

The Riverchase Family

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Your Generosity

Your ongoing generosity has provided the following two results:

FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR RYALI

I am pleased to report that we exceeded expectations for the fundraising for the Ryali, India Preachers Training School and Children's Home. Due to the generosity exhibited by the churches of Christ at Riverchase, Cullman, and Creekview, \$60,000 was raised towards this effort. Adding the \$25,000 from the Kelley Family Christian Foundation means that \$85,000 was raised. These funds will be used to purchase property for a playground and to construct a new boys' dormitory. We will be getting with Jaya Paul very soon on the particulars and will report to you periodically on the progress. The "Kelley boys", trustees of the Kelley Family Christian Charitable Foundation, wish to sincerely thank members of Riverchase, Cullman and Creekview for their overwhelming generosity.

John Kelley

HELP FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN LOUISIANA

The elders would like to thank everyone for their generosity in giving to the flood relief in Louisiana. A total of \$20,000.00 was donated to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief effort.

The Elders

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Pre-Teen Power Hour:** *Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.*
- **LTC Kickoff Dinner; Sunday,** September 11 following evening services.
- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Teen

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Cost:\$3
Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Beef Marinara, Garlic Bread, Salad, Lemon Chess Squares and/or Brownies.
- **LTC Kickoff Dinner:** Sunday, September 11 following evening services.
- **R.U.S.H. (Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights)** September 16-18; Cost: \$55

College

- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, September 10, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Getting Involved With LTC

Tim Yaeger

By now you've probably seen the large banners and the sign up sheets going around bible classes for the LTC (Leadership Training for Christ) dinner on September 11th. Some of you all may be wondering what this is and how can you can be involved.

LTC is the program we use to help train our children to be future leaders of the church. This is critical to help them take knowledge of God's word they learn in bible class and apply it to sharing God's word in their day to day lives and actively serving the Lord's church. The events span the categories of public speaking, singing, drama, art, scripture memory and service.

As a parent, your K - 12th grader has the opportunity to learn more and apply the book of Acts this year in a deep and meaningful way. Everyone, kids or no kids in this age group, can coach in various activities to prepare for LTC.

The dinner will have more information so you can get your questions answered and sign up. There will be tables of information to register kids to participate and for you to coach or judge events.

We hope to see many of you there ready to get involved with training our children in the Lord. Let's show them how to share the good news of Jesus with the world around us.

"Dead" Bonsai

Scott Pruitt

The last time our family went to Disneyworld, Jackson "had" to have a Bonsai tree. He spent his hard earned money and made sure that they wrapped it up perfectly for the trip home. He carried that thing around like it was a newborn baby. He protected it at all costs. He would peek into the box every few minutes to make sure it had plenty of Oxygen. It survived the trip, and he chose the perfect spot for it on the edge of his desk, next to his window in his room. About a week later, it died...so we thought. Not a leaf was on it, bugs were swarming the roots and the bark was exfoliating. Little Bonsai sat there for over a month, because he didn't have the heart to throw it away.

Jackson shared the heartbreaking story with Matha Waddell. Matha asked if she could try and nurse it back to health. Jackson brought it to her that day. Look at the results after 3 months of daily care.

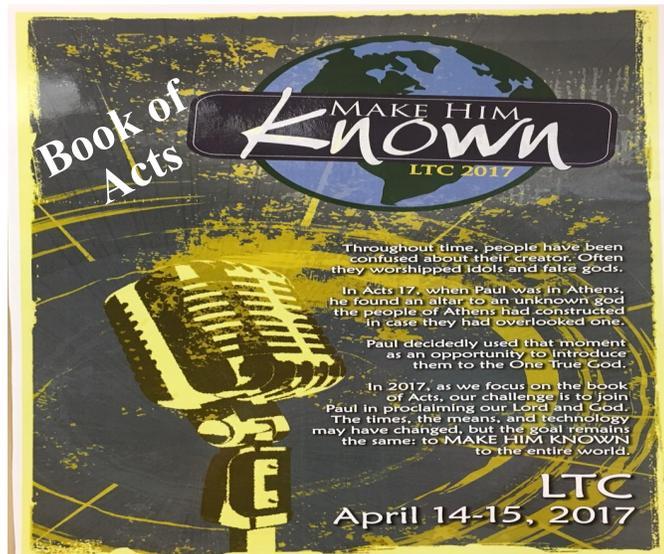


"Dead Bonsai"
Not
Pictured...
I didn't have
the heart to
snap the shot

Change the scene from Bonsai to Sin in our life... How could the unbelievable occur? Sometimes when death (sin) threatens us at every turn, we MUST change our environment. So often, we simply stare at sin and do nothing radical against it. I could only imagine the care and attention Matha Waddell has spent with that Bonsai Tree. Nursing anything back to health is a daily job, hourly job, minute to minute job. Jesus is the doctor that is capable of healing, forgiving, and providing. We just have to make the move of surrender and say, "I can't do this on my own anymore. I need help."

Read and study the verses below. We serve an awesome God. Challenge this week: Love Him in everything.

Luke 7:22; Psalm 136; Luke 15:7; John 8:1-12



God Is Still Working Today

John 4: 35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest."

Last week I received a notification on my social media feed about a church in Africa that was converted with the truth. An entire congregation of a denomination was baptized. All the men and women of that particular denomination obeyed the Gospel That just blew my mind. I was so excited I shared that in my page. After talking today to my brother in Christ and former instructor, Tim Brumfield, who has been going to Africa the last four years. He is a former missionary in Salvador, Brazil and now he teaches at Sunset International Institute in Lubbock Texas. I found out there is more to that story.

Last month a couple of brothers in Africa baptized a prominent denominational pastor. This brother who just found the truth went preaching to the denominational pastors related to his congregation, as it turns out a total of 28 churches were baptized. All the congregation of those 28 churches were immersed into Christ. After hearing this, it just melted my heart. Within the last couple of months, thousands, yes thousands have been baptized. This just put something in my mind. God is still working, what am I doing to help?

-David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Helen Haskew** in the death of her uncle, Clyde Hall. The visitation will be Saturday, September 10, 1:00 p.m. at Old Springville Road Church of Christ with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Our sympathy is extended to **Bobby and Cathy Hayes, Ryan and Robin Vincent, Grant, Hayden and Carter** in the death of Cathy's father and Robin's grandfather, John Jackson. The funeral was **today**, September 6, at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home in Athens, Alabama.



Congratulations

We rejoice with **Maria Yaeger** who was baptized Sunday night. Maria, a fourth grader, is the daughter of Tim and Katie Yaeger.

Coat and Blanket Drive

We will be collecting blankets, coats and jackets of ALL sizes for men, women and children, August 21 - October 2. Boxes will be placed at church entrances for collection each week. Then we will have a very special Distribution Day and chili lunch for families in need on Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the gym. If you have any questions, contact Dee Sandlin or Robin Harper. More details will follow.

Fleece Fabric Needed

Sandy Sims is organizing a fleece fabric donation drive. It will be used to make blankets for Elsa to give to children in ICU at Le Bonheur Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. There will be a collection box in the West Wing Foyer.

Ladies Bible Class

We will begin our Ladies' Class on Tuesday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m. Come early and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. We will be studying: **Nobodies** who became **Somebodies**, a study of Inspirational people who prove that anyone can be special in God's Kingdom.



Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory Sunday, September 11, 18 and 25. We will be making them after early service and after Sunday school. If you are a new member or would like to update your picture please stop by and get your picture taken.

For the Record

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Bible Study	359
Early Worship	197
Late Worship	361
Total Sunday Morning	558
Sunday Night	310
Contribution	\$28,276.83
YTD Average	\$34,925.70
Budget	\$34,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and calls. You have no idea how much they meant.

*With Love,
Susan Chaney*

Dear Riverchase Family,

Heidi and I are so grateful for your love shown as I returned home from the hospital. Thank you for the many prayers and cards that were sent as well as all of the wonderful meals. What a wonderful family we have here at Riverchase.

*With Love,
Erick, Heidi, Macee
and Colton Boggs*

LiveWires! Events

- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Sylacauga:** Friday, September 23.

LTC

We will be having an LTC kickoff catered dinner on Sunday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be information regarding LTC and we will have sign-ups that night. If you are going to the convention please plan on attending the kickoff dinner. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost \$3.00.
- **Pre-Teen Power Hour:** Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, September 10, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **LTC Kickoff Dinner:** Sunday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, September 13, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be a pot luck.

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Wednesday, September 7

- Teen Supper
- Pre-Teen Power Hour

Saturday, September 10

- Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, September 11

- LTC Kickoff Dinner

Tuesday, September 13

- TOTS

Wednesday, September 14

- AC/PT Supper

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), **Robert Garner** (Paula Davis' friend), **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), **Bill Wright** (Georgia Vaughn's father).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

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

Riverchase Family:

Rejetta Balentine (#1) knee replacement surgery Tuesday, September 13.

Jean Marshall (#1) recovering from a fall.

Sue Morris (#7) PET Scan Friday September 8, for palpations.

Bryce Perrien (#1) recovering from surgery for a torn ACL.

Stephen Porterfield (#1) recovering from knee surgery.

Bobby Thomas (#5) back problems.

Judeth Thomas (#6) health issues.

Doris Tucker (#2) recovering from hip surgery at Aspire Room 128. Address: 575 Southland Drive, Hoover, 35226.

Continue to remember these members:

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

Add to your prayer list our friends and relatives:

Danny Barber (Angela Davis's brother) stroke.

Billy Black (Donna Strickland's father) recovering from surgery on his pancreas.

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.

Cathy Crittenden (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.

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

Henry DuBose (Kelly Watt's father) COPD.

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.

Mike McMackin (Elder at Tuscumbia Church of Christ) in UAB in serious condition due to kidney cancer.

Helen Mellett (Hilary Beason's grandmother) illness.

Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.

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

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.

Miller Rock (Jonn Rock's brother) health issues.

Benny Rogers (Neisha Dorantes grandfather) health issues.

Deegee Schroeder (Shanda Watts mother) health issues.

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

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

Jennifer Sherrill (Amber Henderson's friend) blood clot in her brain.

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

Mariella Sirmon (Sirmon's granddaughter) health problems.

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

Roger Thomas (Fabray Turner's uncle) bone marrow transplant.

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.

Carolyn Wiley (Mark's mother) UAB room W902.

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

Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.