

The Riverchase Family

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Offensive

There may have been times in the recent past when the use of the word “offensive” was most often in the context of a sporting event. But in our “politically correct” world of today, being offensive seems to have become one of the major things we must avoid in any relationship.

Because we have a tendency to portray Jesus through our own culture and our own way of thinking, we might consider that any individual who is walking like Jesus, would be, first and foremost, an individual who does not offend. And so, striving to be the people of Jesus, we strive to never be offensive to anyone. Even if necessary truth must go unspoken.

Jesus was no such person.

Granted, the people loved to hear him. He was a friend to all, even sinners. His enemies knew Him to be a man who spoke truth and treated all men with fairness and justice.

But he spoke God’s truth, even if it offended.

A prime example is given in Matthew 15. Jesus engages in a conversation with some scribes and Pharisees regarding traditions and God’s commandments. At the end of the conversation Jesus describes them as hypocrites and said the words spoken by Isaiah were directly applicable to them. Those words are, “These people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”

Even Jesus’ disciples approached Jesus about offending the Pharisees. Jesus’ reply, “Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

Don’t be an offensive person when it can be avoided. But if God’s truth offends, it just has to offend.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **Pre-Teen Service Project:** Lakeview Estates Game Day and Ice Skating, Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** October 9, 6:00 p.m. (during evening service)
- **AC/PT Family Supper:** October 12, 6:00 p.m. Family Life Center.
- **Family Cookout:** October 15, 5:30 p.m.

Teen

- **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

- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 23, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Faith Like a Child

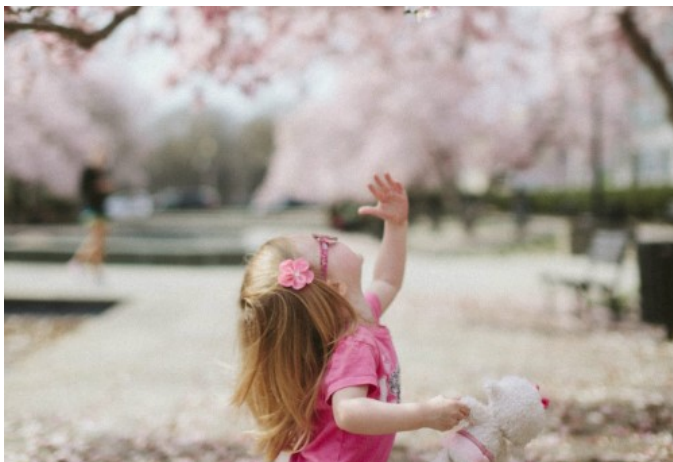
Tim Yaeger

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 18:3

With having five kids in our family there is never a shortage of funny statements going around. One morning when Maria was about 6 years old, she came to us very upset and crying. She had prayed the night before that God would make her American Doll alive and into a real girl. Her prayer was simple yet powerful because she truly believed that God would grant her wish. Although we grow to maturity in asking according to God's will, we can learn to ask God with the same expectation and have that kind of faith like a child.

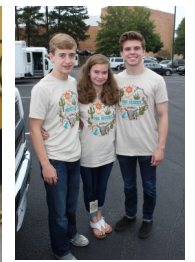
Jesus gave us the perfect example of how we should accept Him through faith. Children don't rely on great intellect, complex theology or vast expanding volumes of knowledge. Children have the ability to accept God and believe Him at His Word. This is why God instructs His people to constantly be speaking about the Scriptures to children throughout the whole day every day to impress that Word on their heart.

When we break down our stubborn adult pride, lean on the promises of Jesus like a child we can experience the joy He provides in the kingdom of God on earth and eternally in heaven. What are ways you can turn and become more child-like in your faith?



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The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yes, though I walk through the dark valley, I will fear no evil. His rod and His staff they comfort me.

He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies, my cup runs over.

Surely, goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD, forever.

Psalm 23



Come out and enjoy
an evening of
volleyball. Friday,
September 23, 6:00
p.m. in the Family
Life Center.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **David, Neisha, Leah, Ethan and Layla Dorantes** in the death of Neisha's grandfather, Benny Rogers. The funeral was last week in Merkel, Texas.

Our sympathy is extended to **Jo Wamack** in the death of her brother. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Tony, Melanie, Anthony & Sophie Contorno** (FTG #5) who recently placed membership. Their address is 118 Lorrin Lane, Sterrett, Alabama 35147. Their phone number is 205-450-5965.

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.

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.

RCOC Ladies' Expo

RCOC Ladies' Expo this year will be on Sunday, November 13. If you wish to participate, fill out the form in your box. Make your plans to see the displays and talents of your Christian sisters.

World Bible School

Do you want to study the Bible with more people to plant the seed of God's word? There will be a World Bible School meeting on Sunday, September 25, 5:15 p.m. in room 154 for current and interested teachers to learn about this opportunity for online and mail based bible studies. For questions, contact Alan Jones or Tim Yaeger.

FTG #1, #3 and #5 Tailgate Potluck

Please join us for a "Tailgate" potluck supper on Sunday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite tailgate dish and a dessert. Paper products and drinks will be provided.

For the Record

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Bible Study	418
Early Worship	184
Late Worship	394
Total Sunday Morning	578
Sunday Night	295
Contribution	\$26,031.07
YTD Average	\$34,643.59
Budget	\$34,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thanks so much for all the prayers for my mom and for the cards. She enjoyed them so much and told me not to forget to thank everyone.

*With Love,
Paula Heard*

Dear Riverchase Church,

Your cards and prayers were deeply appreciated during my knee replacement surgery and recovery.

*In Christian Love,
Brenda Forehand*



Pictures for Directory

We will be making pictures for our pictorial directory Sunday, September 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! Trip to Sylacauga:** Friday, September 23, to go antique shopping and eat lunch at Buttermilk Hill.

Upcoming Events

- **Spanish Medical Class:** Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m. in adult classroom 154.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 23, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Pre-Teen Lakeview Estates Service Project:** Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.
- **Teen JDRF Walk:** Sunday, September 25, 2:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park on Valleydale.
- **World Bible School Meeting:** Sunday, September 25, 5:15 p.m. in classroom 154.
- **FTG #1, #3 and #5 Tailgate Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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Wednesday, September 21

- Spanish Medical Class

Friday, September 23

- LiveWires! Trip to Sylacauga
- Volleyball

Saturday, September 24

- Pre-Teen Service Project

Sunday, September 25

- Teen JDRF Walk
- WBS Meeting
- FTG #1, #3 & #5 Potluck Fellowship

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), **Maxine Mount** (Darrell's mother), **Jay Odom** (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother), **Matt Snow**, **Deb Rose** (Heidi Bogg's mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor), **Roger Thomas** (Fabray Turner's uncle), **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) recovering at home from knee surgery.
Roy Connell (#4) in UAB for open heart surgery. No visitors please.

Jean Marshall (#1) recovering from a fall.

Nona Miller (#3) in Grandview Medical Center with cellulitis infection. No visitors please.

Stephen Porterfield (#1) recovering from knee surgery.

Bobby Thomas (#5) recovering at home.

Doris Tucker (#2) recovering at home.

Luke Whitaker (#1) upcoming MRI on his arm.

Continue to remember these members:

Shirley Bailey (#3), **Erick Boggs (#6)**, **Lynda Cardwell (#1)**, **Jeff Carroll (#4)**, **Becky Carter (#3)**, **Jake Cole (#5)**, **Henry & Vonda Cook (#2)**, **Michelle Dichiera (#6)**, **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.

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) at St. Vincent's with a broken hip.

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 with 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.

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.

Barbara Stetler (Lydia Howe/Sandy Sims mother) knee replacement surgery, October 5, Brookwood Hospital.

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.