



“Jesus Loves Me”

After being led in this song by two of our young men Sunday night, I was reminded of a quotation from Karl Barth.

On April 23, 1962, [Karl Barth \(the renown 20th Century Swiss-German, neo-orthodox theologian\) spoke at Rockefeller Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago](#). Many have reported that, during the Q & A time, a student asked Karl Barth, if he could summarize his theology in a single sentence. As the story goes, Barth responded by saying, "In the words of a song I learned at my mother's knee: 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'" Nick Batzig

Some who have read the quotation asked if the Bible ever states that Jesus loves us. You wonder if those who asked have ever read the Bible.

Consider these verses:

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. (John 13:1 ESV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34 ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

The “me” applies to all of us.

- Dewayne

Upcoming Events:

Adventure Club/Pre-Teen

- **Preteen Devo:** Sunday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom
- **Kidmin Din-Din & Service Project:** Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Teens

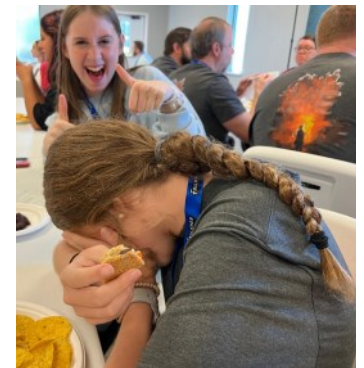
- **Teen Supper:** Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$3.00. Menu: Soups and Grilled Cheese
- **Exposure Youth Camp:** Early Registration (\$100) ends Sunday, October 1 and Late Registration (\$125) ends Tuesday, December 10.

Involvement and Young Adult/College

- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner:** Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Candy Collection

We are collecting candy and small prizes for the church wide Fall Fest. If you can bring a bag of individually wrapped candy, or small prize items, please drop those off in the gift room by Sunday, October 22.



Faith On a Shelf

I have this hat that my dad brought back to me from a business trip to Atlanta when I was 9 or 10 years old. You can see that I've worn it a lot. In fact, I wore it to just about everywhere I went during the summer when I was a kid. Church camps, grandparents' house, and other places. It became my work hat when I was in high school and remained my work hat until 4 or 5 years ago when I realized that, even after washing it, the smell wouldn't go away. So, now it sits on my shelf. I won't get rid of it, but it sits on the shelf where I can remember it as something valuable, but not able to be used.

I am reminded of the words that Paul shared in Galatians 6:9, "let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." The implication here is that we will face resistance to our faith, resistance to our acts of faith, the fullest evidence of faith in our lives.

There are going to be seasons in our lives where our faith feels old, worn down, and fragile. We will be tempted to put it on a shelf and admire it so as not to see it completely ruined or lost. However, we cannot put our faith on the shelf. We cannot rid ourselves of the acts of faith flowing from each of us in our daily lives.

- Josh




Welcome to the Family
 Welcome to **Ricky and Suzie Wilbanks (FTG #6)** who recently placed membership. Their address is 245 Henley Way, Helena, Alabama 35080. Ricky's phone number is 265-975-9972 and Suzie's phone number is 256-762-1373.



Welcome to the Family
 Welcome to **Ken and Susan Leverette (FTG #4)** who recently placed membership. Their address is 1018 Camellia Ridge Drive, Pelham 35124. Ken's phone number is 423-488-6304 and Susan's phone number is 423-304-9082.



**LIVEWIRES!
 LAKE DAY**
 Thursday,
 September 28
 8:45 a.m.



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.



Ladies' Bible Class
 The Ladies' Class will be traveling to Rainbow Omega on Tuesday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a fun outing to Rainbow Omega.



**LIVEWIRES!
 AND
 FAMILY GAME NIGHT**
 Friday, October 6
 5:30 p.m.
 In the Reception Room
 Please bring your favorite finger food.



MEN'S PRAYERBREAKFAST
 Saturday,
 October 7, 2023
 8:00 a.m.
 In the Family Life Center

For the Record
 Sunday, September 24, 2023

Bible Study	337
Early Worship	188
Late Worship	312
Total Sunday Morning	500
Sunday Night	226
Contribution	\$36,175.84
YTD Average	\$38,399.39
Budget	\$38,500.00



Riverchase Ladies' Expo
Sunday, October 8, 2023
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Riverchase Church of Christ
 Family Life Center
Come and find out what your sisters do, make and sell.



Bridal Tea
 We will have a bridal tea for **Makayla Earnest**, bride elect of **Hunter Wamack**. The son of **Jim and Jeanne Wamack**. Sunday, October 15, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.

Upcoming Events

- **Gym Foyer CLOSED:** Until further notice.
- **LiveWires! Day at the Lake:** Thursday, September 28, meet at the building at 8:45 a.m.
- **Volleyball:** Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **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.
- **Pre-Teen Devo:** Sunday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom.
- **Ladies' Bible Class Trip:** Tuesday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. to Rainbow Omega.
- **Pickleball:** Tuesday, October 3, 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Ladies Expo:** Sunday, October 8, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- **Bridal Shower for Makayla Earnest, bride elect of Hunter Wamack:** Sunday, October 15, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.

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This week at Riverchase

Thursday, September 28

- *LiveWires!* Day at the Lake

Friday, September 29

- Volleyball

Sunday, October 1

- Bridal Tea for Madeline Ledbetter

Tuesday, October 3

- Ladies' Bible Class Trip to Rainbow Omega
- Pickleball

Wednesday, October 4

- Teen Supper

RIVERCHASE FAMILY

John Bearden (#2) will have reverse shoulder surgery on Tuesday, October 3.

Yuton Flynn (#4) multiple myeloma.

Mike Fowler (#5) advanced stage melanoma.

Jim Garnett (#6) in Grandview Hospital with a possible stroke. No visitors please.

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

Wanda Johnson (#5) recovering from a fractured shoulder. No visitors please.

Lisa Lillie (#7) cancer treatments.

Art Mathews (#2) in Brookwood Hospital with blood poisoning and Covid.

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

Liz Winter (#2) recovering from surgery for a broken femur.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS:

FTG #1: Rejetta Balentine, 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 (Dee Davis mother) 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) breast cancer.

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.

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.