



THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 14, 2016



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

It's No Big Deal

Social media erupted following the Super Bowl when Peyton Manning (starting quarterback for the Denver Broncos) said during a post-game interview that he plans to drink a lot of Budweiser tonight. Some condemned his statements while others felt that it wasn't a big deal. What should our attitude as Christians be toward alcohol? Allow me to give you a passage of scripture and a quote references the destructive nature of alcohol to consider.

"Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; at the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel *it*. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?" (Proverbs 23:29-35).

A member of Alcoholics Anonymous wrote the following:

- We drank for happiness and became unhappy.
- We drank for joy and became miserable.
- We drank for sociability and became argumentative.
- We drank for sophistication and became obnoxious.
- We drank for friendship and made enemies.
- We drank for sleep and awakened without rest.
- We drank for strength and felt weak.
- We drank "medicinally" and acquired health problems.
- We drank for relaxation and got the shakes.
- We drank for bravery and became afraid.
- We drank for confidence and became doubtful.
- We drank to make conversation easier and slurred our speech.
- We drank to feel heavenly and ended up feeling like hell.
- We drank to forget and were forever haunted.
- We drank for freedom and became slaves.
- We drank to erase problems and saw them multiply.
- We drank to cope with life and invited death.

The truth about alcohol – It is a BIG deal!

~Justin

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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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 February 7th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 72
Sun. AM Worship – 104
Sun. PM Worship – 68
Wed. Night (2/10) – 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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Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

8:15 AM

Check us out on the web:

www.ripleychurchofchrist.org

Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord's Supper – (S) W.L. Sandlin
(S) Mike White
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) David Bridges
(N) Bryan Hartman
Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

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

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Josh Carmack

Door Greeters for February

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

Communion for February

Joel and Betty Sutton

February Birthdays

- Zyriah Harper – 1
- Melanie Moore – 7
- Jimmy Hartman – 8
- Mickey Hamlin – 12
- Darrell Smothers – 13
- Pam Carmack – 16
- Lillie Dennison – 20
- Pat Carmack – 21
- Doris Stocklin – 22
- Nick Arwood – 23
- Robert Halliburton – 26
- Mike White – 28



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Feb. 17th** – Wednesday Night Meals at 5:45 at the building. See the menu on the table in the foyer.
- **Feb. 21st** – 3rd Sunday Devo after evening services at the Hunt's.
- **Apr. 2nd** – Ladies Day at Ripley church of Christ.
- **Mar. 11th-12th** – Ladies' Retreat. Deadline to signup is February 14th. Information in foyer.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Feb. 14th** – Zacchaeus; Parable of the Money – *Luke 19:1-28*
- **Feb. 17th** – Jesus, Peter, and Paul-Review
- **Feb. 21st** – Third Missionary Journey Begun; Paul Taught in Ephesus – *Acts 18:23-19:20*

Food Pantry Items Needed!

Canned Meat

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- JB Tharpe was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning (2/7). Please encourage him as he begins this new walk in Christ.
- Bill Dacus (Brenda Sutton's step father) passed away on Wednesday evening (2/10). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Adam Bridges has bronchitis and has an upcoming appointment with a lung specialist. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton had all of his teeth pulled which is very painful, and he has a lot of bruising and pain. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) had a heart cath (2/3). He had a blockage which they will attempt to treat with medicine and he has an upcoming CT scan. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her bladder. They are awaiting test results before determining if any further treatment is needed. Please keep her in your prayers.
- W.L. Sandlin's sister-in-law, Muriel, passed away. A memorial service was held on Saturday (1/30). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Linda Tucker is in the Lauderdale Community Hospital in room 158. Her cancer has returned and she is not doing very well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin had bypass surgery on Wednesday (1/27) at Baptist East. She is now home in Ripley. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge's son) is dealing with some health problems. Please keep him 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.
- Doris Sandlin suffered a hairline fracture to her pelvis. She is slowly improving. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Laura Bivens (kin to June Roark and friend of Shawna) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as she fights this disease.
- Dr. Ronnie Tillman (June and Linda's cousin) is undergoing extensive treatments at Vanderbilt which are going as planned 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, Allie Alexander, Bill Dacus, Etta Hunt, Linda Tucker, 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)