



Think To Thank

We have to think to become thankful.

We have to think to be aware of the things done for us; the cost and sacrifice involved in the doing of those things.

We have to think to become appreciative and grateful.

We have to think to express our appreciation and gratitude.

That's why the story of David receiving the drink of water from the well in Bethlehem is such a strong story of thanksgiving. (2 Samuel 23:13-17)

-Dewayne

Questions for Ecclesiastes 3:9-22

Tom Steed

- How does Solomon feel about life after death in Ecclesiastes 3? Why does he feel this way?
- This world or other world: Is the Christianity of today more focused on making this world better or preparing for the next world? What about the Christianity of the past? What should be the ratio of time and effort spent on each one?
- How do you feel about this sort of "Godly hedonism"? i.e. "Enjoy each day," sort of a "Carpe Diem for believers." To what extent do you practice it?
- Compare and contrast Ecclesiastes 3 with John 14. How is the approach to life and eternity different?

Upcoming Events:

KidMin

- **Thanksgiving Midweek Bible Study:** Tuesday, November 24. All kids will meet in the Auditorium.
- **Dinner with Santa:** Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom.

Teen

- **Wednesday Night Bible Class:** Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen Supper and Christmas Compassion Project:** Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. Bring \$10.00 for shopping and \$3.00 for dinner.

College

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

Parents' Night Out

Parents Night Out has been cancelled on Thursday, November 19. We are looking for a new date to reschedule and will keep you posted!

The large nursery is now available again during all worship services for your convenience. We will not have nursery volunteers at this time, therefore we ask that you stay with your child. Please remember the nursery is only for children ages three and under. Thank you.

Mark your Calendars DINNER WITH SANTA



Saturday,
December 5

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Pop Quiz Matt Thompson

When I was in school, there is nothing I hated worse than a pop quiz! Although I may have been keeping up with the required assignments, required reading, and preparing for the expected tests, the *unexpected* tests had the potential to wreck your overall average in the class. In our teen class last Wednesday night, we discussed the “pop quizzes” of life. The pop quizzes of life include those unexpected phone calls that bring bad news, the unexpected betrayal of a friend, or any other unexpected event that tests our faith or our spiritual endurance. Some of the tests we experience in life are often small tests of character or integrity such as when we might be tempted to tell a “little, white lie,” cheat on a test, or even fail to clean up the mess we did not make. These little tests may not seem important at the time, but we were reminded by the scripture in Luke 16:10 that “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” One of the purposes of these little tests in life is to help prepare us for the bigger tests in life. One of the overarching purposes of the “Habitudes” curriculum we are studying on Wednesday night is to prepare our teen students, in advance, for these tests of life. If we do not prepare in advance for the crises, or “pop quizzes,” in life, we will often be unprepared to weather the storm and, instead, react in a manner that is not Christ-like. Although spiritual preparation for the unexpected tests in life may not make the test easy or pain-free, we were reminded by the scriptures in Deuteronomy 8:15-16 that the difficult tests of life result in a stronger character and closer relationship to God if we abide in His word.

Wanting God More Than Comfort

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and strangers, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God on the day of visitation. (NASB)

You just won a trip to Mexico to see the oldest Mayan city of Chichen Itza, so what do you pack? Depending on the type of person you are, you might be packing items for hot, sunny weather such as bug spray, sunblock, and hats. But most people don't realize that, around those Mayan cities, the weather changes from day to day. It doesn't change from hot to cold, but rather from sunny to rainy, and most people are caught unprepared.

I believe that sometimes we are caught unprepared in this world. We do not have the necessary things that we need to survive. We worry about how we look, or we worry about what we can collect for comfort because we want to be comfortable. When we decide to follow God, we are going to do things that we are not comfortable doing, like sharing the Gospel with others or forgiving our enemies, which is not easy or comfortable. We need to want to do what God wants more than our comfort of this world.

David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Susan Chaney, Glenn and Francie Savage** in the passing of their mother and our dear sister, **Edy Chaney**. There will be a visitation on Saturday, November 21, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. with the funeral at 2:00 p.m. at Olive Branch Church of Christ.

New Elders Recommendations

We are prayerfully seeking God's wisdom and guidance in our search for new Elders. Please submit in writing your recommendations for men to serve as additional Elders. Send submissions in writing to an Elder or to Elders@Riverchasechurch.org.

Soliciting Funds

The Elders would like to inform you that we do not solicit funds from members of the church from India through Facebook. Please be careful when contributing to anything online.

AGAPE Pecan Sale

If you ordered Agape pecans, they will be here **Wednesday, November 18**. The pecans will be in the office or see an office staff member Wednesday night to pick them up.



Rainbow Omega Poinsettias
Will be delivered on **Wednesday, November 18**. They will be placed in the hallway behind the auditorium by the church office.



Happy Thanksgiving

On Tuesday, November 24, we will have our normal midweek Bible Class at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.



HAPPY Thanksgiving

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Thursday - Friday, November 26 - 27, for Thanksgiving. Please contact us at home or on our cell phones if you need anything.

For the Record

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Bible Study	265
Early Worship	170
Late Worship	222
Total Sunday Morning	392
Sunday Night	141
Contribution	\$42,715.51
YTD Average	\$34,693.50
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

The love shown to my family after the sudden loss of my sister has been over whelming. The cards, the meal for my family and the flowers have all helped us to work through our loss.

*In Christian Love,
Phillip & Shirley Vines*

Dear Riverchase Church Family,

What a wonderful feeling to know good friends care about you. The prayers, cards, calls and visits mean so much to us. All the food was delicious. So many expressions of love and concern will make this long process easier to get through and back on our feet again.

*Thank you,
Bob and Jane Snider*



LIVEWIRES! CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 6, 2020
After late worship
In the Family Life Center

Upcoming Events

- **Volleyball:** Friday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Grief and Loss Seminar:** Sunday November 22, 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.
- **Thanksgiving Mid-Week Bible Study:** Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.
- **Church Office Closed:** Thursday - Friday, November 26-27, in observance of Thanksgiving.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen Supper and Christmas Compassion:** Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring \$10.00 for gifts and \$3.00 for dinner.

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This week at Riverchase:

- Wednesday Night Bible Study in the auditorium.
- Pecans delivery
- Poinsettia's delivery
- Parents Night Out
- Volleyball
- Greif and Loss Seminar

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

Angie Dickinson (#1) waiting on biopsy report for mass in her arm and lymph nodes.

Jo Jackson (#6) recovering from shoulder surgery.

Chad Leverett (#4) recovering from sinus surgery.

Twila Ray (#2) recovering from shoulder surgery.

Bob Smith (#2) septic due infected gall bladder. No calls please, cards are welcomed.

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, Bertha Bell, Victor Boone, Kay Kolb, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith, Bob Snider

FTG #3: David Bath, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, Martha Johnston, Nona Miller, Stephen Wright

FTG#4: Jeff Carroll, Susan Chaney, Vonda Cook, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider

FTG #5: 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, Katie Yaeger

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.

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.

Tricia Shaulever (The Hare's daughter) liver failure.

Pauline Strickland (Pam Williams friend) immunotherapy.

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.