

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for April 3rd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 79
Sun. AM Worship – 98
Sun. PM Worship – 56
Wed. Night (4/6) – 63

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 10, 2016

“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

Because of You...

You might not think about it much, but you, as an individual, have a huge impact on the Ripley church of Christ. That influence and impact can be positive and to the benefit of the congregation, or that impact can be negative and hurt or hinder the influence of the church. Even more important is the fact that we can control what type of impact it will be. It has been said that with power comes responsibility; we have the power to impact the church, therefore we have the responsibility to make that impact positive. We want to look at four ways that we can help or hinder the church.

Because of you, *some may chose to follow God by becoming a Christian.* “You may be the only Bible that some people read.” You never know who may be watching you, and who may decide to attend the services because you invited them or because of your righteous example. We often talk about the love that Ruth had for Naomi, and that her great love caused her to follow Naomi and become obedient to God. But consider the influence of Naomi. Her influence was strong enough that it caused Ruth to make that decision. Would that have happened if Naomi had been a wishy-washy child of God? Because of you, some may decide to follow God.

Because of you, *some may never become a Christian.* Unfortunately, the exact opposite of the above is also true. Our attitude and example could cause some to despise the church and Christianity. Some may say, “If that is the measure of a Christian, then I can do without it.” Those who are hypocrites; that treat Christianity as a hobby and not a way of life do much harm to the cause of Christ. We have to guard ourselves to make sure that we are setting the right examples and living as we should. You never know who is watching! Because of you, some may never become a Christian.

Because of you, *some may become discouraged and unfaithful.* The words that we speak and the attitude that we have can discourage our fellow Christians and may cause some to become unfaithful. Such was the case of the children of Israel when the twelve spies went out (Numbers 13). Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each individual to remain faithful, but if we become a stumbling block to our brethren, we may be held accountable. Because of you, some may become unfaithful.

Because of you, *some may be encouraged and strive to live faithfully until death.* Christians are supposed to be a source of strength and encouragement for one another. We are to build one another up, not tear each other down. We should always strive to help each other, and be there for one another. Because of you, some may be faithful to Christ.

I pray that each one of us can say with confidence, “Because of me, the Ripley church of Christ is influenced and impacted for good and is better than ever!”

~ Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
Kenneth Roark

Minister:

Justin Paschall
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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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“Come Worship with Us!”

Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) W.L. Sandlin
(S) John Dennison
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) David Bridges
(N) J.B. Tharpe
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Josh Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord's Supper – W.L. Sandlin
Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Tommy Climer

Door Greeters for April

South – Joe Hunt
Center – Gwinn Matthews
North – Steve Carmack

Communion for April

Bret and Johanna Carmack

April Birthdays

- Christopher Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Brooklyn Alley – 6
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Traci Pierson – 13
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Camdyn McLemore – 18
- Caroline Snell – 26



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Apr. 17th** – 3rd Sunday Devo after evening services.
- **June 5th-10th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 12th-17th** – Indian Creek Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 27th** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series here at Ripley at 7 pm.
- **July 17th-20th** – Gospel Meeting with Billy Smith.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Apr. 10th** – Paul Defended His Apostleship – 2 *Corinthians 10-11*
- **Apr. 13th** – Paul was a True Apostle; Examine Yourself – 2 *Corinthians 12-13*
- **Apr. 17th** – Paul's Apostleship was From God; Circumcision versus Uncircumcision – *Galatians 1-2*

Food Pantry Items Needed!

Canned Meat

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- Kenneth Roark is having some problems with stomach ulcers. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack will meet with surgeons concerning her gallbladder. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Frank "Tobby" McCuthchen (Micah's grandfather) is nearing the end of his life. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Henry Scherffius passed away on Wednesday (3/23) following a massive stroke. Visitation is Wednesday (3/30) at 12 with the funeral following at 2 at the Munford church of Christ. Please keep Mende and the family in your prayers.
- Jason Hammock passed away from a work related accident (3/19). Funeral services were held on Thursday (3/23). Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Jimmy Hartman is scheduled to have surgery to remove his gallbladder on April 12th. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham is home recovering from a surgery on her foot. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs continues to have problems with her breathing and her heart. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marion Morris is in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in room 114. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Charles Michael Hardy (friend of Pam McDonald) has stage 4 lung cancer, and it has spread to different parts of his body. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Terry Bibbs does have a leaking aortic valve that they will be treating with medicine for now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines is currently undergoing a round of cancer treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin continues to improve from her heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Tim Carmack has been suffering from some very severe headaches. Please keep him in your prayers as the cause is trying to be determined.
- Dr. Ronnie Tillman (June and Linda's cousin) has gone home, but will continue to undergo treatments. Things are going good so far. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Harry Lyn Alexander, Sara Smith, Georgia Campbell, The Matthews, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Seth May, Paula Tillman, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Marion Morris, Dot Mullins, Etta Hunt, Brenda Sutton, Don Sutton, Betty Binkley, Phil Morris, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16)