



## After God's Own Heart

David, King of Israel, was described as a man after God's own heart. I can imagine other biblical characters who would fall under the same category. What about us? Can we come close to that kind of heart?

How did David get there?

From his childhood he had a deep and abiding faith in God. No doubt this was influenced by his parents. But his faith was also his choice and it was his choice to grow in that faith.

His faith grew in his constant awareness of the things around him. He knew for certain these things were not accidents nor things made by men. He knew God made them and sustained them. He stood in constant wonder and awe of all God had created in the world around him and the heavens above him.

Does our view of the heavens and the earth bring us thoughts of wonder about God?

His faith grew more and deepened in understanding as he devoted himself to the word of God. The word that would become the light of his path and the lamp of his feet. It would be the word that formed his conscience, directed his mind, corrected his mistakes, and gave him the hope of forgiveness and life.

He gave his talents and abilities in praise and devotion to God. His heart was filled with him. No wonder he was the man after God's own heart. Can we get there? Yes, we can, and we even have a better, more perfect example than David. We call him Jesus.

-Dewayne

## Upcoming Events:

### **Adventure Club/Pre-Teen**

- **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.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, February 12, 2:15 p.m.

### **Teens**

- **Sweetheart Banquet:** Saturday February 11, 10:00 a.m. Reception Room
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, February 12, 2:15 p.m.
- **Winter Retreat:** Friday, February 17-19
- **Area Wide Devo:** February 19, Bus will leave at 4:15 to go to Deerfoot Church of Christ

### **College**

- **Volleyball:** Friday, February 17, 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.

# Parents of Teens and Youth Ministry Volunteers!

We want to invite you to a night of thanks for all that you do! Without parents who teach their kids the priority of God in their life, and volunteers who take time to invest in our young people this ministry doesn't happen!

Please scan the QR code below and join us for a night of fun and fellowship. No teens allowed! You serve and work hard all year, this is Riverchase's chance to say thank you!

**Friendship  
Banquet**

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
YOUTH MINISTRY

Volunteer & Parent  
**BANQUET**

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023  
DINNER STARTS AT 6PM

**Molder of  
Dreams**

**Save The Date  
Friday, March 3**

On Sunday we handed out invitations for the Kidmin to give to their teachers and coaches. If you did not receive an invitation, please let Eric Gott or Rachel Mathews know and we will put one in your mailbox.

We need all teachers and children to RSVP by Wednesday, February 22.

We look forward to a great night celebrating the love and hard work that our teachers give to our children.

**SWEETHEART  
Banquet**

Saturday, February 11th  
10:00am in Reception Room  
All widows are invited!

## Prayers

**Dana Keith** came forward Sunday night asking for prayers to continue shining her light to Christ.

## 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.**

## LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

### Sunday, February 12

- 2:15 p.m. – Bible Bowl - Room 154
- 3:00 p.m. – Puppets - Upstairs in the Teen Area
- 3:30 p.m. – Drama - Team 1- Auditorium,  
Team 2 Teen Area,  
Speech/Sermon Delivery - Room 151
- 4:00 p.m. – Scrapbook - Resource Room  
Boys Song Leading - Room 154
- 4:30 p.m. – Signing for the Deaf - Room 154
- 5:00 p.m. – Chorus - Auditorium

## fellowship POTLUCK

### Family Time Fellowship

Family Time Groups 1-3 and 7 will be having a Potluck Fellowship Sunday, February 12, following evening service in the Family Life Center. Please plan on bringing your favorite pot luck meal and enjoy some fellowship time with one another.

## TOTS

Join us on Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. for TOTS. We will meet in the Family Life Center to make bears, then enjoy a potluck lunch together.

## For the Record

Sunday, February 5 2023

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| Bible Study          | 339         |
| Early Worship        | 188         |
| Late Worship         | 350         |
| Total Sunday Morning | 538         |
| Sunday Night         | 226         |
| Contribution         | \$46,021.82 |
| YTD Average          | \$44,887.75 |
| Budget               | \$38,500.00 |

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*We wish to express our gratitude for all those who called and sent cards or flowers during the time of my mother's passing. We sincerely appreciate your care and concern.*

*Love,*

*Mary Sue & Bill Wagner*

*Dear Riverchase Church,*

*Thank you so much for your prayers, phone calls and get-well cards during my recovery from Pacemaker surgery. It is great to be back to worship with everyone.*

*Love,*

*Tami Picantine*

*Dear Riverchase Family,*

*Thank you for all the prayers, food, cards and gifts during my cancer/chemo recovery. Finally NO more chemo, YEA!!*

*Love,*

*Paula Davis & Family*

## Upcoming Events

- **KidMin Family Supper and Valentine Party:** Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Pre-Teen Friendship Banquet/Devo:** Friday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Gott House.
- **Widows Banquet:** Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, February 12, 2:15 p.m.
- **FTG #1,2,3 & 7 Pot luck Dinner:** Sunday, February 12, after evening services in the Family Life Center.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Teen Winter Retreat:** Friday - Sunday, February 17-19, at Children's Harbor.
- **Dorcas Club:** Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. in the Reception Room.

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## **This week at Riverchase**

### **Wednesday, February 8**

- KidMin Family Supper and Valentine Party

### **Friday, February 10**

- PT Friendship Banquet and Devo

### **Saturday, February 11**

- Sweetheart Banquet

### **Sunday, February 12**

- LTC Practice
- FTG #1-3 & #7 Pot luck Dinner

### **Tuesday, February 14**

- TOTS

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

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

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

## **RIVERCHASE FAMILY**

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

**Doug Driskill (#5)** will have out patient hip surgery this week.

**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.

**Pam Pate (#2)** recovering from shoulder surgery.

**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.