

Congratulations to our 2020 College Graduates

Congratulations to **Jocelyn Dillard** who graduated from Loyola University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration with a minor in Studies in Ethics and Moral Philosophy. She is the daughter of Michael and Jennifer Dillard.

Congratulations to **Leslie Golden** who graduated from Samford University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science Administration.

Congratulations to **Davis Hammett** who graduated from The University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems and a Minor in Cyber Criminology. He is the son of Jonathan and Suzanne Hammett and the grandson of Lou Powell.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Hill** who graduated from University of Alabama in Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-Medical Engineering. He is the son of Danny and Rebecca Hill.

Congratulations to **Emily Howe** who graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She is the daughter of Steve and Lydia Howe.

Congratulations to **Anna Milliron** who graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor of Fine Art with a focus in Painting and Art History. She is the daughter of Leif and Amy Milliron.

Congratulations to **Connor Porterfield** who graduated from University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Science in Health Administration. He is the son of Stephen and Donna Porterfield.

Congratulations to **Wes Sandlin** who graduated from University of Idaho with a Masters in Geology. He is the son of Troy and Dee Sandlin.

Congratulations to **Sara Taylor** who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration Marketing and a minor in Philanthropy and Non Profit Studies. She is the daughter of Tim and Amy Taylor.

Congratulations to **Kenzie Thompson** who graduated from Harding University with a Masters of Education in Reading with Dyslexia Therapy Endorsement. She is the daughter of Matt and Paige Thompson.

Congratulations to **Kelly Watts** who graduated from The University of Montevallo with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. She is the wife of Carl Watts.

Family Fort Devotional

Below is a family devotional idea for you to use this week. Text a picture of your family fort to Eric! We hope you enjoy this devotional time together.

1. **Play:** Build a pillow and blanket fort together as a family. Make it big enough for the whole family. Gather snacks and your family Bible and get cozy!
2. **Read:** Read together Hebrews 1:1-2. If you have a storybook Bible read Jonah and the Big Fish or read Jonah 1-4.
3. **Ask:** Review the story with these questions:
 - What did God command Jonah to do?
 - Instead of obeying God, what did Jonah do?
 - After the fish spat out Jonah what did he do?
 - When Jonah sat outside the city, what did God use to teach Jonah a lesson?
 - In the new testament Jesus came as the Messenger to tell sinful people to turn away from their sins, how are Jonah and Jesus similar? How are they different?
4. **Pray:** Pray for each family member to always try to obey God. Pray that you can choose to do what is right. Pray for any other needs in your family.

Zoom Meetings

We will continue having Zoom meetings for our kids on Thursday and Friday mornings. If you need the sign-in information please email eric@riverchasechurch.org

Zoom Schedule:

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. 4 & 5 year olds
11:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Grade
Friday: 10:00 a.m. 3rd & 4th Grade
11:00 a.m. 5th & 6th Grade

Summer Awaits

Scott Pruitt

Thank you so much for your patience as we navigate uncharted waters in regards to upcoming Summer events in the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I have been in discussion with **Maywood Camp**, and they remain in a waiting period until Governor Ivey addresses the state on May 15. The Maywood Board will meet on May 16 to make a final decision at that point, and in what capacity we will be able to participate in camp.

Uplift has made a decision to only have one session on July 16-19, but only through a limited capacity. On April 17, the Governor of Arkansas issued a directive prohibiting summer camps through May 31, and Uplift is currently under that directive. On May 31, the Governor will announce whether camps may be held in June and forward. You can go to www.upliftonline.com for updates.

Summer Interns have been confirmed, but we have not determined at this time when it will be appropriate to bring them into Birmingham. It will most likely be later in the Summer. [We continue searching for housing for 2 of them, Male Youth Intern and Children's Intern.](#) Please consider [housing one of them, if at all possible.](#) The Youth Interns are **Luke Truitt** and **Hope Hendrix**. The Children's Intern is **Hallie Whitesides**.

BigHouse Retreat remains as scheduled.

In regards to the **Senior Banquet**, we will have a banquet, but most likely towards the end of the summer. I have received most of the pictures at this time, and I thank you for getting those sent into me. I promise, I will update you with definite date as soon as restrictions are lifted, and we are able to have an event such as this. Many have asked how many seniors we have this year. We have twelve and below are the names as you shop for graduation gifts.

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| 1. Caroline Carter | 7. Lexie Fowler |
| 2. Sarah Click | 8. Tennyson Guffey |
| 3. Wyatt Combs | 9. Reese Johnson |
| 4. Brooks Cotton | 10. Christian Lester |
| 5. Kennedy Edwards | 11. David Ledingham |
| 6. Jacqueline Ferrari | 12. Madelynn Tuech |

C4

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." (NIV)

The Gospel is the dynamite, it is the power of God to save. Thinking about powerful explosives I think of C4, which is a plastic explosive that can penetrate armored vehicles. When I think of the Gospel, I believe that it can break the toughest of hearts. There are four things that make the Gospel effective. The Gospel has 4 c's which make it effective for salvation to any person who believes. The first C is Christ, the second C is the Cross, the third C is the church and last C is courage.

Christ is the most important component for salvation. Without Him there's no salvation and redemption. The cross is important in order to remind us of the great price and how much His sacrifice needs to be appreciated. The Church is important because God's power and God's love is channeled through there. We are the church; we are God's vessels to help people come to believe. Courage is important, for it is what is needed to confess and live a life worthy of the Gospel. We need courage everyday to live as a Christian.

David

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Greg and Jean Coker and their family** in the death of Greg's father, Wayne Coker. The family will have a private graveside service.



Online Giving

We now have the ability to give on-line.

Go to our website:
www.riverchasechurch.org

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

A Message From One Of Our Elders Tim Parker

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:20

Comforting words, promising words from Christ to those who believe in Him.

We are temporarily a congregate of twos and threes. Yet we are still the congregation that normally meets at the Riverchase building. It's easy now to recognize the glorious makeup of the Church.

Congregations scattered around the world for the purpose of worshipping God. Gathered together in his, Christ name.

I feel we can now see, in a minuscule comparison, what God sees. Even though we are scattered within our own homes, we still, through the technical advancements of the day, meet together as one, for one purpose, to worship God.

He sees individual congregations as one, the Church, the Body of Christ all worshipping him. "Where two or three are gathered in His name", repeated throughout the world; One Body, one Church.

Through the Law they had to "go to worship". It's so good to know that even though, as an inspiration to others as well as ourselves, we gather together to Worship, we know that through Christ we can just Worship.

What a wonderful lesson we can have coming out of our world wide pandemic. There is good. We just need to open our eyes and see it.

God still shows himself to us in various ways.

For the Record

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Bible Study	---
Early Worship	---
Late Worship	---
Total Sunday Morning	---
Sunday Night	---
Contribution	\$27,968.79
YTD Average	\$35,749.91
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Words can not express my appreciation for the outpouring of love during my recent shoulder surgery. The visits at the hospital, the call of concern and the card of Get Well lifted my spirits more than you will know. Our deepest love to this wonderful family in Christ.

Love,

Terry Pruitt



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 runforamom.org or email 5k@agapeforchildren.org

Riverchase Church of Christ Live Streaming

During this period in which we are unable to meet in the building, worship services and devotionals will be broadcast at the following dates and times:

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

The broadcasts will be available on Riverchase's webpage, Facebook page, YouTube and Vimeo. Recordings of all services will continue to be available under the sermons section on our website. www.riverchasechurch.org.



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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:

Riverchase Family:

John Bearden (#2) heart related issues.
Edy Chaney (#4) health issues.
Judy Masoner (#4) cervical cancer. Chemo.
Bobby Thomas (#5) will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 13, at Grandview.

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 Diciara, 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.