

The Riverchase Family

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Love Bugs

Our latest Live Wire trip took us to the southern portion of the Natchez Trace. We began in Tupelo and ended in Natchez, Mississippi before returning home. A few years ago we had taken the northern part of the trip to Nashville.

Traveling south on the Trace in May, guess what we “ran” into? You know from the title. Love Bugs were out in force and we had to wash them off the front of the bus and the windshield every night.

As I used the windshield wipers to take care of some of them, I was reminded of one of my favorite illustrations. I first heard it from one of my professors at Freed-Hardeman, Dr. Thomas Warren.

He was illustrating 1 John 1:7.

“Being in Christ is like driving in a car when it is raining. The rain drops hitting the windshield are like sins that come into your life. When you turn on the windshield wipers they wipe all the drops of rain off the windshield. New rain drops keep hitting the windshield, but as long as the wipers are turned on they keep wiping the rain drops away. So it is when we are in Christ. His blood washes away our sins. But new sins keep coming into our life. If we remain in Christ, his blood keeps washing away our sins.”

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:7 NIV)

Walking in the light does not mean perfection. But it does mean acknowledging Jesus and His will and recognizing and acknowledging our sin when we go contrary to His will. Notice verses 8-9.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **VBS Workday:** Thursday, May 30
- **Summer Bash:** Saturday, June 1, 4:00 p.m. in the west parking lot.
- **Promotion Sunday:** Sunday, June 2, at Bible class

Teen

- **Bus Washing Day:** Wednesday, May 29; 10:00am a.m. and **Worship Under Stars:** Departure: 6:00 p.m. Return at 8:30 p.m.
- **VBS Workday:** Thursday, May 30; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring \$ for Lunch

College

- **VBS Workday:** Thursday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.
- **Guys Night Out:** Friday, May 31, 5:30 p.m. in the gym.



Meet our Children's Intern Hallie Whitesides

Hi, my name is Hallie Whitesides! I attend Freed Hardeman University where I am majoring in Spanish and Education. I am from Buford, GA where I attend the Buford Church of Christ. My favorite things are swimming, gummy worms, the movie "Coco", and getting to spend time with family and friends. I am looking forward to meeting you and having the best summer ever!!!!!!

Promotion Sunday
Sunday, June 2, all age groups will move up to their new Bible class.



Saturday, June 1
4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Go to sign up genius to sign up to bring food.
Invite your friends and neighbors!

If you are willing to participate in the dunking booth please email eric@riverchasechurch.org

Welcome Youth Interns

We are thrilled to have our Summer Interns with us, and they are off to a fantastic start. Katilynn Stephens and Levi Duvall bring strong talents, compassionate hearts, creativity at its finest, and teamwork that is joyful. Please help us welcome them and make them feel at home, although they will not be here very often. Starting Sunday afternoon, the youth group will begin our Summer Tour around the world and in our community serving and sharing the love of Jesus with as many as possible.



Katilynn Stephens

Howdy! I'm from Nashville, Tennessee! I am about to enter my senior year at Freed Hardeman University, pursuing a degree in Child and Family Studies. I am so excited to be working with the youth this summer and I'm looking forward to all of our crazy adventures! Don't be a stranger!



Levi Duvall

Hi! I'm from Weatherford, Texas and I am currently attending Harding University. I am double majoring in Bible and Ministry as well as Bible and Missions. I love doing things outdoors. I am really looking forward to all the trips this summer as well as growing in my faith.

Sonlight

2 Peter 1:2-4 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

May grace and shalom be yours in full measure, as you come to a full knowledge of God and Yeshua our Lord. God's power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through our knowing the One who called us to his own glory and goodness. By these he has given us valuable and superlatively great promises, so that through them you might come to share in God's nature and escape the corruption which evil desires have brought into the world.

As I was working in our home garden, Layla came to help me. She looked at a plant I was trying to help grow, and she said "poor plant, it doesn't get enough sun." I was surprised that she knew what plants needed in order to grow. So I responded with my accent "yes, it needs a lot of son", she laughed and said "no dad, it needs sun. So I responded "it needs both. It needs the sun and it needs the Son". She laughed some more after she knew what I meant.

As I kept working it made me think, how much Son exposure are we getting? Could it be, that because of our lack of exposure to Jesus, we are not growing? Is it possible that sometimes we struggle more than usual, because we don't let the Son shine on us? We have everything we need for a life of godliness and growth. The Bible provides us with that information. If you want to grow and be what God intended for you to be, have more exposure to the Son! Read your Bible!

- David



**Thursday,
May 30
9:00 a.m.**

**G U Y S'
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**Friday, May 31
5:30 p.m.
In the Family Life Center**



MEN'S PRAYERBREAKFAST
Saturday
June 1
8:00 a.m.
In the Family Life Center



Our mission team is in need of small bottles of multivitamins. For Adults and Children (Donation Boxes in Foyers) Deadline: June 12

Multivitamin Drive for Baja Mission Trip



Mission Hometown: July 24-28
Please bring a new stuffed animal for our 1st Responders to give to children during Domestic Calls

They MUST fit in a gallon size baggie

Summer Mission Trips

June 2-7, a group of teens will be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky to **Potter Children's Home**. June 22 - 28, a group of our High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents will be going on a mission trip to **Baja**. July 13-20, a group of our teens will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to **Give Kids the World Village**. They partner with Make a Wish Foundation. Throughout the summer, they will also be doing several local mission projects: **(Mission Hometown July 24-27)** to help 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.

For the Record
Sunday, May 26, 2019

Bible Study	373
Early Worship	236
Late Worship	307
Total Sunday Morning	543
Sunday Night	213
Contribution	\$40,730.68
YTD Average	\$35,981.30
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church,
The family of Norma Nabors would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls we received over these past weeks.
The love for our mother was evident. Our mother loved Riverchase Church of Christ. After our father passed away she kept herself busy. One way she did that was by stuffing bears and participating in all the Live Wires! activities.
Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral and the flowers were beautiful.
Sincerely,
Fred Jr. Patti, Joel and Steve

VBS June 9-12, 2019
"You've Got a Friend in Me"
The Great Toy Challenge
Don't forget to go by the VBS workroom and sign-up for the great toy challenge.



CRAFTS **GAMES**

"YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME" 2019 VBS
Riverchase Church of Christ
June 9th -12th

Join us as we look at Bible Stories that teach us how to be a friend to others. Classes are available for the whole family and a nursery will be provided.

June 9th	5:15 - 7:15pm (VBS)
	7:15pm (Potluck Dinner)
June 10th-12th	5:00 - 6:00pm (Dinner)
	6:15 - 8:15pm (VBS)

Please register online at www.riverchasechurch.org or call 205-988-5808

FOOD **DRAMA**

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- **VBS Workday:** Thursday, May 30.
- **Guys Night Out:** Friday, May 31, 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, June 1, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **AC/PT Summer Blast Off:** Saturday, June 1, 4:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.
- **Teens Mission Trip to Potter Children's Home:** Sunday, June 2 - 7.
- **VBS:** Sunday, June 9 - 12.

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This week at Riverchase:

Wednesday, May 29

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Thursday, May 30

- VBS Workday

Friday, May 31

- Men's Night Out

Saturday, June 1

- Men's Breakfast
- AC/PT Summer Blast Off

Please continue to remember in prayer:

Patricia Anderson (former member), **Greg Case** (Penny's husband), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **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), **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:

Riverchase Family:

Zane Armstrong (#6) in Cleveland, Ohio receiving second opinion on his health issues.

Pat Bearden (#2) foot still trying to heal.

Harper Beason (#3) recovering from an appendectomy.

Morgan Carter (#6) stage 3 brain tumor. Starting a new chemo treatment.

David Dorantes (#7) will have gall bladder surgery on Friday, May 31.

Doug Driskill (#5) recovering from knee replacement surgery.

John Gibson (#6) has been moved to room 214 in Ahava Healthcare in Alabaster.

Don & Jan Haefner (#7) health issues.

Harper Watts (#5) recovering from surgery on her finger tip

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, Vonda Cook, 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, Cindy Snider, Emily Watts

FTG #5: Jake Cole, 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, Peggy Hendley, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Tim Parker

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

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

J.R. Andrews (Peggy Jackson's friend) cancer.

Zachary Bath (Bath's grandson) rare chronic kidney disease.

Don Blackwell (Brent McCaleb's friend) paralyzed.

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.

Bob Edwards (Ron Steen's cousin) MDS.

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

Teresa Evans (friend of the Peters') breast cancer

Sam Gray (Ward's neighbor) cancer.

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

Jane Harrison (Peggy Hendley's sister in law) heart issues.

Patrick Henderson (Amber Henderson Brother-in-law) cancer.

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

Sandra Hunt (Barbie Browns mother) health issues.

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.

Becky Morris (Rodney Morris' sister in law) cancer.

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

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

McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

Margaret Seagrest (long time visitor) health issues.

Everleigh Self (Tammy Tamez's granddaughter) Soto's syndrome

Mary Ella Sirmon (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.

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.

Lisa Wallace (Bath's niece) breast cancer. Having a mastectomy.

Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.

Junius Wells (Jeneen Anderson's father) final stage of heart failure.

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

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

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