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Think for Thanksgiving

Maybe we should step back and think a little bit as we approach Thanksgiving Day.

There are a lot of problems with our nation, but there is also a lot of good. Our Founders knew what they were doing to protect our democracy by the Constitution they gave to us. We would do well to read it.

Our God knew what He was doing when he left us a book telling us of the great gift he has provided for us and what we need to do to be considered as His people. We would do well to continually read His book.

Are you struggling in your marriage? There was a reason you made that promise to your spouse, your family and God. It would benefit us all to remember the promise and to think about why we made it and what it means.

A little better thinking could lead us to more genuine thanksgiving.

-Dewayne

Questions for Ecclesiastes Tom Steed

- What are the roots of justice in society? Where does justice come from? Law? Individuals? The character of the people? God?
- What is the proper balance between trying to teach salvation and personal redemption versus helping the poor and the needy with their physical needs? Can we become over concerned about one aspect or another?
- What scares you about the final judgment before God? How do you picture/imagine that scene? How does the idea of justice play out in the final judgment?

Upcoming Events:

KidMin

- **Thanksgiving Midweek Bible Study:** Tuesday, November 24. All kids will meet in the Auditorium.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom.

Teen

- **Thanksgiving Midweek Bible Study:** Tuesday, November 24, in the Family Life Center.
- **Christmas Compassion Project:** Wednesday, December 2, leave the building at 5:45 p.m. Bring \$10.00 for shopping.

College

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

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.

Winter Quarter Bible Class Info

On December 2nd we will begin the Winter quarter for our Children's Bible classes. Below is new information concerning classes.

On Wednesday nights we are combining 2s and 3s together and they will meet in the 2-year old classroom.

Adventure Club (4-yearolds through 2nd grade) will meet in the 4 year old classroom for their combined Bible class.

Preteens (3rd through 6th graders) will continue meeting in the 6th grade classroom.

Remember all children's classes are cancelled for tonight. Children will join their parents in the auditorium for Bible class. Happy Thanksgiving!



Emotional Fuel **By: Keith Strickland**

Has your car ever run out of gas? Most of us make sure that doesn't happen...we add fuel to our car as often as necessary to make sure our car keeps going. Cars run on automotive fuel....people run on emotional fuel. A great deal of our emotional fuel comes from our relationships with other people. One of the great keys to a person's contentment or daily happiness is having strong personal relationships. We are shaped and encouraged by the individuals that we are closest to. These people serve as our emotional fuel - they serve roles as our mentors, role models, accountability partners, heroes, and certainly as our friends.

Consider this, in life it is very important to be polite, considerate and kind to everyone we know...however, it is almost impossible to have a close personal relationship with everyone we know. The key is to have a few close personal relationships with a few trusted friends. These are people you can share your hopes and your struggles with...someone you can pray with...someone you can hold accountable and that will hold you accountable. This provides us emotional fuel.

This is your inner circle.

Jesus had an inner circle...while on this earth, Jesus was a friend to all and preached to thousands of people. He also had a few close relationships that went much deeper and helped to provide emotional fuel. His apostles, especially a certain few, were his closest relationships he relied on.

Who is in your inner circle? Do you have a mentor? Do you have someone to whom you are a mentor? Do you have role models around you who you look up to as a good example? If not, you may be running low on fuel. Proverbs 27:17 tells us that "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens another friend."

Do you feel like you have emotionally run out of gas? Seek out your closest friends, your inner circle, and get busy refueling.

Amazed Not Amused

Matthew 24: 12-13 "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold. But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved." (NASB)

When people are dating, they tend to be amazed at everything the other person does. Everything they say, and everything they do, they are amazed by them. As the time goes on, some people stop being amazed and instead, they want to be amused. They expect their significant other to do things for them, and when they fail to do something for them, they start to fall out of love.

In certain occasions, we can do the same to God. Instead of being amazed at everything God does, we expect Him to amuse us. We want God to do everything for us and when He doesn't, we can fall out of love with Him. We need to be careful that we do not do that. We need to make sure that we don't expect God to just do things for us. We need to be amazed by God and all the wonderful things He does for us.

David

New Elders Recommendations

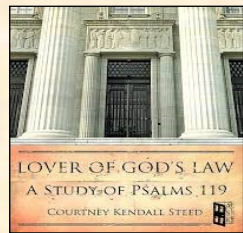
We are prayerfully seeking God's wisdom and guidance in our search for new Elders. Please submit in writing your recommendations for men to serve as additional Elders. Send submissions in writing to an Elder or to Elders@Riverchasechurch.org.

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.

Covid 19 Regulations

The Riverchase eldership desires that our church family gather as often and as safely as possible. We encourage outreach, service, and evangelistic efforts to continue. However, event organizers must ensure all gatherings comply with all Covid 19 guidelines and regulations. Guidelines are available in the foyers and the church office.



Ladies' Bible Class

The Ladies' Bible Class will resume class on Tuesday, December 1, in the Family Life Center. If you are in need of a copy of the book, please contact the office.

Congratulations

Collin Rose graduated from Harding University with a degree in Marketing. Collin is the son of **Jeff and Renee Rose** and the grandson of **Victor Boone**.

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**.

H A P P Y
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 22, 2020

Bible Study	204
Early Worship	130
Late Worship	198
Total Sunday Morning	328
Sunday Night	116
Contribution	\$39,144.22
YTD Average	\$34,788.20
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

This is a note of Thanksgiving to thank each one of you who prayed for us during our recent health crisis. We appreciate each thought, message, call, card, and offer to help. The Riverchase family is wonderful and always helping others. We felt the love. Hebrews 11:6 tells us about faith and it is during times like this that our faith increase. We are so grateful to God for his mercy and care, and to all of you following His word. Happy Thanksgiving!

Rodney & Helen Rardin

GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR

Due to rising Covid cases in our area, the Grief and Loss Seminar has been postponed to a later date.

LIVEWIRES! CHRISTMAS PARTY
Has been
CANCELLED.

Single Moms Support Group

A single moms support group will meet Sunday, December 6, 4:30 p.m. in Classroom 255. Contact David Dorantes for more information.

Upcoming Events

- **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.

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This week at Riverchase:

- Wednesday Night Bible Study in the auditorium.
- Pecans pick up

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 Akers (#5) recovering from eye surgery.

Angie Dickinson (#1) received biopsy results and will begin chemo December 3.

Jo Jackson (#6) recovering from shoulder 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, Doris Tucker

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.