



Collection of Baby Items for At-Risk Moms

Riverchase is honored to once again host a Baby Shower for up to 10 special Sav-A-Life expectant moms. We need your help to provide love, support, prayers and of course, lots of gifts to start these babies blessed lives!

Want to help? Look for a sign up sheet on the Ladies' Ministry board to help with decorating, snacks, drinks and gift wrapping. A limited number of hostesses are needed also.

Please consider purchasing some of the following items for the moms, label them and deliver to the gift room by Monday, July 31. Please do not wrap.

- Bath items: Infant bathtub, baby wash, shampoo, lotion, wash cloth/hooded towel.
- * Blankets, bibs and burp clothes.
- * Story Bibles and books for young children.
- * Donations to purchase high chairs and a stroller.

See Robin Harper, LuAnn Spivey or Donya Sanford.

Our Kid Min group will gather diapers and wipes! All extras gathered will be donated to the baby boutique at Sav-A-Life.

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Destination Unknown:** Thursday, July 20, 9:00 a.m. in the West Wing Foyer.
- **Back to School Bash:** Sunday, August 6, in back parking lot.

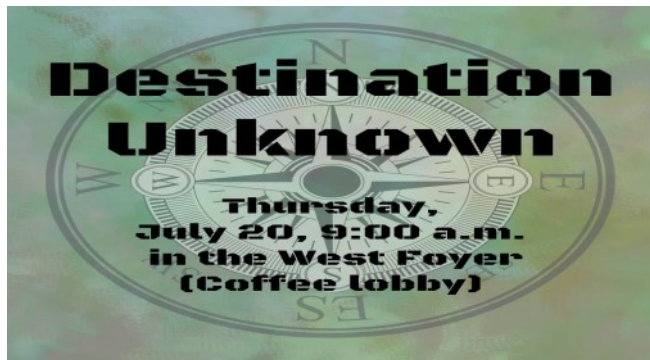
Teens

- **Legacy at Faulkner:** Thursday, July 20-23, leave at 4:00 p.m.
- **Bowling :** Monday, July 24.
- **Trampoline Park:** Thursday, July 27.
- **Big House:** Friday, July 28-31. Leaving at 9:00 a.m.

Involvement

- **New Member Lunch:** Sunday, August 20, after late service in the Reception Room.





Choose Hope, Not Optimism

I'm not much of an optimist. I'm not really a pessimist either. I consider myself more of a realist. Rather than seeing my cup as half empty or half full, I just see an 8 ounce cup that has about 4 ounces left in it.

I think one of the mistakes we can make is mistaking optimism for hope. Throughout the Bible we find language of hope and calls for hope, but we do not see instructions to be optimistic. Being optimistic says, "I think it's going to be okay," and then waits to see what's going to happen. Optimism is dependent upon the uncontrollable working out in your favor. Someone else said, "optimism is a spectator sport."


Hope is something different. God said in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you...plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

God is the provider of hope, not of chance. Paul encouraged the church in Romans 15:13 saying, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

In optimism, there is the understanding that things may not work out for us. However, in hope, we are grateful for what we do not yet have in its entirety. In Romans 12:12, Paul said, "Rejoice in hope."

In the busyness of this life, let us live with conviction and gratitude for the hope that we have.


- Josh



GYM FOYER
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION
 Doors will be locked until further notice.

For the Record
 Sunday, July 16, 2023

Bible Study	324
Early Worship	183
Late Worship	332
Total Sunday Morning	515
Sunday Night	200
Contribution	\$41,263.85
YTD Average	\$39,584.69
Budget	\$38,500.00



Mark and Diane Snow
 Proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter Dovie Lavender Lawson. She was born Saturday, July 15. She weighed 9 lbs. The proud parents are Chris and Amanda Lawson. The proud big sister is Lemon.

Military Card Ministry
 If you have family or friends who are in the military please submit their name, address and birthday to Diana Barnes, Teresa Hare, Dana McCarver, Janet Medley or Pam Williams. We hope this will encourage our service members .



Ladies' Craft Night
 Ever wonder how to quilt, crochet, or arrange flowers and greenery? Enjoy learning while several of our ladies demonstrate their special talent and provide time for you to try some basics yourself. We will have a sign-up list on the Ladies Ministry Board closer to the date to sign up for finger foods or desserts.
 Tuesday, July 25, 6:00 p.m.
 In the Reception Room

2023 TEEN MISSION TRIPS
 June 2-9: Give Kids the World Village in Orlando, Florida a partner with Make a Wish Foundation.
 July 11-18: Mission trip to Honduras working with Family Life Missions.
 Donate by earmarking your check for *Teen Summer Missions* and turning it into the office staff.



Baby Shower
 We will have a baby shower for **Logan and Briley Black**, Sunday, August 6, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at www.babylist.com.



LIVEWIRES! AND FAMILY GAME NIGHT
 Friday, August 11
 5:30 p.m.
 In the Reception Room
 Please bring your favorite finger food.

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH
 For anyone that has placed membership in 2023



August 20th - Following 2nd Service - Reception Room
 Scan code to RSVP or
 Contact josh@riverchasechurch.org



- Upcoming Events**
- **Gym Foyer CLOSED:** Until further notice.
 - **Teen Legacy Retreat:** Thursday - Sunday, July 20-23, in Montgomery, Alabama. Leave at 4:00 p.m.
 - **KidMin Destination Unknown:** Thursday, July 20, 9:00 a.m. meet in the West Wing Foyer.
 - **Teen Bowling:** Monday, July 24.
 - **Ladies' Craft Night:** Tuesday, July 25, 6:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.
 - **Teen Trampoline Park:** Thursday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.
 - **Teen Big House Retreat:** Friday - Monday, July 28 - 31.
 - **Baby Shower for Logan and Briley Black:** Sunday, August 6, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at www.babylist.com. It is a GIRL!!

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PELHAM, AL 35124
PERMIT NO. 197



1868 Montgomery Hwy.
Birmingham, AL 35244
www.riverchasechurch.org

This week at Riverchase

Thursday, July 20

- KidMin Destination Unknown

Thursday - Sunday, July 20 - 23

- Legacy

Monday, July 24

- Teen Bowling

Tuesday, July 25

- Ladies' Craft Night

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.

Larry Foster (#2) recovering at home from a heart attack.

Mike Fowler (#5) advanced stage melanoma.

Martha Johnston (#1) cancer.

Lisa Lillie (#7) cancer treatments.

Cindy Snider (#4) waiting on MRI results from an abnormal EEG.

Cindy Thompson (#6) recovering from hip surgery.

Janie Vires (#4) will have tubes and adenoid surgery on Wednesday, July 19, at Children's hospital.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Martha Johnston, 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 Green, Helen Haskew, Jane Spivey, Cindy Thompson, Sarah Wolford

FTG #7: Paula Davis, Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley, 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) recovering at home from burns on 40% of his body.

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

Donnie Ball (friend of the Cotton's) paralyzed from a swimming accident, in rehab at Shepherd.

Sue Berryhill (Melissa Leverett's grandmother) hospice.

Lynda Cardwell (former member) MS.

Willie Davis (Dee Davis father) mass on brain.

Bobby Engstrom (Keith Strickland's uncle) pancreatic 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.

Cheryl Hill (the Medley's daughter) liver cancer. 235 Odum Crest Lane, Hoover, Alabama 35226.

Samson Landry (friend of the Norris family) non Hodgkin's lymphoma. Room# 820-Q 1600 7th Ave South, Birmingham, Al 35233.

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

Keith Lawler (friend of the Jacksons) multiple myeloma.

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.

Kim Morris (the Morris' daughter) heart issues.

Mary Oehrlein (friend of Cindy Snider) under hospice care.

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

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

McKenzie Ray (friend of Amber Henderson) leukemia.

DeeAnne Rogers (Jeanne Wamack's sister in law) cancer.

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

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

Lorene Tidwell (Keith Strickland's grandmother) health issues.

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