



Wisteria

I find myself captivated by Wisteria every year at this time. Partly because it was Cathy's favorite spring time flower. She really like the purple blooms.

But we never planted any and neither does Jane have any interest in planting Wisteria. The opening words of an article from the website Gardenista say it best.

"The charms of wisteria are almost impossible to resist. Lounging languorously over a fence or pergola, she will beckon to you with her heady perfume. Before you know it, her nodding, pendulous blooms have hypnotized you. Soon you are rushing to the nearest garden center, determined to own her, but be warned. Wisteria has a mind of her own.

You would be wise to take the time to get to know this beauty before you commit to her. Like a Jezebel she will steal your heart and then, after you are weakened and besotted with love, she will set about to dominate your garden and, if possible, your house. Take this caveat to heart: she is fully capable of attempting to murder your other plants."

Sounds a lot like the Bible's description of sin, doesn't it? Can we add gossip and dissension?

²⁴ *By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,*
²⁵ *choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,*
²⁶ *considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. (Hebrews 11:24-26 NAU)*

Wisteria reminds us to be like Moses and think of the outcome before we choose to act or talk. (I first wrote this in 2016. It's worth repeating today.)

- Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **KidMin and Family Supper:** Wednesday, March, 8, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Menu: Pizza and Salad.
- **Walk for Christ:** Saturday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. at Pelham Park and Recreation.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, March 12, 2:15 p.m.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, March 19, after second service in the Family Life Center.

Teens

- **Broom Hockey:** Saturday, March 11, 1:15 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.
- **Walk for Christ:** Saturday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. at Pelham Park and Recreation.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, March 12, 2:15 p.m.
- **Area Wide at Hoover:** Sunday, March 19, bus will leave at 4:15 p.m.

College

- **Walk for Christ:** Saturday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. at Pelham Park and Recreation.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **If you would like to Adopt a College Student please contact Dalton Wright.**

KIDMIN FAMILY SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
6:00 p.m.
in the
Family Life Center



JOIN US FOR
LEADERSHIP TRAINING
FOR CHRIST

LTC Hotel and Volunteer forms are due **Sunday, March 12**. Please turn the form and money into Davis Hammett.

There will be a mock Bible Bowl Quiz on Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Molder of Dreams

We are doing a service project for our teachers to celebrate the love they pour into our kids.

If you would like your child to participate, please email Mr. Eric your child's name, teacher's name, and school.

The last day to sign-up will be March 12.

Save the date
EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday March 19
after second service

Parent and Volunteer Thank You Dinner



This is going to be a new event every year where we just gather all of our parents and volunteers and simply thank them for showing up in the lives of our students. Statistics show that a healthy youth ministry has to have at least one active adult per active student to be effective at long term discipleship and Riverchase has shown up!

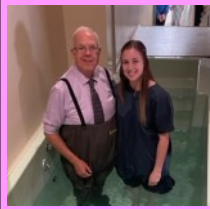
Volunteer of the Year:

This years volunteer of the year is Kim Bassett, the amount of time she has spent working with and on this ministry is unmatched. She works hard, plays hard, and loves hard! Everyone loves her and we are so thankful for her being a part of making this ministry run smoothly and effectively for so many years!

THANK YOU ALL!

Sympathy

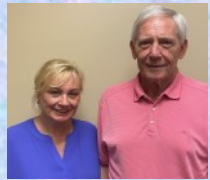
Our sympathy is extended to **Lindsay and Kathy Handley** in the passing of Lindsay's brother, Mitchell Handley. There will be a visitation on Thursday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. followed by a memorial service 11:00 a.m. here at Riverchase Church of Christ.



Congratulations

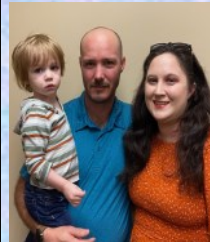
We rejoice with **Chante Sims** who was baptized on Sunday. Chante is the wife of Jonathan Sims. Her address is 4774 Hwy 22, Montevallo, Alabama 35115.

Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Denise Franks** (FTG #2) who recently placed membership. Their address is 675 Lake Crest Drive, Hoover, Alabama 35226. Her phone number is 256-295-8360.

Welcome to the Family



Welcome to **Steven, Elizabeth, Ainsley and Hunter Goodman** (FTG #7) who recently placed membership. Their address is 1265 Kensington Blvd, Calera, Alabama 35040. His phone number is 205-723-8053 Her phone number is 334-703-3219.

Riverchase Cookbook

A new Riverchase "Sharing Our Best" cookbook needs your recipes. Pick 2 or 3 of your favorite recipes, make copies and put them in Luann Spivey's church mailbox or you can email them to her at lulu082981@gmail.com. We are looking forward to reading about all your favorite dishes!



Family Time Fellowship

Family Time Groups # 4-6 will be having a Potluck Fellowship Sunday, March 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.

For the Record

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Bible Study	346
Early Worship	210
Late Worship	297
Total Sunday Morning	507
Sunday Night	134
Contribution	\$59,285.74
YTD Average	\$46,737.48
Budget	\$38,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church of Christ,

The family of Jerry Smelser thanks you for the many prayers for him during his illness. We also thank you for all the prayers, kind words and the numerous cards we have received. A special thank you to the many people who traveled to attend his memorial service. Riverchase is a great church which we are so grateful to be associated with.

Love,

Lou Powell and Sue Crane



Bridal Tea

We will have a bridal tea for **Caitlin Crawford**, bride elect of Devin Hale. Sunday, March 19, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. The happy couple are registered at Amazon and Target.

Upcoming Events

- **KidMin Supper:** Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Menu: Pizza and salad.
- **LiveWires! And Family Game Night:** Friday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Sister's Day:** Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen Broom Hockey:** Saturday, March 11, 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$5.00
- **Walk for Christ:** Saturday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. at Pelham Park and Recreation Center.
- **Daylight Saving Time:** Sunday, March 12.
- **LTC Practice:** Sunday, March 12, 2:15 p.m.
- **Baja Interest Meeting:** Sunday, March 12, 5:00 p.m. in Room 154.
- **FTG #4-6 Fellowship:** Sunday, March 12, after evening service in the Family Life Center.
- **TOTS:** Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Bridal Tea for Caitlin Crawford, Daughter of Chris Crawford:** Sunday, March 19, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the Reception Room. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

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This week at Riverchase

Wednesday, March 8

- Kid Min Supper

Friday, March 10

- *LiveWires!* And Family Game Night

Saturday, March 11

- Sisters' Day
- Teen Broom Hockey
- Walk for Christ

Sunday, March 12

- LTC Practice
- Baja Interest Meeting
- FTG # 4-6 Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, March 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

Yuton Flynn (#4) multiple myeloma.
Mike Fowler (#5) advanced stage melanoma.
Martha Johnston (#1) cancer.
Lisa Lillie (#7) cancer treatments.
Jean Marshall (#1) lung cancer.
Jane Spivey (#6) receiving cancer treatments.
Cheryl Thomas (#5) recovering from back surgery.

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, 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.
Andrea Lantz (Diana Kelley's sister) lung cancer.
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.
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.