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This week at Riverchase:

Wednesday, September 14

- AC/Pre-Teen Supper

Friday, September 16

- Teens R.U.S.H.
- *LiveWires!* Game Night

Sunday, September 18

- FTG #2 & #7 Fellowship Supper

Tuesday, September 20

- Ladies Bible Class

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) in room 422 at St. Vincent's recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Jean Marshall (#1) recovering from a fall.
Shirley McMillan (#1) heart cath was normal.
Sue Morris (#7) waiting on test results.
Stephen Porterfield (#1) recovering from knee surgery.
Bobby Thomas (#5) at St. Vincent's with back problems.
Judeth Thomas (#6) health issues.
Doris Tucker (#2) recovering at home.

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 Dichiara (#6), David Driskell Jr. (#3), Elaine Evans (#4), David Hare (#3), John Gibson (#6), Don & Jan Haefner (#7), Judy Ingram (#7), 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.
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 (Jon 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 heath 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.

The Riverchase Family

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“Here Is Your Sign”

A few years ago a comedian designed his act around finding things people say and do to show that their intelligence level may not be all that it should be. You know, they show themselves to be “a half bubble off plumb”, “their elevator does quite go all the way to the top”, or “they are a brick shy of a load.”

His sign was only two words which current political correctness forbids me from saying.

The sign has been around a long time. As a matter of fact, words very close to the sign were used in two Psalms. Both Psalms are very similar. In fact, a repetition. They both begin with these words.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." (Ps. 14:1 & 53:1)

The rest of each verse tells the reason why they would say such a thing, *“They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. (Ps. 14:1 NIV)*

They say stupid (oops, I said the word) and foolish things, because they do not want God to have any control of their choices in life.

The next time you are driving in your car, take your focus off your radio or phone and simply notice the things around you. Make particular notice of all the things that are there which no man placed there. Notice the bugs, the birds, the trees, the clouds, the wind, the animals, the sun, the stars, the air, and on and on we could go.

Couple this with the words found in Hebrews, “For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. (Heb. 3:4 NAU)

Then remember you will stand in front of Him one day and give an answer.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Pre-Teen Service Project:** Lakeview Estates Game Day and Ice Skating, Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.

Teen

- **R.U.S.H. (Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights)** September 16-18; Cost: \$55; We will leave this Friday at 4:00 p.m. and return Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.
- **Walk for the Cure (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation);** September 25 at 2:00 p.m.; Veterans Park (Valleydale Road); Donations can be made to JDRF and given to Mike or Diania Clemmons.

College

- **Secret Devo:** Monday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. meet at the church building.

Clothed with Christ

Tim Yaeger

This past Sunday in our 6th grade class we discussed a very important topic that Paul was addressing with the Galatian church. Many of the Jews at the time were having a hard time accepting salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and were trying to add requirements from the Law of Moses. Paul's narrative was convicting for the Jews in the first century and even for Christians today.

First, Paul was astonished that the Christians were so quickly deserting the Gospel of Christ for another message. He reminded them that anyone who preached another gospel other than Jesus Christ was to be cursed! That strong language is our warning that we must preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all honesty as God has delivered to us.

Next, Paul also had to call out Peter for falling into this trap. You know, the one who denied Jesus and was fearless in proclaiming the Gospel at the beginning of acts. Even with all the "knowledge" we may possess of the Bible, we must always DO what God SAYS.

So how does clothed with Christ have anything to do with this conversation? Paul says "those who have been baptized INTO Christ have been CLOTHED with Christ". The Galatians were trying to clothe themselves with works of the Law and that just does not work. Once we sin, that's it, we deserve punishment. Thankfully, we don't have to remain separated from God.

We discussed in class how many professions can be recognized just by their uniforms. The same is when we clothe ourselves with Christ. When we are clothed with Christ, the world will see Jesus in our life. Most importantly, at the judgment seat in front of God, He will see Christ and his perfection, not our sin. He gave us that clothing because he took our punishment on the cross. We can't do anything to earn that clothing, all we have to do is put it on in faith.

We've seen a few this week put on that Clothing. Maria, Breanna and Dylan because of their faith clothed themselves with Jesus Christ in baptism. Pray for them as they start their walk of faith in Christ!

Do You Love Me?

*John 21: 16 He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."*

I asked a question to my kids, "How do you know I love you?" My daughter who is 16 said, "because you tell me." Then I asked my son who is 13. He responded, "Because you do things with me, you spend time with me." Two different people, two different answers, but really not that different. They perceive love from me in different ways, so in order for me to show them that I love them, I have to express it in different ways.

Jesus asked Peter a question for a second time. Do you love me? Peter's answer was affirmative in the strongest sense. I love you more than anything in this world. I love you more than I love my life. I love you so much that I'm willing to die for you. Jesus' answer shows us that whoever claims to love Him needs to do something. Jesus told Peter, shepherd my sheep. If Jesus were to ask you if you love Him, what charge would he give you? We need to be taking care of the sheep. We need to be taking care of the church. We need to be taking care of each other. Let's show our love to Jesus by taking care of our brethren.
-David

Conductor

Scott Pruitt

If you live in Helena, you **will** get stopped by a train...often. Yesterday was one of those days, and I would be the first to go when the red lights stopped flashing and the railroad arm raised. It is rare that I am the first vehicle, and it is even more rare that I get to actually see the train conductor. He was smiling and waving, but being extremely careful as he approached the intersection. He was in total control of thousands of pounds of steel and cargo. He also let everyone, who was waiting, **know** that he was coming.

Conductors conduct. That's what they do. I was trying not to be impatient, so I refocused my thoughts to this... **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2Co 10:5 NIV)**. I had "conductor" on my mind, and I thought, "what does that look like in our world and what does God tell us about how he expects His people to conduct themselves?"

²⁷ *Whatever happens, **conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Phi 1:27 NIV)***

¹⁵ *if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to **conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (1Ti 3:15 NIV)***

¹² *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in **conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1Ti 4:12 NIV)***

Be a Conductor this week, and TAKE CAPTIVE every thought. Be about the gospel. Be about truth, Be about love, faith, and purity.

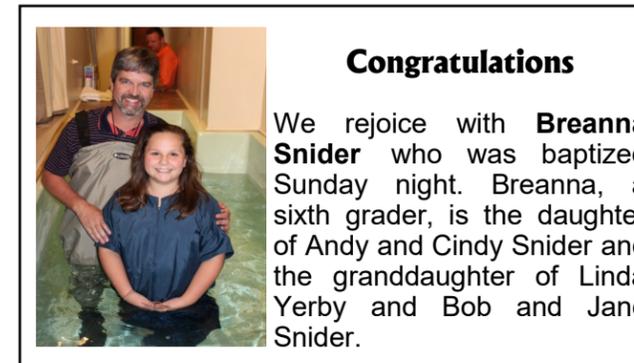


Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Bobby, Alicia and Oliviana Frye** in the death of Alicia's grandmother, Mary Jane Teague. A graveside service will be Saturday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. at Garden Hill Cemetery in Opelika, Alabama with a memorial service to follow at 11:30 at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations

We rejoice with **Dylan Jones** who was baptized last week. Dylan, a tenth grader, is the son of Andrew Jones and the grandson of Dan and Dana Jones.



Congratulations

We rejoice with **Breanna Snider** who was baptized Sunday night. Breanna, a sixth grader, is the daughter of Andy and Cindy Snider and the granddaughter of Linda Yerby and Bob and Jane Snider.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Madeline Ledbetter** who graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelors of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. Madeline is the daughter of Molly Ledbetter and the granddaughter of Frank and Jean Marshall.

Coat and Blanket Drive

We will be collecting newer 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. 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.

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.

Christian Woman Magazine

Ladies, it is once again time to renew or start your Christian Woman Magazine. The cost is \$17.98. Please make your check out to Riverchase Church of Christ. The deadline is Wednesday, October 19.

For the Record

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Bible Study	446
Early Worship	253
Late Worship	403
Total Sunday Morning	656
Sunday Night	369
Contribution	\$33,099.98
YTD Average	\$34,876.36
Budget	\$34,500.00



Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory Sunday, September 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.

LiveWires! Events

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



Family Time Fellowship

Family Time Groups #2 & #7 will be have a fellowship dinner after evening service Sunday, September 18, in the Family Life Center.

Upcoming Events

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 kids.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Teens R.U.S.H. :** Friday - Sunday, September 16-18. Cost \$55.00.
- **FTG #2 & #7 Fellowship Supper:** Sunday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Ladies Bible Class:** Tuesday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. in the reception room.
- **Spanish Medical Class:** Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m. in classroom 154.