



Josiah's Reform

In the thirty-one years of his rule, King Josiah proved to be a faithful man of God and a great king of Judah. He served God from the beginning as a young king and grew into a greater understanding of God's will and a determination to follow that will.

He made a covenant with God to walk after the Lord and keep all of his commandments, testimonies and statutes. The people of Judah joined him in that covenant.

Josiah went to work and completely reformed Judah. Idols were destroyed, and the laws of God were restored.

That's the exciting and encouraging part.

The sad part? It didn't last.

As soon as Josiah died and his sons ruled in his place, Judah went right back to the idols and ignored their covenant with God. They were soon led into captivity and Jerusalem destroyed.

Was there any good to come from Josiah's reform? Yes, Josiah himself. And then four young men we know as Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Josiah's reform failed because it was a political reform. A powerful king ruled, but hearts were not changed, except for a very few.

We can't change a nation with a political reform. Hearts must be changed. Minds must be brought to the truth of God.

-Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **KidMin Family Supper:** Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Menu: BBQ, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Potatoes, Rolls and Dessert.
- **Church Wide Picnic:** Sunday, September 24, after second service.

Teens

- **Area Wide Devo:** September 17, bus will leave at 4:15 p.m. for Decatur Highway Church of Christ.
- **DEEP:** Friday, September 22-24 at Ashville Road Church of Christ.

Involvement and Young Adults

- **Young Adult Dinner and Devo:** Wednesday, September 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Menu: Pasta Bar.

Kidmin
DIN-DIN

\$3 per person

BBQ green beans mac n cheese

SEPTEMBER 13 | 6:00 P.M.

BIBLE BUDDIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BIBLE BUDDIES ARE BACK! STOP BY THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE NURSERY BETWEEN BIBLE CLASS AND SECOND SERVICE TO ADOPT YOUR NEW BUDDY!

LTC KICKOFF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.
In the Family Life Center

sanctuary

Life of Moses
Exodus-Numbers-Deuteronomy
March 29-31, 2024

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LESSER KNOWN STORIES OF THE BIBLE

speaker
JOHN MCMATH

AT DECATUR HIGHWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST | MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 4:15PM

Teen
Fall Retreat
November 10th-12th

Cost: \$25
Indian Creek Youth Camp

exposure
YOUTH CAMP

Registration ends October 29

Early Registration \$100 | Late Registration \$125
December 27-30

The Post-Christian Problem

I attended the New Day Conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the end of last week with a small group from Riverchase. It was a good conference and I left encouraged about the opportunities we have to fulfill the call of Christ to make disciples. On Friday evening, a group of four college presidents from some of the universities affiliated with the church of Christ served on a panel where they discussed the challenges of Christian education in a culture that is increasingly un-Christian.

One of the questions that was specifically asked is "What is it like to lead a Christian university in a 'post-Christian' world?" All the members of the panel had good answers, but one particularly struck me. President Williams from Harding University answered that it is wrong to refer to the world as "post-Christian." His point was that to refer to our world as post-Christian implies that God, Christ, the church, and the light are gone, but God is very much alive. Jesus is very much alive. His church is very much alive. The light remains on.

The challenge is for us as members of the body is to not allow the enemy in the world to convince us that our life in Christ and our light in the world is not worth sharing.

- Josh


SHARING OUR BEST

If you would like to purchase a cookbook please sign the sheet in the Front or West Wing Foyer and Luann Spivey will deliver it to you. The cost is \$10.00.



Volleyball

Come out and enjoy an evening of volleyball.
Friday, September 15
6:00 p.m.
 In the Family Life Center



Ladies' Ministry

Dorcas Club will meet Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Reception Room. We will be making hygiene kits that Healing Hands International distributes.

Bear Face Painting



If you are interested in learning how to paint faces on the bears for TOTS there will be a class on Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.


MISSIONS MEETING
 Anyone that might be interested in being involved in the mission work we are involved with is invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 17, 5:00 p.m. in room 154.



"Dinner is not just a meal, it is an act of love..."
—Lorenz from Matthew 25:31-46

THE SIX GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY
 LAUREL S. SEWELL

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class
 Ladies Bible Class will begin on Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. We will be studying the book, "The Six Gifts of Hospitality". If you need a book please contact Mary Sue Wagner or Brenda Williams. Babysitting will be provided.



For the Record

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Bible Study	366
Early Worship	198
Late Worship	336
Total Sunday Morning	534
Sunday Night	250
Contribution	\$29,877.83
YTD Average	\$38,775.10
Budget	\$38,500.00

Dear Riverchase Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, phone calls, food and well wishes during my surgery and recovery. I am so thankful for each and everyone of you and love you all.

Love,

Carl Watts

Bridal Tea

We will have a bridal tea for **Madeline Ledbetter**, bride elect of Patrick Patterson and the daughter of **Molly and John Giddens**. Sunday, October 1, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at Pottery Barn, Amazon, Target, Belk, West Elm and TheKnot.com.



Upcoming Events

- **Gym Foyer CLOSED:** Until further notice.
- **KidMin Family Supper:** Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 15, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Dorcas Club:** Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **TOTS Bear Face Painting Class:** Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Missions Meeting:** Sunday, September 17, 5:00 p.m. in Room 154.
- **Teen Area Wide Devo:** Sunday, September 17, Decatur Highway Church of Christ.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.
- **Young Adult/College Dinner:** Wednesday, September 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Teen DEEP:** Friday - Sunday, September 22-24.
- **Bridal Shower for Madeline Ledbetter, bride elect of Patrick Patterson:** Sunday, October 1, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at Pottery Barn, Target, Amazon, Belk, West Elm and The Knot.com.

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This week at Riverchase

Tuesday, September 12

- Pickleball

Wednesday, September 13

- KidMin Family Supper

Friday, September 15

- Volleyball

Saturday, September 16

- Dorcas Club
- TOTS Bear Face Painting Class

Sunday, September 17

- Bible Buddies Kickoff
- Teen Area Wide Devo
- Missions Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

- Ladies' Bible Class

RIVERCHASE FAMILY

Yuton Flynn (#4) multiple myeloma.

Mike Fowler (#5) advanced stage melanoma.

Jan Haefner (#7) in Columbiana Health & Rehab room 26A with health issues.

Martha Johnston (#1) cancer.

Lisa Lillie (#7) cancer treatments.

Jane Snider (#1) in Fair Haven Rehab room 6206 recovering from health issues.

Cheryl Thomas (#5) at home recovering from shoulder surgery.

Jeff Tuech (#6) biopsy on his cheek.

Bob & Liz Winter (#2) in Aspire recovering from surgery for a broken femur and Bob is recovering from COVID.

Elizabeth Whitehead (#3) recovering from a pacemaker surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, Martha Johnston, Bob Snider, Jane Snider, 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,

Michelle Whitaker, Bob Winter

FTG #3: Shirley Bailey, Ruth Bath, David Bedgood,

Becky Carter, Peggy Gaines, Gaston Green,

David Hare

FTG #4: Jeff Carroll, Susan Chaney, Vonda Cook, Bill Hester,

Karen Green, Cindy Snider, Bethany Tongate,

Shirley Vines

FTG #5: Mike Fowler, Beverly Strange

FTG #6: Zane Armstrong, Don & Shirley Genry, Don Greer,

Helen Haskew, Jane Spivey, Cindy Thompson,

Sarah Wolford

FTG #7: Paula Davis, Don & Jan Haefner, Peggy Hendley,

Lisa Lillie, Denise Newton, Everleigh Self,

Lisa Ward, Jane Windham, Katie Yaeger

ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

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.

Chuck Capps (friend of Rick Franks) recovering from a double lung transplant.

Lynda Cardwell (former member) MS.

Tommie Cleghorn (Jay's mother) health issues.

Minnie Davis (friend of Dee Davis) foot infection.

Willie Davis (Dee Davis father) leukemia.

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.

Andrea Miller (Rwanda Missionary) recovering from a lumpectomy.

Keith Mitchell (Wendell Pate's cousin) glioblastoma brain cancer.

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.

Tim Pate (Wendell Pate's brother) recovering from gall bladder surgery.

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

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

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

Ilean Winton (Frank Wampol's Sister) cancer.

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