



## Groundhog Day

*<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.*

*(Genesis 1:14-15 ESV)*

How about that? God set the sun, moon and stars in the heavens and they were made by him to control the seasons, days and years. This was on the 4th day of creation and the groundhog was not made until the 6th day of creation.

Plus, the tradition of Groundhog Day says the groundhog "wakes up" from hibernation and if he sees his shadow he goes back to hibernation and winter will not end for about six more weeks. It seems to me that on February 2, Punxsutawney Phil is awakened instead of simply waking up.

Also, six weeks from February 2, gets us very close to March 20, which this year is God's planned spring equinox. That means the sun will be above the equator and we will have equal periods of day and night and we will call it the beginning of Spring. The earth will continue its tilt toward the sun until it reaches the peak of that tilt on June 21, the first day of summer and the longest day of the year for the northern hemisphere of the earth.

Man made traditions and superstitions can be fun. But they do not replace what God has actually done and said.

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, February 5, 2:15 p.m.
- **Valentine Family Supper:** Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Friendship Banquet:** Friday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Gotts.

### Teens

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday February 1, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$3.00. Menu: Fiesta Chicken
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, February 5, 2:15 p.m.

### College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **If you would like to Adopt a College Student please contact Dalton Wright.**

# Valentines Family Supper

Wednesday, February 8  
6:00 p.m. | Family Life Center

All children are encouraged to bring Valentines to pass out to the other kiddos. We will provide bags to decorate for your Valentine collection.

# Sign-Up Season Begins!

## WINTER RETREAT

February 17th - 19th  
Cost: \$50

**"TOGETHER"**

## Friendship Banquet

5th & 6th Graders are invited to the Gott's house  
Friday, February 10  
6:00 p.m.  
*See you there!*

## Honduras

Priority will go to Seniors  
We only have 15 spots!  
Deadline: February 12th

Give Kids the World Village

## GIVE KIDS THE WORLD

June 2nd - 9th

Deadline: February 22nd  
\$100 deposit when you sign-up  
Spots are first available to the Seniors!

## Christian Parenting Conference

Riverchase Church of Christ  
February 25th

### Schedule

- 8:30 - Coffee and Doughnuts
- 9:30 - Welcome & First Keynote
- 10:30 - Breakout class
- 11:30 - Lunch
- 12:30 - Breakout Class
- 1:30 - Second Keynote
- 2:30 - Closing Remarks

## JUNIOR / SENIOR Retreat

APRIL 21ST - 23RD  
COST - \$50

**Six Flags**

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

## Volunteer & Parent BANQUET

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 DINNER STARTS AT 6PM

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Jeff and Cindy Carroll, Don and Shirley Genry and Frances Lewis** in the passing of **Cindy's** father and **Shirley and Frances'** brother, Ralph Bearden. The funeral was last week in Hoover, Alabama.



## Livewires!

Need to sign-up **ASAP** for the Trip to Atlanta, Georgia, Chick-fil-a Backstage Tour and for the play "Steel Magnolias". Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

## Deacon Nomination:

### A Special Servant for a Specific Service

#### 1 Timothy 3

The Riverchase church has need to appoint additional Deacons to serve the Lord's church here. The Eldership has begun meeting with qualified candidates. We sincerely request participation from our church family in this important process.

#### Instructions:

- Pray for the effort to select servant leaders for the Lord's work here at Riverchase.
- Prayerfully review the Biblical qualifications for Deacon as established in 1 Timothy 3:1-13. The candidate also should be eager and willing to serve.
- Confirm directly with the candidate(s) their desire to serve in this capacity.
- Complete the form that is in the foyers to include the name of the candidate along with your name. Submit only those with whom you have prayerfully considered and confirmed as described above.
- Submit the completed form to any Elder no later than **Sunday, February 12, 2023.**

## Trail Blazers

Members who are not already active in the children's ministry, teen ministry or *LiveWires!*, are invited to learn more about a new group forming at Riverchase called the Trailblazers. The focus is to deepen friendships among this large group through small dinners, shared Bible studies, activities and/or volunteer opportunities. Information is in your church mailbox. For those interested, please complete the activities page attached to the informational letter and be sure to write your name, phone and email on the sheet before returning to the mailbox of Susan Arvin, Dee Sandlin or Janie Slaughter. **PLEASE RETURN THE BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**



**LIVEWIRES!  
AND  
FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
Friday, February 3,  
5:30 p.m.  
In the Reception Room.

## For the Record

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Bible Study	307
Early Worship	230
Late Worship	326
Total Sunday Morning	556
Sunday Night	185
Contribution	\$27,679.16
YTD Average	\$44,660.94
Budget	\$38,500.00

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, cards and text messages during the loss of my mother, Shirley Black. I appreciate everyone who made the trip to the visitation and/or the funeral. It warms my heart to have such a caring church family.*

*In Christian Love,  
Donna Strickland  
and Family*

*Dear Church Family,*

*We would like to take this time to say thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards of concern for Art as he is still battling numbness in his legs.*

*We think the doctors have stopped the progression of this illness, but he may be plagued with its results from now on. Only God...at this juncture knows the real answer.*

*Love,  
Art & Jackie Mathews*



## Baby Shower

We will have a baby shower for **Davis and Abby Hammett**, Sunday, February 5, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and Amazon.

## Upcoming Events

- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$3.00.
- **LiveWires! And Family Game Night:** Friday, February 3, 5:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, February 4, 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Home Builders Pot Luck Lunch:** Sunday, February 5, after late service in the Family Life Center.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, February 5, 2:15 p.m.
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## **This week at Riverchase**

### **Wednesday, February 1**

- Teen Supper

### **Friday, February 3**

- *LiveWires!* And Family Game Night
- Volleyball

### **Saturday, February 4**

- Men's Prayer Breakfast

### **Sunday, February 5**

- Home Builders Lunch
- LTC Practice
- Hammett Baby Shower

### **Tuesday, February 7**

- Ladies' Bible Class

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

**Patricia Anderson** (former member), **Tommie Cleghorn** (Jay's mother), **Martha Manwarring** (former member)

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

## **RIVERCHASE FAMILY**

**Jim Bosarge (#3)** recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Paula Davis (#7)** breast cancer.

**Mike Fowler (#5)** advanced stage melanoma.

**Yuton Flynn (#4)** multiple myeloma.

**Martha Johnston (#1)** cancer.

**Lisa Lillie (#7)** cancer treatments.

**Jean Marshall (#1)** lung cancer.

**Jane Spivey (#6)** receiving cancer treatments.

## **CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:**

**FTG #1:** Rejetta Balentine, Anna Chabert, Martha Johnston, Jean Marshall, Mary Smith, Jeanne Vise, Jim Wamack, Michelle Whitaker

**FTG #2:** Glenda Arnold, Charles Bates, John Bearden, Pat Bearden, Victor Boone, Bill Crane, Meredith Hutchinson, Kay Kolb, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith, Bob Snider, Jane Snider, Doris Tucker, Bob Winter

**FTG #3:** Shirley Bailey, Ruth Bath, Becky Carter, Peggy Gaines, Gaston Green, David Hare

**FTG #4:** Jeff Carroll, Susan Chaney, Vonda Cook, Bill Hester, Karen Green, Everleigh Self, Cindy Snider, Bethany Tongate, Shirley Vines

**FTG #5:** Mike Fowler, Beverly Strange

**FTG #6:** Zane Armstrong, Erick Boggs, Don & Shirley Genry, Don Greer, Helen Haskew, Jo Jackson, Cindy Thompson, Sarah Wolford

**FTG #7:** Paula Davis, Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley, Lori Lambert, Lisa Lillie, Denise Newton, Jerry Sharp, Lisa Ward, Jane Windham, Katie Yaeger

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

**Jim Akins** (friend of the Bassett's) in UAB Hospital with 3rd degree burn on 40% of his body.

**Jeanne Anderson** (Win's mom / Jane Spivey's sister in law) health issues.

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

**Lynda Cardwell** (former member) MS.

**Willie Davis** (Dee Davis father) mass on brain.

**Melissa Dees** (David and Susan's daughter) undergoing cancer treatments.

**Jerry Fuller** (Leverett's friend) brain and lung cancer.

**Christina Glover** (Akers Daughter) health problems.

**Chris Gunnels** (Jonathan Hammett's cousin) brain tumor.

**Megan Harrel** (Hendley's daughter) seeking answers for continuing health issues.

**Jimmy Harris** (Theresa Harris husband) health issues.

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

**Luke Mastroianni** (Richard and Susan's son) treatments for pancreatic cancer. 317 Poinciana Drive, Homewood, Alabama, 35209.

**Jan Morgan** (friend of the Akers) lung cancer.

**Cecil Parker** (Rhonda Ball's grandfather) health issues.

**Marsha Parker** (Rhonda Ball's aunt) undergoing chemo.

**Doug Porter** (Ron and Peggy Jackson's son-in-law) health issues.

**McKenzie Ray** (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

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

**Rachel Strickland** (Keith Strickland's step-mother) cancer.

**David & Karen Ulric** (friend's of the Wampol's) pancreatic cancer.

**Susan Smith Wilson** (Gary Evans sister) pancreatic and liver cancer.