellis, Bride-Elect of Collin Rose:** Sunday, October 25, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. under the office awning. They are registered at Target, Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond.
- **Anniversary Sunday:** Sunday, November 1.



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This week at Riverchase:

- Wednesday Night Bible Study in the auditorium
- Volleyball
- Pugh/Dyer Drive-By Bridal Tea
- Adventure Club
- Ladies' Bible Class

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:

Riverchase Family:

David Bath (#3) dementia and Alzheimer's.
Kay Kolb (#2) in hospital in Louisiana with cholangial carcinoma on her gall bladder.
Lori Lambert (#7) waiting on test results.
Barbara Parker (#7) recovering from COVID.
Katie Yaeger (#7) Parkinson's.

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: Keena Brown, Jeff Carroll, Edy Chaney, Susan 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 Dichiara, 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.
Maudie Childers (Craig Anderson's aunt) COVID.
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.
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.