

The Riverchase Family

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Birthday

We all have one. This is not a shameless attempt to get you to recognize mine. Just some thoughts I wanted to share that are true for all of us.

I was born at a specific point in history, May 10, 1949, to be exact. I have lived as a part of this world's history for 67 brief years now. The words of a song sung by Garth Brooks have come to mean a lot to me. "I'm glad I didn't know, how it all would go. I could have missed the pain but I'd have had to miss the dance." I count myself blessed beyond measure.

History and reality did not begin at my birth. I was born into a world with centuries of history. History that would have tremendous impact on my life.

I was impacted by parents who were impacted by a World War and a Great Depression. I came to understand their patriotism, work ethic and attitude towards money better as I learned the history.

I was not born with a knowledge of this history. It had to be taught to me. I had to learn it and learn from it.

I was born in the United States of America. A country whose greatness I took for granted through my parents eyes until I learned the history for myself. It is the reason why my greatest fear for our country today is our movement away from the principles upon which she was founded.

God's revelation of Himself to all of us had already been completed hundreds of years before I was born. It was completed in Jesus Christ who gave to me and all of us the greatest gift we can ever receive. I didn't know about it when I was born. I had to be taught. I had to learn. I'm still learning and will continue to learn for as long as I live.

Because of Him, every birthday is one year closer to the hope He has made possible.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC / PT Supper:** Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. Menu: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips, fruit and dessert. Adults: \$3.00 Kids: \$2.00.
- **Farewell to our sixth grade:** Sunday, May 22, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.

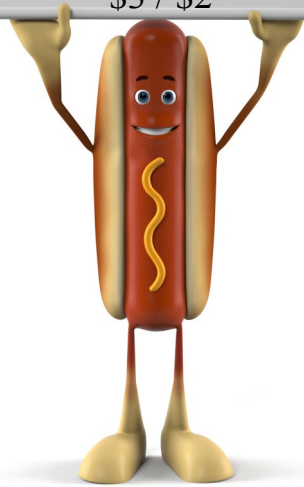
Teen

- **Senior Banquet:** May 21. Please RSVP to church office by May 15. Graduates and Parents: No charge; additional guests \$12.50
- **Senior Reception:** May 22. Before Bible Class in Teen Room.
- **Bible Presentation:** May 22, at the beginning of last services.

College

- **Wednesday Night Supper:** May 11, 6:45 p.m. in the college classroom.
- **Luau:** Sunday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.

AC / PT Supper
Tony's Original
 Hotdog or Cheeseburger
 Chips / Fruit
 Cookie
 \$3 / \$2



**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP FOR
 SUMMER MISSIONS IS
 THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**



**Potter
 Children's
 Home**
 Bowling Green, KY
 June 5-10
 Cost: \$225

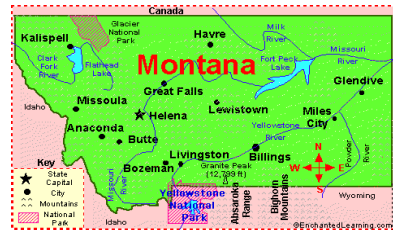


**Give Kids
 the World**
 Orlando, FL
 July 9-15
 Cost: \$350

**6TH GRADE FAREWELL BANQUET
 SUNDAY NIGHT, MAY 22**

MOVING UP

ALL PRE-TEENS ARE INVITED!!!



July 17-24

Montana
 We will spend a week on 2 Indian Reservations in Lewistown and Wolf Point (Construction, VBS, and a host of other projects)



July 17-23

Mission Hometown
 Focuses on local mission efforts in our community. This week is all about Service. We will help with Wellhouse, stock Sunshine baskets for ER's, stuffed animals for firefighters/police to give to children involved in domestic calls.

From Useless to Useful Part II

To continue talking about John Mark we can see Paul didn't think that John Mark would be of benefit to the kingdom and to the newly established churches. Things change with the right encouragement. In the later years, Paul mentions John Mark in three separate occasions. First in Philemon 1:24, he lists John Mark as a fellow worker in the kingdom. By this time Paul has changed his mind about John Mark. The second time is Colossians 4:10, where he mentions that John Mark should be welcomed as a worker and brother in God's kingdom. Finally in 2 Timothy 4:11 "Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for **he is useful to me for service.**" This is the last letter that Paul wrote in his life, and he asks specifically for John Mark, because he is useful.

Sometimes we can be like John Mark. Sometimes one can abandon the church, but when one person withdraws from the church it doesn't mean that they are leaving forever. They can come back with the right encouragement. They can return to God and be useful in the Lord's kingdom if someone believes in them and takes the time to encourage and teach them. Let's be Barnabas to our brothers and sisters who need encouragement.

-David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Scott, Sandy & Dimitri Sims and Allan, Lori, Willow, Saylor & Paxton Lambert** in the death of Scott and Lori's father, Roy Sims. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Spry Funeral Home in Athens, Al. The funeral will be Wednesday, May 11, 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Church of Christ with a visitation beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Our sympathy is extended to **Bryan, Pat, Bryan Lee & Bethany Parker** in the death of Bryan's father, Lyle Parker. Funeral was last week in Michigan.

Our sympathy is extended to **Katie Harrison** in the death of her grandfather, J.E. Palmer. Funeral was last week in Cottdale.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Emily Herring** who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Emily is the daughter of Charles and Donna Herring.

Congratulations to **Tyler Clemmons** who graduated from the University of Alabama with a Master of Science degree in Social Work. Tyler is the son of Mike and Diania Clemmons.

Congratulations to **Kristen Rose** who graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and a minor in Exercise Science. Kristen is the daughter of Jeff and Renee Rose and the granddaughter of Victor and Glinda Boone.

Congratulations to **Catherine Wamack** who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harding University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and a minor in Graphic Design. Catherine is the daughter of Jim & Jeanne Wamack and the granddaughter of Jo Wamack.

Congratulations to **Luke Blackburn** who graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing. Luke is the son of Fritz and Joy Blackburn.

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 two Indian reservations in Lewistown and Wolf Point, Montana. 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.

Senior Graduation Banquet

The Senior Banquet will be Saturday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Seniors and their parents are our honored guest, all others are \$12.50 each. Please RSVP to the church office by May 15.

For the Record

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Bible Study	383
Early Worship	293
Late Worship	363
Total Sunday Morning	656
Sunday Night	270
Contribution	\$28,425.10
YTD Average	\$36,767.87
Budget	\$34,500.00

Dear Riverchase church,

Our family appreciates so much all your congregation did to help us through our sad and difficult time. True Christianity in action.

*In Christian love,
The Family of Quin
Merryman*

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and support during my recovery. I still have a ways to go to get better. I am thankful to God for all the prayers that have been sent up in my name.

*In Christian love,
Dylecia Davis*

LiveWires! Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to Cullman to visit Ave Maria Grotto and Stone Bridge Farms:** Thursday, May 12.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.

Upcoming Events

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Baby Shower for Alicia Frye:** Sunday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. in the reception room. She is registered at Buy Buy Baby, Babies R Us, and Pottery Barn. It's a girl.
- **FTG #2 & #7 Fellowship:** Sunday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **College Luau:** Sunday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Senior Banquet:** Saturday, May 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Senior Reception:** Sunday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. in the teen room.
- **Sixth Grade Farewell Celebration:** Sunday, May 22, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.

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Thursday, May 12

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- FTG # 2 & #7 Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
- College Luau, 7:00 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), **Alice Lucas** (Gaines friend), **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), **Deb Rose** (Heidi Boggs' 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:

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

David Hare (#3) at UAB waiting on results from a spinal tap.

Addie Jackson (#6) in room 103 - A at Aspire.

Bettye Lovell (#1) recovering at home from pneumonia.

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 Diciara (#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.

Cindy Bourne (Barry Crauswell's sister) breast cancer.

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

Yvonne Campbell (Denise Newton's mother) recovering from a broken pelvis.

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

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

Wanda Couch (Denise Newtown's friend) waiting on results from lung biopsy.

Wynonna Davis (Peggy Jackson's mother) recovering from a fall and ankle injury.

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.

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

Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.

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

Jim Hollon (friend of Mike Clemmons) in Brookwood 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.

Karen Kirby (Sarah Pate's cousin) in UAB with 2nd/3rd degree burns on 40% of her body.

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

Sharon Lawley (Brandy Tuech's mother in law) chemotherapy.

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.

Ruthie O'Malley (Turrentine's niece) born with VSD (hole in her heart).

John Pierce (Rebecca Hill's father) heart problems.

Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.

Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.

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.

Roger Thomas (Fabray Turner's uncle) leukemia.

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.