



Abide In The Teachings

¹⁰⁵ *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

¹⁰⁶ *I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.*

(Psalms 119:105-106 ESV)

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

(2 John 1:9 ESV)

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8 ESV)

Three warnings given in scripture. Similar warnings are repeated through out scripture.

God's word has been delivered one time for all time (Jude 1:3).

We know the warnings, yet we are continually surrounded by attempts to turn us away from what God has spoken.

A trusted friend may tell us something they feel God has revealed to them, but it is not in keeping with God's word.

We may have a strong feeling about something we think we should do or not do which is contrary to God's word.

His word is to be the lamp to our feet, not our own thoughts, feelings nor desires.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Back to School Bash:** Sunday, August 6, 5:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.

Teens

- **Trampoline Park:** Thursday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.
- **Big House:** Friday, July 28-31. Leaving at 9:00 a.m.
- There will not be a teen class on Sunday, July 30!!

Involvement

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



Legacy 2023



The Kidmin is collecting diapers and wipes for the Sav-A-Life baby shower. please bring wipes and diapers to the Back to School bash, Sunday, August 6, at 5:00 p.m.



The Kidmin enjoyed their final Destination Unknown to Cook's Museum in Decatur.



There will not be a teen class on Sunday, July 30.

Love

When my grandmother, who we called Granny, passed away several years ago, my mom and her siblings asked me to speak at her funeral. My mom had shared Granny's Bible with me, so I began looking through it for any thoughts she had written down or notes that might shine a light on something found in Scripture or in her faith that was particularly meaningful. On the page of her Bible where 1st Corinthians 13 is found, she wrote the simple question, "Can I put my name where 'love' is." It took me only a moment to realize the answer to the question was "yes." Granny is patient and kind, she does not envy or boast, etc. This was the message I shared in her memory.

The context leading up to what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13 shows a church that struggled with unity. Part of this would be the appearance that its members embraced individualistic mindsets bolstered by their perceived strengths, and whether or not they were superior to the strengths of their neighbors'. Paul settled this first by making clear that no spiritual gift is superior to the others. However, the bigger point was made when he pointed to love as the most excellent way (1 Corinthians 12:31).

Paul stated plainly, "If I do not have love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2). There is no greater characteristic of a person faithful to Christ than love. Paul also made the simple point that, "love never ends" (vs. 8). The love of Christ and the love of those of us who follow him is both defining and indefinite. It is who we are and where we are. Love is what we do and where we stand.

- Josh



For the Record
Sunday, July 23, 2023

Bible Study	306
Early Worship	185
Late Worship	319
Total Sunday Morning	491
Sunday Night	200
Contribution	\$26,983.71
YTD Average	\$39,164.65
Budget	\$38,500.00



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.



Welcome to the Family
Welcome to **Holland Chupek** (FTG #1) who recently placed membership. Her address is 1128 Rue Maison Apt C, Homewood, AL 35209. Her phone number is 251-232-5153.

Por Los Niños Coin Banks

It is that time of the year again, let us give our coins to help support the children of Por Los Niños. You can pick up or return your cans in the hallway by the Front Foyer.

Your participation during these next three months helps make a tremendous difference in the lives of many orphaned children in Honduras. If you haven't participated in the past, please consider doing so. You do not have to sign a can out just pick one up and fill it or make a check to Family Life Missions.

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.



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

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 Trampoline Park:** Thursday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.
 - **Teen Big House Retreat:** Friday - Monday, July 28 - 31.
 - **Teen Supper and Back to School Shopping:** Wednesday, August 2, 5:45 p.m.
 - **KidMin Back to School Bash:** Sunday, August 6, 5:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.
 - **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!!
 - **Sav-A-Life Baby Shower:** Tuesday, August 8, in the Reception Room.

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This week at Riverchase

Thursday, July 27

- Teen Trampoline Park

Friday - Monday, July 28-31

- Teen Big House

Tuesday, August 2

- Teen Supper and Back to School Service Project

Sunday, August 6

- Logan and Briley Black Baby Shower
- KidMin Back to School Bash

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

Erick Boggs (#2) will have back surgery on Thursday, July 27, at Brookwood Hospital.

Yuton Flynn (#4) multiple myeloma.

Mike Fowler (#5) advanced stage melanoma.

Martha Johnston (#1) cancer.

Lisa Lillie (#7) cancer treatments.

Cindy Thompson (#6) recovering from hip surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Martha Johnston, Jeanne Vise, Jim Wamack,

FTG #2: Glenda Arnold, Charles Bates, John Bearden, Pat Bearden, Erick Boggs, Victor Boone, Bill Crane, Meredith Hutchinson, Kay Kolb, Nina Pitchford, Lance Rushing, Bob Smith, Bob Snider, Jane Snider, Michelle Whitaker, 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, 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.

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.