

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 11, 2016



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

Noah

part 2

Last week we introduced Noah and wanted to notice some characteristics that set him apart from the people of his time. There were five characteristics in all that we wanted to notice. Let's notice the first one together.

First, Noah was a *practicing* man. The world in which Noah lived was full of wickedness. “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). Think about it for a moment. With the exception of Noah and his family (eight people), the intent of the thoughts of mankind was only evil continually.

Many times we look at the world around us and think that we are all alone. Noah was all alone. He was one of eight that followed God. Noah found grace in the eyes of God because Noah was striving to live uprightly in an ungodly world. In Genesis 6:9, Moses records that “Noah walked with God.” He was living his life according to God's standard.

We need to be practicing people as well. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). In order for one to enter the kingdom of Heaven he must be willing to do the will of the Father. He must be a practicing individual.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22). James said that the individual that hears God's Word and doesn't do it is only deceiving himself. “Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (Hebrews 5:8-9). Did you notice to whom Jesus became the author of eternal salvation? It was to those who obey Him. If we want to be pleasing to God, we need to be practicing people.

Next week, we will continue to notice these characteristics that are worthy of our imitation.

~ Justin

Elders:

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Gwinn Matthews
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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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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 December 4th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 92
Sun. AM Worship – 98
Sun. PM Worship – 60
Wed. Night (12/7) – 73

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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8:15 AM

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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Raymond Neal

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) John Dennison
(N) Kenneth Roark
(N) David Bridges
(N) Kenny Kennedy

Closing Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Mike White

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Bridges
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for December

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

Communion for December

Tommy and Linda Climer

December Birthdays

- Amanda Carmack – 1
- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Sutton – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Rusty Kennedy – 13
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Kairi Shepherd – 22
- Larry Carden – 28
- Kelly Carmack – 29
- Heston Carmack – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 25th** – Service Time Change: We will have one worship service at 10:30.
- **Dec. 30th-Jan. 1st** – Light the Fire Youth Retreat for ages 13-23. Applications are on the table in the foyer.
- **Jan. 7th** – Men's Breakfast. More details coming soon.
- **April 1st** – Ladies' Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **April 30th** – Friends and Family Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 4th-9th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp for ages 9-18.
- **June 19th-21st** – Vacation Bible School at the Ripley church of Christ
- **July 16-19th** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Dec. 11th** – Lesson 3 – Joseph Over Potiphar's House; In Jail – Genesis 39
- **Dec. 14th** – Lesson 4 – Dreams of the Cupbearer and Baker – Genesis 40
- **Dec. 18th** – Lesson 5 – Pharaoh's Dreams – Genesis 41:1-36

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

For years, Mrs. Irene has collected contributions for the children at the Tennessee Children's Home for Christmas. With her being unable to do so this year, we will be taking contributions and making the donation in her honor. The contributions need to be made by Wednesday, December 14th and can be given to Linda Climer or June Bates.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Irene Taylor is in the cancer wing at Methodist University. She has had one round of chemo thus far. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Larry Carden has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He had several appointments last week to determine the next steps to take. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Don Ellwood passed away this past Friday (12/2). Memorial services were held yesterday (12/9). Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White will have knee replacement surgery on the 13th at Jackson Regional. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Aunita Emerson (Rita Hartman's aunt) fell and had to have shoulder replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Darrin Hamlin suffered a very serious injury to his thumb. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews is still dealing with serious health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Amy Bridges is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Laura Bivens (June Roark's brother's step daughter) is battling cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell's (Synthia Gibson's nephew) continues to battle cancer. His address is 803 S. 4th St., Hayti, MO 63851. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Frank Bales has been diagnosed with cancer. He has a mass between his left lung and heart. He is scheduled to have surgery at Vanderbilt. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mom) is having back problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin, Betty Brogdon, Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Georgia Campbell, Tim Carmack, 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.