

The Riverchase Family

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Potential

A pickup truck passed me the other day with this written across the back windshield, "The older I get the faster I was."

I tried to ignore the personal insult since he just passed me. I enjoyed the humor of it and tried to think which possible meaning the driver had in mind. Was he talking about the remembrance he had of past speed and how it becomes faster each year he ages? Or, does each passing year remind him of yet another loss in youthful physical prowess?

How close are you getting to your potential? Did you ever reach your potential?

A far more important question is, Do we limit the idea of potential to the physical and this life?

Think about this verse again:

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ... God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.'" (Gen. 1:26-27 NAU)

Because we are made in the image of God, every human being has the potential for the likeness of God. We all have the potential for truth, goodness, love, forgiveness, kindness, all the things that are like God. We will never be too old to strive for our potential nor too young. We are to grow in it everyday.

So how are you doing in striving to reach you potential?

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Lizzie's Service Project:** Tuesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.
- **Zoo Snooze:** Friday - Saturday, July 22-23, 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
- **Princess / Lego Party:** Tuesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m.

**** Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office****

Teen

- **Mission Hometown; Broom Hockey:** Thursday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.
- **Mission Hometown; Breakfast for the Homeless:** Saturday, July 23, 6:00 a.m.
- **Big House:** Friday-Sunday, July 29-31. Cost \$70.00

College

- **Trip to Six Flags:** Tuesday, August 2.

Pine Vale Family Mission Trip



Enemies

1 Peter 3:8-9 8 "To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing."

We live in a world that will constantly hate Christians. In John 15 Jesus clearly states that the world hated him and therefore they will hate us. They hated Jesus even when he was doing good. That's it! Jesus healed a leper and some people hated him. He healed a man on Sabbath and some wanted to kill him. When we are doing good, people are going to hate it. We don't need to go parading around when we do something good for others or go announcing all the good we are doing. When we shine our light people are going to see it and it will not sit well with some. In fact, some will hate you for it. If they persecuted Jesus the world will persecute us as well.

Regardless of what people think of it, we need to try to reach them. We need to reach out to those who hate us so we can teach them the truth. So, we can teach them about grace and God's love. God wants us to be a blessing to them. Sometimes we are going to be tempted to repay in the same way they do us wrong, but we are called to be different, we are called to be holy, we are called to be like Jesus. Jesus gave a blessing to those who persecuted him. Let's be a blessing to everyone, teach them the good news.

-David

Prayers Requested

Beth Underwood came forward Sunday and asked for prayers to live according to God's will.

Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Emily Johnson and Sophie** (FTG #3) who recently placed membership. Their address is 1126 Lake Forest Circle, Hoover, Alabama 3544. Emily's phone number is 205-478-9864.

Welcome to **Anne Parrish** (FTG #1) who recently placed membership. Her address is 2424 Rocky Ridge Road, Vestavia, Alabama 35243. Anne's phone number is 205-979-1708.

Welcome to **Annette Walters** (FTG #7) who recently placed membership. Her and her husband, Phillip, address is 707 Forest Hills Trace, Alabaster, Alabama 35007. Their phone number is 205-621-5557.

Welcome to **Darla Bostick** (FTG #4) who recently placed membership. Her address is 122 Hayesbury Court, Pelham, Alabama 35124. Darla's phone number is 205-518-6951.

Congratulations

Bobby and Alicia Frye proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Oliviana Rose Frye. She was born Thursday, July 14. She weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. Steve Frye is the proud grandfather.

Summer Mission Trips

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.

LiveWires! Events

- **LiveWires! Trip to Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery to see "Beauty and the Beast":** If you purchased tickets the bus will leave Friday, July 22, 3:00 p.m. Dinner reservations are at 4:30 in Wetumpka. The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. Should return back to the church around 11:00 p.m.

Riverchase Church of Christ

LifeSouth Blood Drive

Sunday, July 24

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In the reception room

Give Blood
It's About *Life*

For the Record

Sunday, July 17, 2016

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| Bible Study | 449 |
| Early Worship | 258 |
| Late Worship | 413 |
| Total Sunday Morning | 671 |
| Sunday Night | 344 |
| Contribution | \$27,105.10 |
| YTD Average | \$35,004.39 |
| Budget | \$34,500.00 |

Dear Riverchase family,

Thank you all so much for the cards and class rolls that I have received.

It is so comforting to know that I am remembered with sincere thoughts from my Riverchase family.

*With Love,
Shirley Wilson*

Dear Riverchase family,

Thank you all so much for the cards and prayers that we have received during JJ's cancer treatments. He is now cancer free!

It is so comforting to know that we have such a loving family here at Riverchase.

*With Love,
JJ & Sharon Redmon*

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,

I am truly thankful for the many kind words, cards and prayers for our family during the illness and passing of my mother.

This congregation is a blessing.

*With Love,
Steve Minor*

Upcoming Events

- **AC/PT Zoo Snooze:** Friday-Saturday, July 22-23, 7:00 p.m. Cost \$ 15.00 per person.
- **Teens; Breakfast for the homeless;** Saturday, July 23, 6:00 a.m.
- **LifeSouth Blood Drive:** Sunday, July 24, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Bridal Tea for Emily Herring Bride Elect of Nathan Fitts:** Sunday, August 7, 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Belk, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.
- **Bridal Tea for Amanda Coker Bride Elect of Chris Morgan:** Sunday, August 14, 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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This week at Riverchase:

Thursday July 21

- Teen's Broom Hockey

Friday July 22

- LiveWires! Trip to Shakespeare Festival

Friday - Saturday July 22 - 23

- AC/PT Zoo Snooze

Saturday July 23

- Teens Breakfast for the homeless

Sunday July 24

- Blood Drive
- College To Rainbow Omega

Tuesday July 26

- AC/PT Princess / Lego Party

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother), **Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Greg Case** (Penny's husband), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Jim Hollon** (Clemmons' friend), **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), **Jay Odom** (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother), **Matt Snow**, **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Deb Rose** (Heidi Bogg's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor), **Olen Vickery** (Kim Ledingham's brother-in-law), **Burt Wheeler** (Debra Jones' father).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

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

Riverchase Family:

Bill Crane (#2) recovering from a heart procedure.

David Hare (#3) surgery July 20.

Candy Parker (#7) health related issues.

Bobby Thomas (#5) spinal disc fusion Thursday, July 28 at St. Vincent's.

Harry Slaughter (#2) recovering from a heart procedure.

Shirley Wilson (#5) recovering from a heart procedure.

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)**, **Chad Leverett (#4)**, **Ed & Nina Pitchford (#2)**, **Peggy Rogers (#4)**, **Ollie Scott (#6)**, **Norma Thomas (#4)**, **Jo Wamack (#2)**, **Sarah Wolford (#6)**.

Add to your prayer list our friends and relatives:

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.

Rose Mary Buford (Stephanie Billingsley's mother) health issues.

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

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.

Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.

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

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

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

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

Dan Medley (David's father) eye surgery.

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

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.

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

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

Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.

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.

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

Roger Thomas (Fabray Turner's uncle) leukemia.

Nicole Valentine (Ward's friend) cancer.

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

Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.

Don Watson (Fred Langdon's brother in law) dementia.

Craig Windle (Elaine Evans brother - in - law) spot on kidney.

Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.

Bill Wright (Georgia Vaughn's father) heart issues.