



“My Shepherd”

“The Lord is my shepherd...” (Psalm 23)

For David, the Lord was his provider, his soul restorer, his guide, his protector, his comforter, his source of goodness and mercy.

What is He for me?

What is He for you?

-Dewayne

Thought Questions Sunday, February 21, 2021

Ecclesiastes 12

Tom Steed

- In what ways do you “feel your age”? How did you notice the change to your next age group?
- What did you think of Dear Abby’s definition of middle age? About six years older than I am now until about sixty—then, about my age more or less. Would “maturity” be a better description than middle age?
- Do people feel that they are “entitled” to seventy or eighty years of life?
- How much (what percentage?) of our emphasis should be on making this world a better place and what percentage should be on preparation for eternity? Can we do both equally? What is the criteria for your answer?

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- Please pray for Eric and Leah Gott as they recover from COVID.
- Parents of 6th Graders: There will be a teen parent meeting on Sunday, February 21, 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please plan to attend to get updates on the Spring and Summer Teen Calendar.

Teen

- Parent Meeting: We will have a meeting on Sunday, February 21, 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- JR/SR Retreat: Friday – Sunday, March 5-7, Marshall Retreat Center, Guntersville, Alabama. Cost:\$55.00

College

- Volleyball: Friday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Little Things Josh Steed

Acts 6:8-10 ⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

We studied Acts 6 with the pre-teens on Sunday. The kids and I talked about how many good things the church does, and it is important for certain people to use their gifts to meet the needs of the community so that others can focus on proclaiming the word of God. I'm thankful to all those in the church who do many "little" things to further the kingdom of God.

We also talked about arguing. The kids shared who they argued with the most (usually a sibling) and what they argued about (usually opinions or inconsequential things). I believe it is important that we demonstrate and teach our children when and how to argue. When we disagree, it's important to be like Stephen and remember the following:

1. Be full of God's grace (what we say is just as important as how we say it)
2. Stick to the facts (find common ground)
3. Remain calm (see point 1)
4. Hold to the Truth (However, if it's an opinion, value the person over the point)



We will have a meeting for ALL Parents of **current 6th - 12th graders** Sunday, **February 21, 5:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center to discuss the Spring and Summer Calendar of Events. **YES...**Parents of 6th Graders are invited, too, because we promote at the end of Spring Quarter. **We really need all parents to attend.** This will also be the time that parents get to sign up for all Spring and Summer events. Masks will be required and we will be socially distancing.



**TEEN JR/SR RETREAT
MARSHALL RETREAT CENTER
GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
MARCH 5-7, 2021
COST: \$55.00**

God Is...

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (ESV)

What does this verse say about God? When we look back at how God punished and disciplined Israel in the past because of their sins, we can also see that God forgives and restores. In this verse, God shows his love for a repentant people. He is about to rebuild Israel, making a way where no one thinks is possible. God is going to create water where people believe there can be none.

I believe we forget sometimes what God can do. God is all powerful and almighty. Why do we doubt Him? It's true that sometimes we are broken, and it's also true that sometimes we feel beaten down, but our God delights in restoring the broken. So think about this, when you feel broken, if you come to God, He will restore you. Forget the past and look forward to what God can do in your life. God is good!

- David



Bill and Shirley McMillan
Proudly announce the birth of their great granddaughter, Embree Kate Smith. She was born Thursday, February 11. She weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. The proud parents are Jarred and Kaitlyn Smith. The proud grandparents are Greg and Wendy Cromeens.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Fred and Carolyn Langdon** in the death of Fred's sister, Sarah Carol Watson. There will be a visitation on Wednesday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., followed by the funeral at 12:00 p.m. The visitation and funeral will be at Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Mobile, Alabama.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Tim and Linda Varner** in the death of Tim's father, Tom Varner. There will be a graveside service on Thursday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. at Jefferson Memorial.

SISTERS DAY 2021 A VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

With the 2020 COVID pandemic and resulting isolation, the need for spiritual encouragement and deepening of our faith is more important than ever. Ladies, join us for a virtual Bible study on "Finding Peace" with guest speaker and Christian author Lori Boyd. Choose any date to access the study – maybe a quiet evening to yourself, or enjoy the 1.5-hour study with a mother, sister, daughter or friend. You pick the day and time to go online. Please visit www.sistersdaybiblestudy.org to access the Bible study. Also, if you are participating, be sure to pick up an accompanying care package from the tables in the front and west wing foyers of the church. If you wish to receive a care package in the mail, email your address to office@riverchasechurch.org. Supplies are limited. For questions, please contact Tim or Katie Yaeger.



Welcome to the Family

Welcome to **Charles and Charlotte Gilbert** (FTG #6) who recently placed membership. Their address is 273 Apple Ford Road, Helena, Alabama 35022. Charles' phone number is 205-260-7579 and Charlotte's is 423-903-5331.

For the Record Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:00 Worship	70
9:30 Worship	166
11:00 Worship	66
Total Sunday Morning	292
Sunday Night	162
Contribution	\$37,442.65
YTD Average	\$43,583.28
Budget	\$37,500.00

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful pink and white spray that was sent in mother's honor. In addition, thank you for the many cards, phone calls, and texts that we received supporting us during this time.

Whether it be sickness or health, sadness or joy, Riverchase Church of Christ is always there to support their family.

Love,

Steve Frye and Family

Dear Riverchase Family,

Thank you so much for the many thoughtful cards and countless prayers sent to Linda Martin during her illness. You were a constant encouragement to her and continue to be to us. We are overwhelmed at the love and thoughtfulness of our brothers and sisters at Riverchase! We thank God for you!

Love,

Michael and Martha
Bixler Martin and the
family of Linda Martin

Special Service Project

To honor the healthcare heroes at **Shelby Baptist Medical Center**, the ladies ministry committee invites you to bring individually wrapped store-bought or homemade treats to the reception room by Sunday, February 28. Goodies will be delivered March 1.

Upcoming Events

- **Volleyball:** Friday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Dorcas Club:** Saturday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen Parent Meeting:** Sunday, February 21, 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen Jr/Sr. Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, March, 5-7, Marshall Retreat Center.
- **Bridal Tea for Faith Sibert:** Sunday, March 7, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the Reception Room. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Magnolia's.

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This week at Riverchase

Friday, February 19

- Volleyball

Saturday, February 20

- Dorcas Club

Sunday, February 21

- Teen Parent Meeting

Tuesday, February 23

- Ladies' Bible Class

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), **Claudia Sibert** (John's mother).

Please pray for our active duty deployed military:

RIVERCHASE FAMILY

David Bath (#3) recovering from kidney surgery.

Bertha Bell (#2) in Brookwood Hospital with heart issues.

Angela Davis (#7) will have shoulder surgery on Tuesday, February 23.

Al Gardner (#6) health issues.

Eric and Leah Gott (#4) recovering from COVID.

Terry Pruitt (#2) will have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 16, at St. Vincent's.

Lisa Ward (#7) recovering from COVID.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Charles Bates, Lynda Cardwell, Angie Dickinson, Keith Dunn, Michelle Whitaker

FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, John Bearden, Bertha Bell, Victor Boone, Kay Kolb, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith, Bob Snider, Doris Tucker

FTG #3: David Bath, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, David Hare, Martha Johnston, Nona Miller, Stephen Wright

FTG#4: Jeff Carroll, Susan Chaney, Vonda Cook, Elaine Evans, Gary Evans, Bill Hester, Alan Jackson, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider

FTG #5: Tami Picantine, Beverly Strange, Ron Waddell

FTG #6: Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Michelle Diciara, Don & Shirley Genry, Don Greer, Jo Jackson, Grover Jackson, Sarah Wolford

FTG #7: Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley, Peggy Jackson, Lori Lambert, Candy Parker, Tim Parker, Jerry Sharp, Katie Yaeger

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

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

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

Bob Edwards (Ron Steen's cousin) MDS.

Kristy Elliott (Staci Kolb's sister) mental health issues.

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

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

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

Billy Helms diagnosed with NASH.

Margie Martin (Alan Jones aunt) COVID.

Myra Myrick (Pam Wampol's aunt) ovarian cancer.

Jimmy Myrick (Pam Wampol's uncle) stroke.

Cecil Parker (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) liver disease.

Ruby Pitts (Dana Keith's mother) Alzheimer's.

McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

Faye Reeves (Paula Davis' mother) stroke.

Ronnie Rogers (CJ Rogers father - college student) brain cancer.

Pattie Ryan (Sarah Pate's mother) melanoma.

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

Tricia Shanlever (The Hare's daughter) liver issues.

Jimmy Shikle (Helen Haskew's nephew) will have triple bypass heart surgery on Wednesday, February 17.

Pauline Strickland (Pam Williams friend) immunotherapy.

Lisa Wallace (Bath's niece) breast cancer.

Carol Watson (Fred Langdon's sister) lymphoma.

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

Carolyn Wilkerson (Julie Speegle's mother) will have a TCAR for blocked carotid artery.