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## The Lord Is My Shepherd

**Psalm 23:1** The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Psalm 23:2** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**Psalm 23:3** He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Psalm 23:4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Psalm 23:5** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Psalm 23:6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

How do you read this Psalm? How do you read the Bible? How do you consider God?

When you read, "The Lord is my shepherd", do you think, "Well, where is he?" Thus calling God into question for not being what and where you would have him to be.

Or do you think, "Is he **my** shepherd?" Calling yourself into question and asking, "Am I really allowing him to lead me?"

The real question is, "Do I want God to be what I want him to be, or am I striving to be what he wants me to be?"

-Dewayne

### Upcoming Events:

**RCOC Virtual Game Night**  
Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Contact David Dorantes, [jdave.dorantes@gmail.com](mailto:jdave.dorantes@gmail.com) for more information. We will be playing a kahoot on Disney Characters. Test your knowledge!

## Weekly Social Distancing Schedule

Over the past few weeks we have been working to create a regular schedule for our children's ministry to provide Bible content and fun activities for our kids.

Be on the lookout for email and videos throughout the week. Here is a run down of what to expect each week.

### Zoom Calls with Mr. Eric

Each week Mr. Eric will be holding Zoom meetings with our children's bible classes. This will be a time for our kids to connect with each other and share a Bible story together with Mr. Eric.

#### Zoom meeting schedule:

Thursdays– Kindergarten @ 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays– 1st & 2nd grade @ 11:00 a.m.

Fridays– 3rd & 4th grade @ 10:00 a.m.

Fridays– 5th & 6th grade @ 11:00 a.m.

### Adventure Club and Preteen Videos

Each week we will also be creating video content for our preteens and Adventure Club kids. Josh Steed will continue to present a short devo thought for our preteens. Mr. Eric will be sending out videos for our Adventure Club kids to watch. Be on the lookout for these videos in your email and on the children's ministry Facebook page. Each week we will also try to send out a bible lesson that can be enjoyed by all our kids and families.

Finally, if you would like to set up time to Facetime or Zoom with Mr. Eric one-on-one please reach out to him at [eric@riverchasechurch.org](mailto:eric@riverchasechurch.org). Mr. Eric is happy to set up 15 minute chats to stay connected with your kids.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Stay safe!

## Take Root

Scott Pruitt

<sup>5</sup> *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 NIV)*

**What does it mean to remain?** To abide, to wait for, await one.

John 15:5 has been a special verse to me for years, and it is extra special, because Willow and Saylor Lambert painted me a picture of this verse and put it in a rustic wooden frame for my office. It is next to my light switch so I see it every day. Over the past few weeks, we have all experienced new and different routines, habits, and adjustments to schedules.

**How is your "abiding" going?** I pray that one thing that hasn't changed, but only developed deeper, is your connection with Jesus. He is certainly worth waiting for. Several have called me and shared their fears, disappointments, worry and at times, anxiety. John 15:5 is a practical verse that offers a valuable and timeless solution to whatever we are facing when times seem dark and dim. How? In order for abiding to take root, we must ensure the vine has been planted in good soil (our heart). In due season, your life will flourish and grow, bearing fruit, attitudes that reflect Christ, and strong branches (mindsets) that demonstrate who you belong to and are rooted in.

I certainly didn't hang this picture next to the light switch, because it was the only space in my office. The picture was hung there, because it consistently reminds me that He is the light. Similarly to plants needing light to grow, our lives need the Light of this world to radiate His blessings and to remind us that we've got to put in the time and effort to ensure that we are allowing Him to be rooted deep. Try to enjoy these "different" times as we all have the opportunity to spend quality and quantity time with Him. We certainly need each other so reach out, make some facetime calls to others who could certainly use some encouragement.

Stay Healthy. Stay Safe. Take Root in Him.

### God Is In Control

*John 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (NIV)*

What is troubling you? Are you restless? Is your mind going a thousand miles per hour? These are questions I have asked myself recently. These are questions I have heard from other people as well. Why is it so hard to find peace in a world where there's turmoil, and endless danger? Just before he was going to die, Jesus did the most amazing thing anyone could do for their friends and loved ones. First, He was going to send The Holy Spirit to remind them of everything Jesus did and taught. Second, Jesus gave them a new sense of peace, a peace that is different from the world. And third He commanded them to not let their heart be troubled or afraid.

How can we do all these things? First, we need to rely on God's wisdom and God's words. We need to trust what He says! We need to soften our hearts to pick up and grab onto His peace, He was giving it, but it is up to us get a hold of it. Third, we need to take control of our hearts. Tell your heart to not be afraid, tell your heart to not be troubled, when you feel distressed and troubled, tell yourself, that your God has it under control.

- David

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of our dear sister, **Martha Mann**. A memorial service will be at a later time.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Kyle and Heather Cotton and family** in the death of Kyle's grandmother, Donnie Bell Nelson Doss. A private graveside will be Wednesday, April 15, in Brilliant, Alabama.



## Online Giving

We now have the ability to give on-line.

Go to our website:  
[www.riverchasechurch.org](http://www.riverchasechurch.org)

and click on the graphic that says "online giving".



## Electronic Bill Board

We now are advertising Riverchase Church of Christ on the electronic bill board just in front of our building. This was suggested by several in our outreach meetings.



## Agape Run for a Mom

We are excited to announce that the **10th Anniversary Run for a Mom 10K, 5K, and Fun Run is still on!** We will now be hosting a VIRTUAL race so that you can still participate from wherever you are located. Join or create your own team now and save \$5 per person. Use promo code **Riverchase** to save 10% off your total until April 24. For more details and to register go to [runformom.org](http://runformom.org) or email [5k@agapeforchildren.org](mailto:5k@agapeforchildren.org)

## GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR

The grief and loss seminar has been postponed until a later date.

## For the Record

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Bible Study	---
Early Worship	---
Late Worship	---
Total Sunday Morning	---
Sunday Night	---
Contribution	\$41,207.58
YTD Average	\$36,137.08
Budget	\$37,500.00

## A Message From One Of Our Elders Frank Wampol

Things were going great! Just as planned, success. But it all suddenly changed. This isn't what I expected, this can't be right! I'm worried, alone, and the "what-ifs" are nonstop. So here I sit, under this tree, dejected. God, please just take me now. It can't get worse. No, this is not a description of me in the current situation. I'm describing the prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19.

We all seem to take on more than our share of worry sometimes, perhaps now is no exception. If we could only see tomorrow. God's mercy and grace is timely, always there when needed. (Hebrews 4:16). Our loving Father will always do the right thing at His right time for His children. Scripture is filled with examples of those who were unsure about tomorrow, and our Father always comes through!

So what was God's prescription for the worried Elijah? First - compassion, rest, and nutrition. Then a restored focus on serving others. In Matthew 6:34 Jesus states, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself." I know, easy to say but hard to do. Remember that His Word is a lamp unto our feet, sometimes it only lights the path showing our next step. It is not a crystal ball for us to see into the future. But this we absolutely do know, He leads me in paths of righteousness (Psalm 23). He is in the lead. He holds the future. You are in His hand and know that He is God. Good things are coming.

By the way... Elijah's story of worry, became a whirlwind of victory!



## Riverchase Family:

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

- FTG #1:** Rejetta Balentine, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Ollie Scott, Michelle Whitaker
- FTG #2:** Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Victor & Glinda Boone, Vonda Cook, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith
- FTG #3:** David Bath, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, Billy Gaines, Angie Guffey, Martha Johnston, Nona Miller
- FTG #4:** Jeff Carroll, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Ruby Lakeman, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider
- FTG #5:** Beverly Strange, Ron Waddell
- FTG #6:** Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Michelle Dichiara, Don & Shirley Genry, Don Greer, Addie Jackson, Grover Jackson, Sarah Wolford
- FTG #7:** Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Tim Parker, Jerry Sharp

### ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

- Gladys Akers** (David Akers mother) health issues.
- Noreen Anderson** (Jina O'Clair's mother) health issues.
- Alice Ball** (Michael Ball's mother) acute myeloid leukemia, chemo.
- Joe Belmont** (Johnny's father) lung cancer.
- Toby Blackwood** (friend of Ollie and Mary Scott) cancer.
- Joy Borland** (Twila Bedgood's sister) cancer.
- Jessica Brown** (Glenda's daughter in law) breast cancer.
- Patsy Burks** (Rhonda Ball's mother) eye issues.
- Randy Chew** (Missy Wright's dad) heart related issues.
- Cathy Crittenden** (Dee Davis' friend) brain tumor.
- Jerry Earnest** (Handley's friend) cancer.
- Bob Edwards** (Ron Steen's cousin) MDS.
- G. Estes** (friend of Pitchford's) chemo.
- Jan Hall** (Helen Haskew's sister - in - law) health issues.
- Eli Hairston** (Teen in Chelsea) brain trauma from a golf cart accident.
- Jane Harrison** (Peggy Hendley's sister in law) heart issues.
- Bob Hull** (Howe's brother-in-law ) cancer.
- Valari Lagrone** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) 3rd degree burns on both hands.
- Becky Morris** (Rodney Morris' sister in law) cancer.
- Myra Myrick** (Pam Wampol's aunt) ovarian cancer.
- Lauren Orth** (David Orth's sister) health issues.
- Cecil Parker** (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) liver disease.
- McKenzie Ray** (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.
- Ronnie Rogers** (CJ Rogers father - college student) brain cancer.
- Pattie Ryan** (Sarah Pate's mother) melanoma.
- Margaret Seagrest** (long time visitor) health issues.
- Mary Ella Sirmon** (The Sirmon's granddaughter) seizures.
- Lisa Wallace** (Bath's niece) breast cancer.
- Carol Watson** (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.
- Raymond White** (Cindy Thompson's cousin) health problems.
- Ann Winsett** (Brett Moran's grandmother) heart issues.
- Joseph Wright** (Stephen Wright's father) health issues.



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## **This week at Riverchase:**

### **All Events Have Been Cancelled Until Further Notice**

#### **Please continue to remember in prayer:**

**Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Joan Harris** (Betz's friend), **Richard Howe** (Steve's dad), **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).

#### **Please pray for our active duty deployed military:**