

The Riverchase Family

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Winter Quarter Classes

| Class | Sunday | Wednesday |
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| 0 - 12 months | Baby Jesus M Waddell, K Waddell | Noah's Ark M & K Waddell |
| 12-24 months | Creation Michelle Whitaker | Noah's Ark M & K Waddell |
| 2 year olds | New Testament C Parker, B Parker, B Johnson | New Testament D Newton, J Hicks |
| 3 year olds | Old Testament D Sanford | Adventure Club T & K Yaeger |
| 4 year olds | Old Testament J & K Smith | Adventure Club T & K Yaeger |
| 5 year olds | New Testament D McCarver, T Tamez | Adventure Club T & K Yaeger |
| 1st grade | Bible Overview C Stewart, H Boggs | Bible Overview L Lyon, J Spivey |
| 2nd grade | Old Testament J Bowen, P Williams | Old Testament P Jackson, N Mount |
| 3rd grade | Old Testament Sandy Sims | Bible Bowl T Brimingham |
| 4th grade | Gospels B & J Jordan | Bible Bowl T Brimingham |
| 5th grade | Acts C & S Watts | Bible Bowl T Brimingham |
| 6th grade | Epistles S Wright, E Boggs | Bible Bowl T Brimingham |
| 7th grade | Jesus, Sermon from the Mount D Brown | Prime Time S Pruitt |
| 8th grade | I,II & III John Z Steed | |
| 9th grade | John's Gospel T Pruitt | |
| 10th grade | The Life of Moses J Sibert | |
| 11th grade | Questions D Spivey | |
| 12th grade | Highlights from Romans N Whitaker | |
| College | Philippians N Click | Hebrews J Wamack |
| Adult I - (#256) | Philippians Scott Sims | Hebrews D Dorantes |
| Adult II - (#253) | When Jesus Prayed F Wampol | Life and Times of Saul J Lacroix |
| Adult III- (#252) | Philippians R Betz | Hebrews D Spivey |
| Adult IV- (#251) | When Jesus Prayed K Strickland | |
| Adult V- (#154) | Philippians T Stewart | Life and Times of Saul R Jackson |
| Adult VI-(#151) | When Jesus Prayed B Wagner | |
| Ladies Class | | Pondering Proverbs II B Hardin |

Put Some Air in It Tony Brimingham

My toolbox - In my toolbox I have this nice little tire plugging kit. It is one of the most important tools I have. In the kit is a tool that pulls the nail out of the tire. It has a tool to clean the edges. And it has a tool to insert the new tire plug. I have had this kit for years and have rarely had opportunity to use it. This past week I had two opportunities to perfect my skills at plugging tires.

Scott's truck - Sitting under the awning at Church at the most inopportune time possible sits Scott's truck with a tire as flat as a pancake. He wishes that he would have stopped and put some air in it. But just putting air in it would not have fixed the problem. There was this little piece of metal with a sharp point on the end that we call a nail sticking in the tire. This little inordinate object not more than a half inch long and weighing just a few ounces has brought a four thousand pound vehicle to a halt.

Jana's van - Sitting in the garage with a leaning corner, I knew something was wrong with the van. I knew that just putting some air in it would not work. I pulled the tire and found this same little pointed culprit delaying our family from a night out to eat.

The nail - Just a few ounces in weight, measuring less than an inch in length, costing less than a penny to make, brought down a vehicle. This little pointed object brought down a vehicle weighing thousands of pounds, measuring sixteen feet in length, and costing thousands of dollars.

The tongue - A little sharp pointed object that can bring down the largest of Church bodies. An object that is almost impossible to tame and control. An object that can bring so much harm in a very little time.

I Peter 3:10

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.

They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.

Toughness of Training Scott Pruitt

5. If you have worn a hole in the passenger floorboard attempting to brake for a 15 year old training to drive.

4. If you have gotten car sick from your 15 year old attempting to stay between the lines while training to drive.

3. If your heart rate has increased to the point that you knew you were having a heart attack due to your 15 year old training to drive.

2. If you have hollered, "Stop, I don't want to die today!" while training your 15 year old to drive.

1. If your 15 year old, training to drive, has gotten out of the driver's seat while the car is still in DRIVE.

If you have endured these moments of training a 15 year old to drive, you are proof that it can be done, and I might live another day.

Life is tough. Training is tough. Parents of teens are tough. Satan is tough. Do you know who is the TOUGHEST of them all? OUR GOD. He has trained some of the greatest, most faithful warriors in His army. At times, they fled. They got scared and gave up. When everyone deserted Him, He stayed and remained true to His promises.

When Whitney and I step into our vehicle as our 15 year old son is handed the keys, we sing this little song in our heads. "Be strong and courageous and do not be afraid. The Lord goes with you each and every day."

I refuse to give up when times get tough. I refuse to give up when fear creeps into our world. I refuse to give up, because my boy is counting on dad to follow through with the training (and I'm not talking about driving a vehicle). I'm talking about the training that is necessary to receive our crown, the training that grows boys into faithful followers of Him, the training that shapes and molds leaders.

I could not be more proud of my boy for the man of God that He is becoming. I am thankful for you, and I thank you all for your love, support, and tireless efforts to help grow the Kingdom of God. Never Give Up the Training. I Timothy 4:8-16

Open Your Eyes

*Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.
Psalm 119:18 NASB*

I hope to open your curiosity with this short article about opening your eyes. There is so much that we could say about the topic that I don't plan to explain it all, but what I expect is to open your curiosity. Have you noticed how that phrase is used in the Bible? Many of the Bible writers used that phrase to describe someone who literally couldn't see an object in front of them; like in the case of Balaam, the donkey and the angel (Numbers 22:31). Or in the case of Elisha, the servant and the chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17). I encourage you to study these verses in depth they will give you encouragement. But you see there are things in our midst and all around us that we cannot see. Only the Lord can open our eyes to see what our regular vision cannot see. Then we have also the eyes of our understanding, this is when our mind understands what is so hard to comprehend, such is the case of the brethren in Ephesus (Ephesians 1:18). One more situation where the Lord opened the eyes is when he was healing the blind men in the Gospels (Luke 18:35; Mark 8:22-25).

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- David

Dear Riverchase Family,

Many thanks for the calls, messages and cards we received when my father passed away. A special thank you to those who traveled to Huntsville to attend the funeral and visitation. Our family is so blessed to be part of such a loving congregation. Many thanks for all the encouragement you provide.

In Christian Love,
Billy, Miriam
& Jacob Pittman

Dear Riverchase Family,

I want to personally thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, meals and visits. Your kindness has truly been a blessing and I am so very thankful and grateful for you all. Knowing that you were praying for me and encouraging me has meant so much. You will never know how much my church family means to me and saying I love you seems so small but I do and I thank you.

In Christian Love,
Jennifer Dillard

Dear Riverchase Family,

You have all been so wonderful from the first time that we met you all. You welcomed us into this wonderful congregation and made us feel so welcomed.

The love and concern since my sister passed away has been overwhelming. I still find it hard to believe that I won't see her again until we meet in heaven. The flowers the church sent were beautiful.

Susan and I thank God that Francie and Glenn are a part of the Riverchase congregation and through them now we are a part of this wonderful congregation.

In Christian Love,
Edy & Susan Chaney

For the Record

Sunday, November 15, 2015

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| Bible Study | 448 |
| Early Worship | 243 |
| Late Worship | 433 |
| Total Sunday Morning | 676 |
| Sunday Night | 303 |
| Contribution | \$33,635.26 |
| YTD Average | \$32,843.92 |
| Budget | \$32,500.00 |

Calling Post Information

We are in the process of updating our Calling Post System. In your mailboxes are information sheets that will tell us how you would like to receive church wide information. Please complete and return to the office or the designated boxes in the Front Foyer or the West Wing. Thank you.

Agape Pecan Sale

Agape pecans will be sold in the west foyer after early service and after Sunday school. Prices are \$12 for halves or pieces. Please make checks payable to AGAPE AUXILIARY.

Church Wide Volleyball

We will be hosting a church wide day of volleyball on Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in playing please contact David Dorantes or Bryan Parker. Lunch will be provided.

Office Closed

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

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

On Tuesday, November 24, we will have a special prayer service at 7:00 p.m. All classes except the nursery will meet in the auditorium. There will be no Wednesday night service.

College Exam Care Packages

David will be delivering care packages to our college students during finals week. If you would like to donate items for the care packages please turn your items in by Wednesday, December 2. Ideas for a care package are chips, candy bars, cookies, note cards, highlighters and gift cards.

Upcoming Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to Lay Dam:** Thursday, November 19, leave at 8:45 a.m.
- **Change in Midweek Service:** Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.
- **Office Closed:** Thursday-Friday, November 26-27, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **Caroling for the shut-ins:** Tuesday, December 1, leave the church building at 5:30 p.m.
- **Teen Supper / Compassion Project:** Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 p.m. Cost \$3.00.

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This week at Riverchase:

Tuesday, November 17

- Grief Seminar, 6:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- TACO Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at Habaneros

Thursday, November 19

- *LiveWires!* Tour of Lay Dam.

Saturday, November 21

- Volleyball, 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

Tuesday, November 24

- Midweek Prayer Service

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Sherry Cardwell** (Lynda Cardwell's mother), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **L.D. & Mini S. Davis** (D. Bronte's parents), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom) **Pat Driskell** (David's mother), **Ruth Hare** (David Hare's mother), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Jennifer Henderson** (friend of Masoner's) **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **Butch Johnson** (Dana Jones' brother), **Sharon Lawley** (Brandy Tuech's mother-in-law), **Kate Kirk** (Greg Coker's cousin), **Dot Mandle** (Kelley's friend), **Nancy Marlo** (Tami Picantine's sister), **Ralph Martin** (Kristi Sibert's dad), **Charles Mills** (Robert and Michelle's father). **Dell Moody** (Jane Windam's cousin), **Thelma Moon** (Diana Barnes' mother), **Barbara Stetler** (Sandy Sims and Lydia Howe's mother), **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

Riverchase Family:

Keller Campbell (#5) recovering at home from surgery.
David Driskell Jr. (#3) recovering from surgery on leg at UAB.
Elaine Evans (#4) recovering from knee surgery at Brookwood.
Don Haefner (#7) heart procedures in the upcoming weeks.
Alan Jackson (#4) recovering from surgery at Brookwood.
Norma Thomas (#4) in room 3108 at Shelby Baptist.
Linda Yerby (#4) recovering at home.

Continue to remember these members:

Mary Babin (#3), **Shirley Bailey (#3)**, **John Bearden (#2)**, **Lynda Cardwell (#1)**, **Becky Carter (#3)**, **Jake Cole (#5)**, **Henry & Vonda Cook (#2)**, **Michelle Dichiaro (#6)**, **Elaine Evans (#4)**, **John Gibson (#6)**, **Don & Jan Haefner (#7)**, **Charles Herring (#3)**, **Alan Jackson (#4)**, **Grover Jackson (#6)**, **Bill Johnson (#5)**, **Ray Johnston (#3)**, **Debra Jones (#2)**, **Bill Lovell (#1)**, **Dean Lyon (#6)**, **Norma Nabors (#5)**, **Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2)**, **Peggy Rogers (#4)**, **Ollie Scott (#6)**, **Matt Snow (#4)**, **Norma Thomas (#4)**, **Jo Wamack (#2)**, **Michelle Whitaker (#1)**, **Shirley Wilson (#5)**, **Sarah Wolford (#6)**, **Linda Yerby (#4)**.

Add to your prayer list our friends and relatives:

Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
Kellie Aycock (the Aycock's daughter - in - law) signet cell carcinoma.
Vickie Bennett (Barbara Parker's sister) recovering from a car wreck.
Bernard Bradford (Diane Snow's father) under hospice care.
Joseph (Buddy) Bradford (Emma Aycock's cousin) lung cancer.
Fred Brown (Ellen Wagner's brother) under hospice care.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Becky Carr (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis, transplant needed.
Nell Chandler (Lori Pruitt's mother) possible stroke.
Hubert Conner (Ellen Davis' father) bladder cancer.
Camden Creamer (Terry Pruitt's great nephew) rare blood condition.
Larry Daniels (Rodney & Becky Johnson's brother in law) chemo and radiation for cancer.
Lee Dawkins (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.
Marie Echols (Judy Ingram's sister) heart problems.
Robert Garner (Paula Davis niece, Rebecca Garrick, father) terminal lung cancer.
Peyton Hardy (The King's niece) leukemia.
Kim Horne (Kim Ledingham's coworker) lung cancer.
Robert Howe (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.
Tony Howell (Barbara Parker's brother) recovering from a broken back.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
Martha Knight (Kathy Handley's friend) heart surgery.
Michael Lacey (Kim Ledingham's cousin) hodgkins lymphoma.
Alice Lucas (friend of the Gaines) brain tumor.
Quin Merryman (toddler from Hoover Church of Christ) brain tumor.
Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.
Penny Nava (David & Teresa Hare's daughter) surgery. 426 Harding St., Danville, KY. 40422. Cards requested.
Loraine Naylor (Cindy Thompson's cousin) recovering from a stroke.
Jay Odom (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law) recovering from a stroke.
John Pierce (Rebecca Hill's father) heart problems.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.
Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.
Eric Ritchie (Pitchford's friend) chemo.
Marie Seals (friend of the Snow's) thyroid cancer.
John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) multiple heath problems.
Billy Shikle (Helen Haskew's brother in law) chemo.
Claudia Sibert (John Sibert's mother) breast cancer.
Mariella Sirmon (Sirmon's granddaughter) running tests for severe reflux.
Pam Snider (Bob & Jane Snider's niece) under hospice care.
Donna Somerville (friend of the Ball's) acute leukemia.
Bob Terrell (Clanton Church of Christ minister) recovering at home from a stroke.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Olen Vickery (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) memory impairments.
Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
Don Watson (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.
Burt Wheeler (Debra Jones' father) possible Alzheimer's.
Craig Windle (Elaine Evans brother - in - law) spot on kidney.
Bill Wright (friend of the Vaughn's) in rehab hospital with pneumonia and a fractured bone.