

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 83  
Sun. AM Worship – 105  
Sun. PM Worship – 73  
Wed. Night (4/20) – 68

### 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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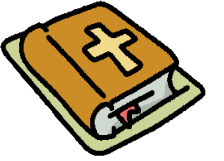
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# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 24, 2016

*"Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!"*

## Why Were They Called Christians?

*Jerry Bates*

In Acts 11:26 we find an interesting statement, "And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." There has been a great deal of discussion concerning whether this was a name given by non-Christians or a title of self-identification taken by the Christians themselves. I don't think that we can firmly answer that question one way or the other. Of course, the name itself simply indicates belonging to Christ, and there is certainly nothing derogatory about the name. As a matter of fact, Peter says that we should be proud of wearing that name. "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Peter 4:16).

I think a much better question would be why Antioch and not Jerusalem? After all, the church had been in existence for several years (possibly 10 years), so why would the name be given or taken in Antioch after several years rather than in Jerusalem? At first the church was composed of only Jews and was considered to be a sect of the Jews. However, in Antioch, this designation would not work because this was the first predominately Gentile church. They were no more Jews than they were pagans. Both Jews and Gentiles now met on equal terms, so a new name was needed to identify these people. Now ethnicity was replaced by an identity with Christ. Luke's message in Acts 11:26 is that the church was so identified with Christ that even outsiders could find no better label to characterize this group.

We need to be so intimately connected to Christ that the same would be true today. When people see us and look at our lives, they should immediately think about the teachings of Jesus and identify us with Him. Is this true of your life?

#### 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 – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden  
Lord's Supper – (S) MacArthur Watkins  
(S) Mike White  
(N) Tommy Climer  
(N) Bret Carmack  
(N) Bryan Hartman  
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Security – Joel Sutton

### PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord's Supper – MacArthur Watkins  
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Security – Barry Bates

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack  
Opening Prayer – John Dennison  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson  
Security – David Bridges

### 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!

- **June 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the table in the foyer. Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** – Indian Creek Youth Camp. If you would like to go, please sign up. There is a sheet on the white table in the foyer. Deadline to sign up is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series here at Ripley at 7 pm.
- **July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting with Billy Smith.

### What Are My Children Studying?

- **Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Freedom in Christ – *Galatians 5-6*

### Food Pantry Items Needed!

Canned Meat

### Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Frank McCuthcen.

## Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

### *Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:*

- Harry Lynn Alexander is back at the Decatur County Nursing Home after a stay at Vanderbilt. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Phil Morris has been at JMCGH this past week. Please keep him and Deborah in your prayers.
- Dot Mullins (Micah's grandmother) is not doing well. She is at a rehab facility following a broken arm. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Jamie and Tiffany Williams (friends of Justin Paschall) lost their eight year old daughter suddenly. Funeral services are being held today. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack will have surgery on April 25<sup>th</sup> to remove her gallbladder. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Frank "Tobby" McCuthchen (Micah's grandfather) passed away. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (4/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Jimmy Hartman had his gallbladder surgery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- 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.
- Terry Bibbs does have a leaking aortic valve that they will be treated 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.
- Sara Smith, Georgia Campbell, The Matthews, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Seth May, Paula Tillman, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Dot Mullins, Etta Hunt, Brenda Sutton, Don Sutton, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

**"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"**

**(James 5:16)**