

# The Riverchase Family

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## Election Day

Today is election day. Today we choose the leadership of our country for the next few years.

Before He ever created anything, God elected, determined to bless all humanity in Jesus the Christ. He chose us **in him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In Christ, we are chosen. In Christ we are adopted as children of God. In Christ we are blessed with every spiritual blessing.

We are included in Christ when we hear the message of truth, believe it, trust it and obey it.

Now we choose if we will serve God or not.

We choose if we will die to our own desires and become the slaves of Jesus Christ and submit to Him.

We choose if we will listen to God or to ourselves.

We choose if we will live for the things around us or for the things above us.

God's work of bringing men back to His likeness and image is finished. Now the choice is our to determine if we will live in the will of Jesus and allow Him to live in us.

What is your choice?

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### Adventure Club /Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Supper:**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, eggs and bacon, Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Magi Service Project:**  
Saturday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. reception room.
- **Breakfast with Santa:**  
December 3, 9:00 a.m.

### Teen

- **Fall Retreat:** November 11-13; Woodland Camp in Temple, Georgia.
- **Packing Day...Backpacks for the Homeless;** November 19, 10:00 a.m. in the West Wing Foyer.

### College

- **Coat and Blanket Drive:** Saturday, November 12.
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.**  
Please contact Dee Sandlin or Robin Harper if you can help.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

## Tearing Down Idols

Tim Yaeger

During the Pre-Teen devo this past month we discussed idols we can place in our hearts. God was constantly warning the Israelites about the idols they chased after with the foreign people of the land. The people started by creating the golden calf after God delivered them from Egypt. Over time they continued returning to Baal over and over again even sacrificing their children to the false god. Despite God's promises and warnings they continued to place those idols over worshiping the one true God and King.

God is very clear in speaking to his people (them and us) by saying "Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God." (Lev. 19:4) and "They have made me jealous with what is no god; they have provoked me to anger with their idols." (Duet 32:21)

We see God is jealous for us. He wants our undivided attention and service to Him. He knows what is best for our life. That's why Jesus says the greatest command is "The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

So many things can take God's place in your heart and become your idol without you realizing what's happening. Phones, tablets, sports, school, apparel, money and pride are just a few examples of what can be an idol today. God views those things the same way He viewed the idols in the Old Testament.

God is jealous for YOU! He wants you to be with Him forever. So much that he sent Jesus to die for your sins to make this relationship possible. Test yourself today for the idols in your heart, tear them down like God commanded the Israelites and serve Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength!



## Fall Retreat 2016 Woodland Christian Camp



### Friday:

- 2:00 p.m. – Departure
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Unload and Settle in Cabins (EST)
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. – Group Activities
- 9:00 p.m. – **Singing & Worship Session 1: Being IN TUNE**
- 10:30 p.m. – Snacks
- 11:30 p.m. – Cabins and Lights Out

### Saturday:

- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. – Breakfast
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. – Group Games
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. - **Singing & Worship Session 2: Being OUT of TUNE**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Group Activities
- 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. – Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - Group & Class Pictures
- 2:45 p.m. – Free Time
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. – **Singing & Worship Session 3: Putting on Armor of God**
- 9:00 p.m. – Snacks & Group Activity: Capture the Flag
- 10:00 -12:00 a.m. – Movie
- 12:02 a.m. – Cabins and Lights Out

### Sunday:

- 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. – **Singing, Communion, Worship Session 4: To Be Continued**
- 11:00 a.m. – Family Chat Time
- 11:30 a.m. – Clean-up
- 12:45 p.m. – Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – Departure (EST)
- 2:30 p.m. – Arrival at Riverchase (CST)

## Pray For Those In Authority

1 Timothy 2:1-3

*"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

When Paul wrote this letter to Timothy it wasn't the best of times for the treatment of Christians. In fact, many Christians were still being persecuted and many were being put to death. Paul was imprisoned on many occasions; he was beaten and taken to court more than a few times. However, he reminds this young minister to please pray for those that are in power. And the reason for that prayer is so that we as Christians may live in godliness and dignity. That prayer also is so that the people that don't know the truth may come to the knowledge of it. Paul urged Timothy to do this, I believe that there needs to be the same urgency in us to the same. The reason? Because this is acceptable in the sight of God.

- David

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Carl, Kelly and Charlie Watts** in the death of Kelly's father, Henry DuBose. There will be a visitation from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, at Selma Funeral Home and the funeral will be Wednesday, November 9, 2:00 p.m. at Selma Funeral Home.

## TOM & KORTNEY PHIFER

PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, **KHELAN YORK PHIFER**. HE WAS BORN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3. HE WEIGHED 7 LBS. AND 11 OZ. AND WAS 21 3/4 INCHES LONG. THE PROUD BIG BROTHER AND SISTER ARE **JONAS AND TINZLEY**. THE PROUD GRANDPARENTS ARE **DARRELL AND NANCY MOUNT**.

## Rainbow Omega Poinsettias

The forms for Rainbow Omega Poinsettias are now in your boxes. Orders are due **Sunday, November 13**. Please make your checks payable to Rainbow Omega. Delivery will be on November 30.

## RCOC Ladies' Expo

RCOC Ladies' Expo this year will be on Sunday, November 13, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. There will be over 20 booths to choose from. We have something for everyone: Crafts, Homemade Cakes, Painted Signs, Wreaths, Monogramming, Wooden Items, Jewelry, Crochet and lots more. Come and find out what your sisters do, make, and sell.

## 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.

## ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.  
In The Reception Room

If you would like to help please contact Mim Ritenour.

## For the Record

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Bible Study	442
Early Worship	---
Late Worship	605
Total Sunday Morning	605
Sunday Night	---
Contribution	\$40,675.26
YTD Average	\$34,747.73
Budget	\$34,500.00

## Anniversary Sunday Contribution

Apologetics Press	\$500
Auburn Christian Student Center	\$1,000
Childhaven	\$5,000
CoC Disaster Relief	\$10,000
Faulkner Bible Department	\$1,000
Freed-Hardeman	\$1,000
George Funk (Gospel Chariots)	\$1,000
Gospel Broadcasting Network	\$500
Healing Hands International	\$2,000
Health Talents Inc.	\$2,000
Heritage University	\$1,000
Malawi:	
Institute for Biblical Studies	\$1,500
Por Los Niños	\$2,000
Rainbow Omega	\$3,000
Nigeria:	
School of Bible Studies	\$2,500
Scotland	\$2,000
Truth for Today	\$500
U of A Student Ministry	\$1,000
World Christian Broadcasting	\$500
Potter Children's Home	\$1,500
Wolf Point CoC, Montana	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>

Your generosity has provided the above support to these various mission efforts and special works.

## Upcoming Events

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **LiveWires! Trip to Carrollton, Alabama: To See The Face In The Window:** Thursday, November 10.
- **Teen's Fall Retreat:** Friday-Sunday, November 11-13. Temple, Georgia.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. in the reception room.
- **Coat/Blanket Drive:** Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

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**This week at Riverchase:**

**Wednesday, November 9**

- AC/PT Supper

**Thursday, November 10**

- *LiveWires!* Trip to Carrollton

**Friday-Sunday, November 11-13**

- Teen Fall Retreat

**Saturday, November 12**

- Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Coat/Blanket Drive

**Sunday, November 13**

- Ladies Expo
- Elders/Ministers/Deacons meeting
- Pre-Teen Devo

**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.  
**Lynda Cardwell (#1)** recovering from kidney infection.  
**Tom Carter (#3)** recovering from colon surgery.  
**Dee Davis (#1)** recovering at home from pancreatitis.  
**Dottie Harbst (#2)** at home with irregular heart rate.  
**Peggy Hendley (#7)** recovering from surgery for a torn meniscus.  
**Judy Ingram (#7)** at home with health issues.  
**Martha Johnston (#3)** in room 545 at Grandview with heart related issues.  
**Jean Marshall (#1)** recovering from a fall.  
**Doug Mears (#1)** in room 255 at Shelby Baptist with pneumonia.  
**Sandra Thompson (#7)** waiting on biopsy results.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:**

**(FTG = FAMILY TIME GROUPS)**

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

**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.  
**Cathy Crittenden** (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.  
**Herbert Cruce** (Cheryl Thomas's father) under hospice care at Southhaven.  
**Lee Dawkins** (Jane Snider's cousin) cancer has returned.  
**Brenda Forehand** (Joyce Bowen's sister) recovering from colon and knee surgery.  
**Sam Gray** (Ward's neighbor) cancer.  
**Karen Green** (Norma Thomas' daughter) health issues.  
**Scott Green** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) brain tumor.  
**Jan Hall** (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.  
**Robert Howe** (Carol Ingram's father) chemo and radiation.  
**Stephanie Hodge** (David & Donna Jones' daughter) complex migraine.  
**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.  
**Marlin Murphree** (Kelly Skelton's father) 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** (Jonh Rock's brother) health issues.  
**John Sehon** (Helen Haskew's uncle) 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 Snider's niece) under hospice care.  
**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.  
**Raymond White** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.  
**Craig Windle** (Elaine Evans brother - in - law) spot on kidney.  
**Ann Williams** (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.