

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 7, 2016



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

The Power of One

There was an old man, walking the beach at dawn, who noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the youth, he asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun so the young man was putting them back into the sea to spare their life. “But the beach goes on for miles and miles, and there are millions of starfish,” countered the old man. “How can your effort make any difference?” The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. “It makes a difference to this one,” he said.¹

This has long been one of my favorite illustrations which I have used numerous times to emphasize the power of one; one individual, one simple act, one word of encouragement, one invitation to hear the Gospel, one soul.

YOU can make a difference for the cause of Christ. YOU can influence someone to obey the Gospel. YOU can help make the difference in the eternal destination of someone. YOU are powerful because of the One you serve. If each individual in this congregation put that power to use, what a change would take place in our congregation and our community!

Will you be the one?

~Justin Paschall

¹ <http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/f/faithfulness.htm>

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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 August 7th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 89
Sun. AM Worship – 114
Sun. PM Worship – 65
Wed. Night (8/3) – 74

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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Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
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Kenneth Roark

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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 – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Jimmy Hartman

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord's Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Steve Carmack
(N) Mike White
(N) Robert Anderson

Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord's Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Mike White

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – David Bridges

Door Greeters for August

South – Steve Carmack
Center – Robert Taylor
North – Joe Hunt

Communion for August

Tommy and Lind Climer

August Birthdays

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Raymond Neal – 11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- Mende Scherffius – 14
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Josh Carmack – 18
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Betty Binkley – 21
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Irene Taylor – 31
- Franklin Carmack – 31

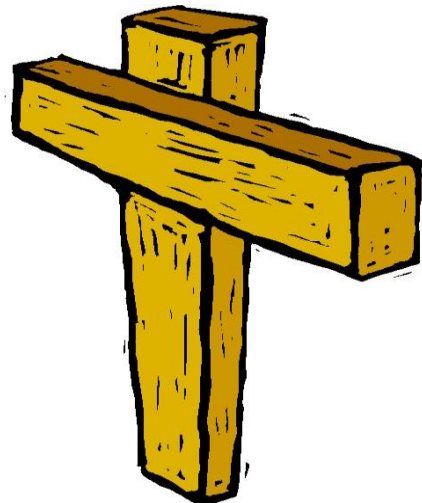


Mark Your Calendars!

- **August 21st – 3rd Sunday Devotional** after evening services at the building hosted by Doris Stocklin and others. Please make plans to attend!

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Aug. 7th – Qualifications of Elders; False Teachers; Works – Titus 1-3**
- **Aug. 10th – Faithfulness – 2 Timothy 1-2**
- **Aug. 14th – Those Who Apostatize; Preaching the Word – 2 Timothy 3-4**



Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- Ann Carmack was in a severe car accident on Monday (8/1). She suffered a broken vertebra in her neck, an orbital fracture, and other minor injuries. She is currently in Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Irene Taylor had a heart catheterization on Monday (8/1). She had a stent put in. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Chris Carvin (nephew of friends of Kenneth and June) had a brain aneurism and was taken to the ICU at Baptist East. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Phil Morris is back at JMCGRH. Please keep him and Deborah in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman's mother) is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gwinn Matthews is at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Humboldt. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mary Presson had a pacemaker put in and is back home. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mom) is having back problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- W.L. Sandlin began his treatments on Tuesday (7/26). Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Julia Alley is having some tests done after having some heart problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has been diagnosed with Polycythemia Vera. Please keep her and the doctors in your prayers as they work towards treatment options.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He is the father of a five year old child and six month old twins. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Kathy Petrowski (friend of Beth Carmack May) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Brogdon had hip replacement surgery in Nashville. She will have the other hip replaced at the end of August. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tim Carmack has been suffering from some very severe headaches. Please keep him in your prayers as the cause is trying to be determined.
- Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Phil Morris, 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.