

The Riverchase Family

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Daniel

We learn stories of Daniel from an early age. His night in the den of lions is certainly a favorite.

Do you remember the events that led to that night?

Daniel had survived with honor the final days of the Babylonian empire and he would flourish under the new government of Darius the Mede.

Darius appointed 120 officials to rule over his kingdom. He appointed three administrators over those 120 officials. Daniel was one of those three.

Daniel so distinguished himself that King Darius planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Learning about the king's plans, the other administrators and officials tried to find charges to bring against Daniel. They had one motive, to bring him down in the eyes of King Darius. Sounds like politics today, doesn't it?

They tried to find charges against him in the way he conducted himself with the government affairs. Instead they found no corruption in him because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

His enemies could have learned from this and understood why Darius was promoting Daniel and even used his example as a pattern to improve themselves. But they did not. They were not interested in improving, they wanted to destroy.

So they found their charge in the way Daniel worshipped God.

I often wonder how I would fare if strong, powerful and influential enemies were determined to destroy my reputation? I hope I would do like Daniel and hold to my trust in God no matter what came.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Family Supper:** Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 p.m. Family Life Center. Menu: Hot dogs with Chili, Chips and a Cookie. Cost \$3.00
- **Family Cookout:** Saturday, October 15, 5:30 p.m.
- **Family Day Trip:** Saturday, November 5, Biblical History Center.

Teen

- **Fall Retreat Sign-up** November 11-13; Cost: \$60; Deadline: October 19.
- **Teen Campout:** Friday, October 21, at the Millirons.

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Family Cookout

We'll have a fun evening roasting marshmallows around the campfire and games while enjoying each other's fellowship and devotional with the church family. Grilled hot dogs and burgers will be provided.

When: Saturday, October 15

Where: The Click's House

Who: Families with kids 6th grade and under

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Please sign up so we can factor food:

www.riverchasechurch.org/events/family-devo

2nd floor bulletin board

Email Tim: yaegerhunter@yahoo.com



Family Supper

All families with kids ages nursery to 6th grade and teachers

When: Wednesday,

October 12, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Family Life Center

Menu: Hot Dogs w/ Chili

Do You Get It?

Scott Pruitt

It seems like yesterday that Whitney and I were racing to Northside Hospital in Atlanta, GA so she could give birth to our firstborn son, Jackson. In just a few more weeks, our boy will be turning 16 years old. For the past several months, I've been diligently teaching him how to drive a stick shift vehicle. It's a clunker, but it runs beautifully and is truly a base model. It is his, though. He bought it with his own money from working, and my dad gave him an incredible deal. I knew he could learn how to drive a stick shift. He just had to "get it" and tonight, it finally clicked. All the training in parking lots, baby hills to mammoth hills. Stopping and starting and teaching him every trick to minimize the hopping, and he has finally figured it out.

A few weeks ago, he had his moments of doubt and was ready to give up. I thought he was ready to actually get on the road with other vehicles. My fear came to reality when the Mercedes behind him pulled up within inches of his bumper. It was on a small hill, and when the light turned green, cars were honking, and he "killed" it. Anxiety set in from all the impatient people. I told him to calm down, take a deep breath and do what you have trained to do. He cranked it back up and although it was far from a perfect start, he got that little Toyota Tacoma going again. We immediately drove to Pelham High School so he could practice some more with no other vehicles. Then...the big test. We went back to the same spot that nearly gave him and me a heart attack. My boy made me extra proud, and I think I scared him as I began cheering for him as he masterfully switched those gears like a pro.

So many of us have been in training for the Kingdom of God for years. We all have moments of doubts, fears, concerns, and at times, moments where we consider throwing in the towel. Take a lesson from a soon to be 16 year old stick shift driver... **Don't you ever, ever, ever give up!!!** Anchor to God's Word, pray, DO what you have trained to do, and you will "GET IT."

⁹ *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*
(Gal 6:9 NIV)

There Is No Comparison

Romans 8:18 -19 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God." (NASB)

How do you compare two things? Cars for instance. Which one would you say is the best car? What if we compare minivans? Now let's compare something more important. What makes a house great? Which house is the best? The one with one bedroom floor plan or a two or three bedroom floor plan? Here we are comparing things that are similar. But how do we compare the value of two different things?

How would you choose what is the best? Would you go on a vacation or would you work? If you haven't taken a vacation in a long time this may sound good, but if you are in debt, then working that vacation week for extra cash would sound better.

But how would you compare this? Which place do you prefer, a mansion or a cardboard house? How do you compare heaven? There is no comparison! There is nothing in this world that is worth comparing to what heaven will be like. Let us look forward to heaven and to what we will become on that day.

- David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Nathan, Michelle, Lilly and Luke Whitaker** in the death of Michelle's father, Dennis Crowson. There will be a visitation from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, at the Berryhill Funeral Home in Huntsville and the funeral will follow at 12:00 p.m. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery in Hazel Green.



Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Thelma Moon** (FTG #3) who recently placed membership. Her address is 1851 Data Drive Apt. #216, Hoover, Alabama 35244. Her phone number is 205-900-8274

RCOC Ladies' Expo

RCOC Ladies' Expo this year will be on Sunday, November 13. If you wish to participate, fill out the form and return it to the church office by Sunday, October 23. Make your plans to see the displays and talents of your Christian sisters.

Clothing for the Homeless

Our teens will be delivering bags of clothing to downtown Birmingham. The bags will cost \$40 each and will include: Bible, backpack, winter coat, sleeping bag, winter hat (toboggan) sweat pants, socks, winter gloves, chapstick, toothbrush and toothpaste. We are finalizing our orders in bulk. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make the check payable to Riverchase Church of Christ and indicate that it is for the clothing drive.

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.

Food Drive: Due Date: November 6

- Peanut Butter - 28 oz.
- Jelly - 32 oz.
- Green Beans (2 cans) 14.5 oz.
- Whole Kernel Corn (2 cans) 15.25 oz.
- Fruit (2 cans) 15.25 oz.
- Crackers (1 box)
- Dry Spaghetti - 32 oz.
- Pasta Sauce (2 cans) 24 oz.
(Del Monte Can Sauce)
- Complete Meal in a Box



For the Record

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Bible Study	366
Early Worship	239
Late Worship	371
Total Sunday Morning	610
Sunday Night	255
Contribution	\$33,945.76
YTD Average	\$34,576.75
Budget	\$34,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful plant, prayers, thoughts, call, cards and offers to help during this time of loss. Our family is so grateful for the kind hearts of our Christian friends and God's love.

In Christian Love,

Rodney & Helen Rardin

ANNIVERSARY Sunday

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Featured Guest Speaker:

F. LAGARD SMITH

BIBLE CLASSES

9:30 a.m.

COMBINED WORSHIP

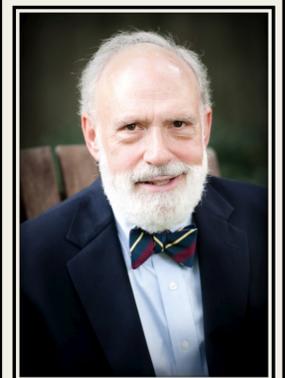
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No 8:00 a.m. Worship

No Evening Worship

6:00 p.m.-Communion

Only



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- **Volleyball:** Friday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. in the reception room.
- **Family Cookout:** Saturday, October 15, 5:30 p.m. at the Click's.
- **FTG #2 & #7 Fellowship Supper:** Sunday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Ladies Bible Class:** Tuesday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. in the reception room.
- **Bridal Tea for Amber Thompson Bride Elect of James McKell:** Sunday, October 23, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the reception room. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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- AC/PT Supper

Friday, October 14

- Volleyball
- *LiveWires!* Game Night

Saturday, October 15

- Family Cookout

Sunday, October 16

- FTG #2 & #7 Fellowship 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), **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.
Erick Boggs (#1) in room S 932 at UAB with a hematoma in his abdomen waiting on a consult from cardiologist.
Roy Connell (#4) recovering at home from heart surgery.
Tom Carter (#3) colon surgery next week.
Dee Davis (#1) recovering at home from pancreatitis.
Dottie Harbst (#2) at home with irregular heart rate.
Jean Marshall (#1) recovering from a fall.
Nona Miller (#3) recovering at home.
Bobby Thomas (#5) recovering at home.

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 Dichiara (#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.
Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.
Karen Green (Norma Thomas' daughter) health issues.
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.
Art Mealer (Bill Mealer's brother) abdominal aortic aneurysm.
Helen Mellett (Hilary Beason's grandmother) illness.
Wayne Miller (Snow's friend) cancer.
Ethan Mitchell (from Corinth, MS.) in Children's Hospital with brain injury.
Marlin Murphree (Kelly Skelton's father) serious health problems.
Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer treatments.
Teresa Richards (friend of the Hills) breast cancer.
Miller Rock (Jon Rock's brother) 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) recovering from knee surgery.
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.