

The Riverchase Family

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Teachable

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² *Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart--*

³ *they do no wrong but follow his ways.*

⁴ *You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.*

⁵ *Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!*

⁶ *Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.*

⁷ *I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.*

⁸ *I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me. (Ps. 119:1-8 NIV)*

Typical of so many other passages in the Bible are these first eight verses of the longest chapter in the Bible. They teach a lesson which is key to obtaining happiness and faithfulness to God.

They raise questions for each of us to consider. How open am I to correction? How honestly do I evaluate myself? Am I teachable? When there is a difference between what God wants and what I am doing, do I see it? Does the difference matter to me? Am I teachable enough to change?

Do I present myself as clay in the hands of God? Do I surrender my stubborn will to allow Him to shape and mold me into His own image?

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Family Campout at Oak Mountain:** Friday-Saturday, April 27-28. **Cookout is Cancelled**
- **Kindergarten Bible Presentation:** Sunday, May 6, at the beginning of late service.
- **Sixth Grade Graduation Reception:** Sunday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. in the reception room.

Teen

- **Junior/Senior Retreat:** Friday-Sunday, May 4-6.
- **Deadline:** This Wednesday
- **Senior Banquet & Reception:** May 19-20
- **Whitewater Rafting:** May 25-26; Deadline to Signup is May 9.

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk

Josh Steed

Recently during dinner two of my children ignored an instruction which resulted in a glass of milk getting knocked over. The two offenders' consequence was that they had to clean up the mess without grown-up help. One child had a smile break out and thought that they got off easy. The other child began crying lamenting the punishment and considered it harsh.

A common theme I have come across in parenting material is allowing children to suffer the consequences. As parents we are tempted to not allow our children to "suffer" the consequence of a bad choice or lack of discipline. For example, taking forgotten homework to school, quickly replacing a broken toy, or simply not following through on a threatened punishment. The thought process is to let children learn to understand that their decisions have consequences in little things so they will make better choices as the importance of making good decisions grow. I often fail with this in wanting to rescue my children, but I have to teach my children discipline and to make good choices. Even if it is as simple as making them clean up their own spilled milk!

As adults we have to understand our heavenly Father works in a similar way. We may have to suffer some in order to avoid a tragic eternal consequence. The Bible illustrates this in Hebrews 12.

¹⁰ For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

God promises long life to children who obey and a harvest of peace to adults. I pray that we, as well as our children, are obedient in all we do!



Golden Age Banquet

Moving Forward

The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Exodus 14:14-15 (ESV)

I was reminded this week of an important saying of the Lord in Exodus. I believe the Lord does want us to pray, I believe that the Lord does want us to go to Him when we need Him, but all that praying won't get the results if we don't move forward. The people of Israel were in a dire situation. They had been freed from Egypt, but Pharaoh changed his mind once again and is approaching the Israelites at the shores of the Red Sea to take them back into slavery. Moses did the right thing by praying to God. Moses was right to ask God what to do first, but the answer that he received from God was not what he expected. God told him to keep moving forward!

I need to remember that! I need to remember that this life changes rapidly. Unfortunately, this life is full of reliving past mistakes. I definitely, need to go to God in prayer. I need to move forward! God's blessings are ahead! God's blessings are just on the other side, and I need to move forward! Let's move forward trusting in God.

- David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Tyler and Sarah Jane Skinner** in the death of Tyler's grandfather, **Charles Cash**. The funeral was last week in Buena Vista, Arkansas.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Lindsay & Kathy Handley, Robbie & Karen Owens, and Larry & Claire Owens** and the **Bearden Family** in the death of our sweet sister and their mother **Kathleen Perkins**. The funeral was last week here at Riverchase.

Mark and Sherry Humphrey and Jeff and Julie Speegle



Proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter, Dylan Elizabeth Speegle. She was born Tuesday, April 17. She weighed 6 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are J and Nicole Speegle.

Barton and Sarah Pate

Proudly announce the birth of their son, Ethan Chandler Pate. He was born Tuesday, April 17. He weighed 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. The proud big siblings are Norah and Landon. The proud grandparents are Wendell and Pam Pate.

LiveWires! Events

- **Day at the Lake:** Saturday, April 28, leave the church building at 9:00 a.m. Anyone planning to drive please notify Kathy. A food sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please sign up for what items you will bring.
- The trip to Pensacola, Florida, on May 10-12, has been cancelled.

VBS 2018

UNDERWATER SEA ADVENTURE "FINDING FAITH" JUNE 10 -13, 2018

VBS will be here soon and we need your help. We need Volunteers to help with many different areas. This year we are signing up volunteers online. There will be two scheduled work days to help with decorations, etc. Tuesday, May 29, and Saturday, June 9. You don't need to sign-up to help with decorations...just come during one of the work days or contact Jina O'Clair or Karen Smith for times to help.

We also need for everyone planning to attend VBS to register. This includes all adults, teens, and children. This really helps us plan! Please visit VBS.riverchasechurch.org to register and sign up to volunteer. Teens will be signing up to volunteer in bible class.

For the Record

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Bible Study	417
Early Worship	214
Late Worship	388
Total Sunday Morning	602
Sunday Night	280
Contribution	\$28,526.10
YTD Average	\$36,123.10
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you for attending the visitation and funeral for my momma. Thank you for the sweet cards and plant. This meant so much to us and we are happy to have such wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ who mourn when we mourn.

In Christian Love,

David & Donna Jones

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you for all the cards I received during my hospital stay. They were very uplifting and encouraged me during my illness.

In Christian Love,

Tim Henry

Summer Mission Trips

May 30 – June 6, a group of our teens will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to **GIVE KIDS THE WORLD VILLAGE**. They partner with Make a Wish Foundation. June 24-29 a group of teens will also be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky to **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME**. July 8-14 a group of our High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents will be going on a mission trip to **NICARAGUA**. Throughout the summer, they will also be participating in several local mission efforts (Mission Hometown) to help out in our community. If you would like to donate to these mission efforts, please earmark your check for teen summer missions. You may turn in your checks to any of the office staff. Above all, remember us in your prayers this summer. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

- **Volleyball:** Friday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Family Campout:** Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, at Oak Mountain State Park.
- **LiveWires! Trip to the Lake:** Saturday, April 28, leave at 9:00 a.m.
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$3.00.
- **LiveWires! Game Night:** Friday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Last Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Junior/Senior Retreat:** Friday-Sunday, May 4-6.

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- Family Campout

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- *LiveWires!* Day at the Lake

Tuesday, May 1

- Ladies' Bible Class

Wednesday, May 2

- Teen Supper

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Greg Case** (Penny's husband), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Bonnie Daniels** (Turner's friend), **Wynonia Davis** (Peggy Jackson's mother), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom), **Brenda Forehand** (Joyce Bowen's sister), **Robert Garner** (Paula Davis' friend), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Jim Hollon** (Clemmons' friend), **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **Butch Johnson** (Dana Jones' brother), **Martha Manwarring** (former member) **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), **Jay Odom** (Kevin Arvin's brother-in-law), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother), **Barbara Stetler** (Howe/Sims mother), **Kristy Tatum** (Rardin's neighbor), **Roger Thomas** (Fabray Turner's uncle), **Olen Vickery** (Kim Ledingham's brother-in-law).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

Michael Epperson (Amber Henderson brother-in-law)

Riverchase Family:

Morgan Carter (#6) waiting to schedule a brain biopsy.
Peggy Hendley (#7) waiting to see a cardiologist before she can schedule back surgery.
Donna Herring (#3) recovering from sinus surgery.
Candy Parker (#7) continuing health issues.
Lance Rushing (#2) chemo treatments.
Norma Thomas (#4) recovering at Aspire.
Ron Waddell (#5) multiple myeloma, chemo.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Judy Ingram, Michelle Whitaker
FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Henry & Vonda Cook, Cathy Hayes, Vivian Parker, Nina Pitchford, Jo Wamack
FTG #3: Martha Johnston, Becky Carter, Nona Miller, Thelma Moon, Jean Oglesby
FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Alan Jackson, Martha Mann, Norma Thomas
FTG #5: Jake Cole, Norma Nabors, Shirley Wilson
FTG #6: Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiara, Shirley Genry, John Gibson, Grover Jackson, Doug Mears, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford
FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Kristin Adams (friend of Peggy Jackson) brain tumor.
Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
Andy Arvin (Kevin's Brother) prostate cancer.
Patsy Burks (Rhonda Ball's mother) surgery on May 1.
Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
Becky Carr (Danny Hill's sister) liver cirrhosis.
Cathy Crittenden (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.
Roger Davis (Peggy Jackson's brother) leukemia.
Sally Dunn (Keith Dunn's mother) recovering from a stroke.
G. Estes (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.
Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast cancer.
Clarice Goodin (friend of the Ball's) bone marrow transplant.
Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.
Jonathan Griggs (Vaughn's friend) recovering from amputation.
Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.
Jacob Herring recovering from Transverse Myelitis.
Bob Hull (Howe's brother-in-law) cancer.
Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.
Sharon Lawley (Brandy Tuech's mother -in-law) chemo.
Tonya Masoner (Judy Masoner's daughter) radiation.
Paul Meacham (member at Panama Street) brain cancer.
Vanessa Mount (Mount's daughter in law) hashimoto disease and sero negative arthritis.
Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.
Lauren Nudo (Friend of the Coehoorn's) stage 4 cancer.
Teresa Ragland (Becky Steen's sister) cancer.
McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.
Wally Riggins (friend of Alan Boshell) infection after surgery.
Miller Rock (Jonn Rock's brother) health issues.
Glen Rogers (Neisha Dorantes father) broken collar bone.
John Sehon (Helen Haskew's uncle) health problems.
Mary Ella Sirmon (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.
Jenny Slaughter (The Slaughter's daughter-in-law) breast cancer.
Matt Smith (Beason's friend) colon cancer.
Matt Snow (Mark & Diane's son) continuing treatments.
Paul Strength (Cindy Thompson's cousin) kidney tumor.
Nicole Valentine (Ward's friend) cancer.
Cindy Van Beck (friend of Posey's) cancer.
Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
Raymond White (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.
Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.