



The Riverchase Family

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What God Wants

*He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?
(Micah 6:8 NAU)*

To do justice is to do right toward one another. It is to “do unto others what you would have them to do to you.” It means to avoid showing favoritism. It is making decisions based on what is right, not on personal preference. It is speaking truth to everyone.

To love kindness is to love doing good. It is to love mercy and forgiveness. It means to put others ahead of yourself and to think of their interest as equally as you think of your own. It means to love others as you love yourself.

To walk humbly with God means to know that He is God and we are not. It means to surrender our will for His will. It means to allow Him and His will to change our thinking and our feelings. It means to trust Him even when we do not understand what He is doing nor why He is doing it.

This is what God wants.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Preteen Devo:** Sunday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Kid Cave

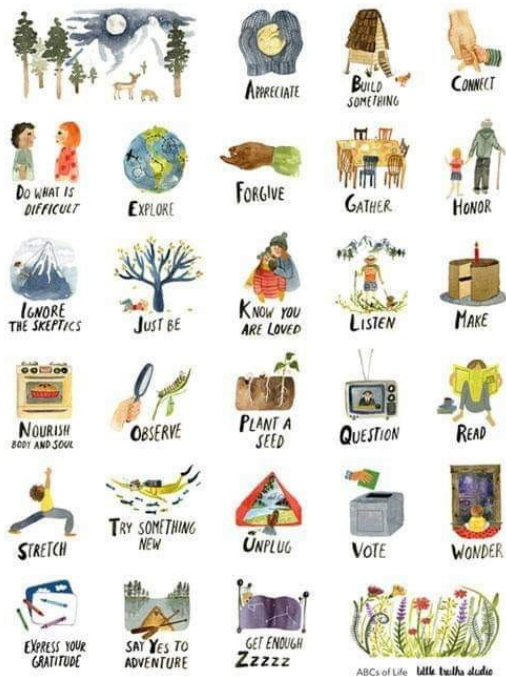
Teen

- **Small Group Leader Retreat:** Canceled
- **Winterfest** Sign-ups: NOW; Deadline: January 16; February 15-17; Cost: \$70 (Includes T-Shirt)

College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Simple Truths Eric Gott



On January 1st I stumbled upon this poster by Little Truths Studio and thought the simple illustrations spoke to how I want to spend my new year. It is common for many of us to choose to set a new year's resolution (lose weight, eat healthy, declutter, etc.), but what if in 2019 we chose rather to live simply.

Appreciate others in our church family, listen more openly, honor our fathers and mothers, try something new by volunteering for an activity within our church, give thanks for Riverchase.

Jesus provided us the best simple truth to live by when he stated, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

This new year as we continue to set goals and better our lives, I challenge you to focus on living simply. Connect with others, forgive others, love one another. You will find that you are following the greatest Truth there is.

One Word Scott Pruitt

I asked the teens and adults in class last week to share one word that summarizes the past year of 2018. Upon reflection, the following words were shared:

Complicated	Change	Aggressive
Pressure	Eventful	Tiring
Privileges	Magical	Joyful
Adventurous	Terrible	Expensive
Broken	Overcome	

They lived it, experienced every moment of it, and this is the thing... Each one of those one word answers has a long story behind why each person shared that particular word.

What is your word for 2018 and why? Share with your family.

2019 is here, and we don't have a choice but to move forward. Will 2019 be better? Time is going to move forward if we like it or not. How do we move forward as Kingdom People and build positively on our past experiences? I also asked them, "What is your word for 2019?" The following were their answers:

Happy, Growth, Appreciate, Better, Relationships

Our entire church family is studying together, "No Greater Love" - the gospel of Jesus through the words written by the beloved apostle, John. Story after story with similar theme words. Growth will certainly happen if we put in the study. Surround yourself with happy people focused on Jesus to achieve joy. Appreciate moments that 2019 will bring us to build better lives and better relationships.

Zane Armstrong shared the word, "Overcome" and knowing what that young man has endured, I couldn't help but get choked up a bit. Why? Because I see so much of the qualities of Jesus living in him even when life tries to take his joy away. Family always has its ups and downs, bumps and bruises, and a focused family is able to overcome anything and everything Satan throws at us. Invest in each other.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13 NIVO)

Let It Flood

Isaiah 55:10,11 *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will my word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. (NASB)*

You probably have not noticed, but we have had lots of rain lately. (I know you have noticed.) There is only so much water the earth can absorb after so many days of rain. Around my house, after a day of rain, my yard is mushy. It makes it difficult to do anything. But God knows what He is doing. The plants, the grass, the trees are all His. He's taking care of His creation. I pray that God floods our lives and souls with His word this year. I hope we will receive His instruction and accept it and practice it.

- David

Sympathy

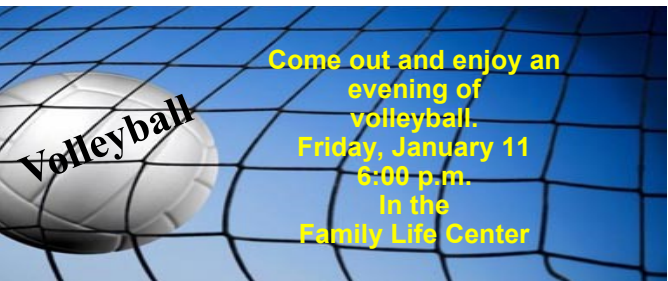
Our sympathy is extended to **Clarissa Lawen** in the death of her grandmother, Aurora Lawen. The funeral was Sunday, in Decatur, Alabama.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Dean, Lea Ann and Jacob Lyon** in the death of Lea Ann's father, Ken Whiteaker. The family will have a memorial service at a later date.

John and Diana Kelley

Proudly announce the birth of their grandson **Watson Clark Kelley**. He was born Wednesday, January 2. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. The proud parents are Byron and Melissa Kelley and the proud big brother is Xander.



Volleyball
Come out and enjoy an evening of volleyball.
Friday, January 11
6:00 p.m.
In the Family Life Center

**Riverchase Church of Christ
LifeSouth Blood Drive
Sunday, January 13
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In the Reception Room**

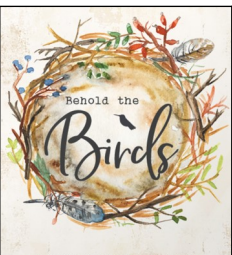
Give Blood
It's About *Life*

All the men of the congregation are invited to a brown bag fellowship lunch on Monday, January 14, 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Come for a chance to catch up and break the Monday morning blues.



Ladies' Bible Class

Ladies' Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. We will be studying "Behold the Birds". Baby sitting will be available. This will be our last Bible Class for this year.



For the Record

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Bible Study	464
Early Worship	239
Late Worship	445
Total Sunday Morning	684
Sunday Night	241
Contribution	\$48,720.37
YTD Average	\$48,720.37
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Words can not express how grateful we are for the cards, prayers, hugs and texts during the recent passing of my grandmother, Lena Richardson. We also appreciate the beautiful fern that was sent to the funeral. It is wonderful to have the support of our church family during times like these.

Love,

Baron & Leann Crawford
and Family



LiveWires!
Sign up Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday, January 20
After late service
In the Family Life Center.
Bring your favorite pot
luck dish.



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- **AC/PT Supper:** Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Volleyball:** Saturday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Blood Drive:** Sunday, January 13, in the Reception Room.
- **Men's Brown Bag Lunch:** Monday, January 14, 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Ladies Bible Class:** Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **LiveWires! Sign Up Pot Luck Lunch:** Sunday, January 13, after late worship in the Family Life Center.
- **Riverchase Annual Singing:** Friday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.
- **Baby Shower for Nathan & Emily Fitts:** Sunday, January 27, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at Target and Buy, Buy, Baby. It's a boy.



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This week at Riverchase:

Wednesday, January 9

- Adventure Club and Pre-Teen Supper

Friday, January 11

- Volleyball

Sunday, January 13

- Blood Drive
- Grief Class

Monday, January 14

- Men's Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, January 15

- Ladies' Bible Class

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), **Celia Dorantes** (David's mom), **Brenda Forehand** (Joyce Bowen's sister), **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), **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:

David Scott Vise (Larry and Jeanne Vise's son)

Riverchase Family:

Morgan Carter (#6) stage 3 brain tumor. Chemo.

Sandra Hunt (#1) being moved to Ridgeview in Jasper, Alabama.

Grover Jackson (#6) health issues.

Rodney Morris (#7) recovering from an heart ablation.

Jacques Thompson (#6) recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Violet Townsend (#3) recovering from foot surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Sandra Hunt, Judy Ingram, Michelle Whitaker

FTG #2 Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook, Vivian Parker, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing

FTG #3: Martha Johnston, Becky Carter, Nona Miller, Thelma Moon, Jean Oglesby

FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Martha Mann, Doug Mears, Norma Thomas

FTG #5: Jake Cole, Norma Nabors, Ron Waddell, Shirley Wilson

FTG #6: Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiaro, Shirley Genry, John Gibson, Grover Jackson, Ollie Scott, Sarah Wolford

FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Family of Wesley Abernathy (Boggs' friend) health issues.

Kristin Adams (friend of Peggy Jackson) brain tumor.

Noreen Anderson (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.

Toby Blackwood (friend of Ollie and Mary Scott) cancer.

Patsy Burks (Rhonda Ball's mother) recovering from surgery to help clot bleeding above her eye.

Jessica Brown (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.

Becky Carr (Danny Hill's sister) liver cirrhosis.

Cathy Crittenden (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.

G. Estes (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.

Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast cancer.

Clarice Goodin (friend of the Ball's) cancer.

Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.

Jonathan Griggs (Vaughn's friend) recovering from amputation.

Jan Hall (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.

Michelle Howze (Mindi Belmont's friend) throat cancer.

Bob Hull (Howe's brother-in-law) cancer.

Kent Ingram (Anthony Dotson's uncle) colon cancer.

Vicki Love (Mary Smith's daughter) breast cancer.

Tonya Masoner (Judy Masoner's daughter) radiation.

Jackie McKenzie (Vaughn's cousin) health issues.

Paul Meacham (member at Panama Street) brain cancer.

Kim Morris (Rodney & Sue Morris' daughter) health issues.

Lowell Newton (Michael's dad) prostate cancer.

Lauren Nudo (Friend of the Coehoorn's) stage 4 cancer.

McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

Kay Ryan (friend of the Gaines) recovering from surgery.

Margaret Seagrest (long time visitor) health issues.

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.

Junius Wells (Jeneen Anderson's father) recovering from heart surgery.

Raymond White (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.

Judy Wiley (David and Sarah Akers sister-in-law) pancreas cancer.

Ann Williams (friend of Georgia Vaughn) breast cancer.

Ann Winsett (Brett Moran's grandmother) heart issues.