

# The Riverchase Family

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## Weather Watcher

I admit it. I'm a weather watcher, especially when I have something planned to do outside. I even have my little rain gauge to tell me about how the weather has been, and my little outdoor thermometer to send a radio signal inside the house to tell me the current temperature outside.

I could see myself setting up one of those weather stations in my yard.

Jesus talked about the weather watchers of his day. They did a pretty good job of reading the weather indicators, but a very poor job of reading the indicators of more important matters.

Watching the weather has very little, if any, importance in the things that matter.

But watching myself has been a warning from God since creation. Watching myself has eternal consequences.

Am I watching to make sure I am constantly and continually "about my Father's business" as Jesus was?

Am I watching the path I'm walking to make sure I stay on the straight and narrow path of God's will and truth?

Do I give all diligence to watch my heart and mind because from my thoughts and desires come all of the issues of life?

Do I watch myself to make sure that every part of me is being offered as a sacrifice to God in order to do his will?

I need to be a watcher, but of more important things than the weather.

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Sign-up Sunday:** Sunday, April 24.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, May 1, following evening service.
- **AC / PT Supper:** Wednesday, May 11.
- **Farewell to our sixth grade:** Sunday, May 22, following evening service.

### Teen

- **Bus Washing/Tie-Dye Party:** April 23, at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Junior / Senior Retreat:** April 29-May 1; Cost: \$55
- **Senior Banquet:** May 21.
- **Senior Reception:** May 22.

### College

- **Wednesday Night Supper:** April 20, 6:00 p.m. in the reception room.



## ADVENTURE CLUB and PRE-TEEN



## SUMMER Calendar SIGN UP SUNDAY APRIL 17 & 24

**SIGN UP IN FRONT OF THE  
NURSERY OR ON THE  
SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM  
HALL NEXT TO THE  
ELEVATOR.**

## Contentment Scott Pruitt

Do you love Disneyworld? During our last night on "The Happiest Place on Earth," we found a perfect spot to watch the fireworks in Epcot. We were there two hours early and even found some time to take a much needed nap from the miles we had walked throughout the week.

The kids were getting very restless and Tyler noticed other kids that were just...looking for something to do. The next thing we know, he is introducing himself to a family next to us from England. Tyler taught them how to play UNO. They taught him how to perfect his English accent. We also noticed a group of teenagers that kept staring at us. It was that awkward stare where you look behind you to see if they're looking at you or someone else. It is amazing how a smile INVITES an introduction. We simply smiled and one of the young ladies hopped up from her group and came over with a notebook in hand. She was from Spain Park High School and had to complete a project for her AP English Class. The assignment was very interesting. They had to meet 40 strangers and ask them the same questions to determine if there was a common bond with people from different walks of life, socioeconomic classes, countries, etc.

The one question that I remember was this: "Where do you find contentment?" I paused and looked around as Tyler was engaged in an intense game of UNO laughing with new friends, my bride was next to me as we shared a funnel cake, Jackson and Mallory were playing charades on the phone app, and on the other side of us were two of our true friends, Big Dave and Kim Bassett holding hands. I answered, "This is contentment. Family and a lot of prayer." Contentment is having the "Staying Power" to work through whatever troubles come your way to experience that peaceful, easy feeling.

*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Phi 4:11-14 NIV)*

### We Want A King

*1 Samuel 8:7-9*

This scripture text reminds me that people will always find wrong. Although they have it good, there is always something to complain about. The people were being taken care of by God, and the reason their situation was bad, because they forgot the Lord. They blame God for the nations coming to attack them when they were the ones that spared those cities God told them to destroy.

Instead of the people recognizing it was their fault, they blame Samuel and God for their situation. Sometimes I have done something similar, like buying something I can't afford and then blaming the company when they come and ask for their dues. I have neglected to take care of my yard and then received a notice that I need to cut it or else. We are responsible for our actions and our decisions and we reap what we sow. God wants to take care of us. He wants to be our King, our supplier and provider. We may not say it with words, but our actions sometimes show that we want to be kings and queens. It may show that we think we can do a better job than God.

Who do we want to take care of our family? Who do we want to take care of our country? Who do we want to take care of our world? We want a King! We want God!

-David

## Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Johnny, Mindi, Luke and Jesse Belmont** (FTG #2) who placed membership on Sunday. Their address is 2240 Marion Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35226. Johnny's phone number is 205-240-7426 and Mindi's is 205-527-2651.

## Congratulations

**Chad & Shanda Watts** proudly announce the birth of their son, William Cooper. He was born Monday, April 11, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 19 inches long. Proud sisters are Blakley and Bentley.

## Ladies' Night

Please join us for a special Ladies' Night on Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room. Our sister, **Brenda Scott**, will be the featured speaker as we enjoy dessert together. Please sign up on the easel in the west foyer so we can prepare for the correct number.

## Summer Mission Trips

June 5-10 a group of our teens will be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to **Potter Children Home**. July 10-15 a group of teens will also be traveling to Orlando, Florida, to **Give Kids the World Village**. They partner with Make a Wish Foundation. July 17-24 a group of our High School Seniors and their parents will be going on a mission trip to **an alternate location in lieu of Honduras**, due to growing concerns with the Zika virus. Throughout the summer, they will also be doing several **local mission projects: (Mission Hometown)** to help out in our community. If you would like to donate to these mission efforts, earmark them for teen summer missions. You may turn in your checks to any of the office staff. Above all, remember us in your prayers this summer. Thank you.

## Sunday Sign-ups

We will continue our sign-ups for our Children's Summer Calendar of events on Sunday April 24. There will be tables located at the nursery and Pre-Teen hallway.

## Riverchase Church of Christ



## LifeSouth Blood Drive

**Sunday: April 24**

**Reception Room**

**9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

## For the Record

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Bible Study	484
Early Worship	257
Late Worship	450
Total Sunday Morning	707
Sunday Night	356
Contribution	\$33,064.77
YTD Average	\$37,664.39
Budget	\$34,500.00



## LiveWires! Events

- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. In the reception room.
- **LiveWires! Day at the Lake:** Saturday, April 30, you will spend the day at the Hare's lake house. There is a food sign-up sheet for those who are going to the lake. Please go by and choose what you would like to bring.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Huntsville:** Thursday - Saturday, May 12-14.

## Upcoming Events

- **Teen Bus Washing Day:** Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Life South Blood Drive:** Sunday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the reception room.
- **FTG #4 Fellowship:** Sunday, April 24, 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Ladies' Night:** Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **JR./SR. Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, April 29 - May 1.
- **FTG #1 Fellowship:** Sunday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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

#### **Wednesday, April 13**

- College Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, April 22**

- *LiveWires!* Game night, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, April 23**

- Teen Bus Washing Day/Tie-dye Party, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday, April 24**

- Life South Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m.
- FTG #4 fellowship, 12:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, April 26**

- Ladies' Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.
- Ladies' Night, 6:30 p.m.

### **Please continue to remember in prayer:**

**Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **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), **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), **Matt Snow**, **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor).

### **Please pray for our active duty deployed military:**

Thomas Balentine ( Rejetta's son)  
Jimmy Hendley (Jim & Peggy's son)

### **Riverchase Family:**

**Larry Foster (#2)** recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

**Jan Haefner (#7)** stress fracture on left hip and fractured lower back from a fall.

**Bettye Lovell (#1)** in St. Vincent's room 380 with pneumonia.

**Rick Sirmon (#4)** recovering at home from hip replacement.

**Tasha Walker (#2)** recovering from a car accident at Spain Rehab in room 307. No visitors please.

### **Continue to remember these members:**

**Shirley Bailey (#3)**, **John Bearden (#2)**, **Lynda Cardwell (#1)**, **Jeff Carroll (#4)**, **Becky Carter (#3)**, **Jake Cole (#5)**, **Henry & Vonda Cook (#2)**, **Michelle Dichiarra (#6)**, **David Driskell Jr. (#3)**, **Elaine Evans (#4)**, **John Gibson (#6)**, **Don & Jan Haefner (#7)**, **Judy Ingram (#7)**, **Alan Jackson (#4)**, **Grover Jackson (#6)**, **Ray Johnston (#3)** **Debra Jones (#2)**, **Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2)**, **JJ Redmon (#1)**, **Peggy Rogers (#4)**, **Ollie Scott (#6)**, **Norma Thomas (#4)**, **Jo Wamack (#2)**, **Sarah Wolford (#6)**.

### **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.

**Jessica Brown** (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.

**Yvonne Campbell** (Denise Newton's mother) broken pelvis and in the hospital in Illinois.

**Becky Carr** (friend of Hill's) liver cirrhosis, transplant needed.

**Greg Case** (Penny's husband) in UAB hospital after a motorcycle accident.

**Camden Creamer** (Terry Pruitt's great nephew) recovering from stem cell transplant.

**Lee Dawkins** (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.

**Henry DuBose** (Kelly Watt's father) COPD.

**Marie Echols** (Judy Ingram's sister) heart problems.

**Robert Garner** (Paula Davis' niece, Rebecca Garrick's, father) terminal lung cancer.

**Walburga Giguere** (Karen Owen's mother) in the hospital recovering from surgery from a fall.

**Elise Greene** (Tim Henry's mother) in rehab in Florence.

**Zach Harris** (Jimmy & Theresa Harris' son) diagnosed with lupus.

**Jim Hollon** (friend of Mike Clemmons) in ICU at St. Vincent's with Guillain Barre Syndrome.

**Kim Horne** (Kim Ledingham's coworker) lung cancer.

**Robert Howe** (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.

**Kent Ingram** (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.

**Juanita Jones** (Susan Orth's mother) in Brookwood Hospital in serious condition.

**Michael Lacey** (Kim Ledingham's cousin) hodgkins lymphoma.

**Alice Lucas** (friend of the Gaines) brain tumor.

**Marlin Murphree** (Kelly Skelton's father) serious health problems.

**Wayne Miller** (Snow's friend) cancer.

**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.

**Deb Rose** (Heidi Bogg's mother) moved to rehab.

**Jon Sanford** (Paul Sanford's father) moved to rehab.

**Deegee Schroeder** (Shanda Watts mother) health issues.

**Marie Seals** (friend of the Snow's) thyroid cancer.

**John Sehon** (Helen Haskew's uncle) multiple health problems.

**Mary Sharp** (Anthony Dotson's grandmother) health problems.

**Billy Shikle** (Helen Haskew's brother in law) chemo.

**Claudia Sibert** (John Sibert's mother) breast cancer.

**Mariella Sirmon** (Sirmon's granddaughter) severe reflux.

**Pam Snider** (Bob & Jane Snider's niece) under hospice care.

**Donna Somerville** (friend of the Ball's) acute leukemia.

**Pat Thomas** (friend of Jake Cole) cancer.

**Cindy Van Beck** (friend of Posey's) cancer.

**Olen Vickery** (Kim Ledingham's brother in law) Alzheimer's.

**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.

**Ann Williams** (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.

**Bill Wright** (Georgia Vaughn's father) in hospital with heart issues.