

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 January 31st

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 84
Sun. AM Worship – 116
Sun. PM Worship – 65
Wed. Night (2/3) – 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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THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 7, 2016



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

Will You Be My Valentine?

A week from today we will be celebrating Valentine’s Day, a day of cards, flowers, chocolates, and most importantly, love. It is holiday where many will ask the question, “Will you be my Valentine?” Of course that got me to thinking...am I God’s Valentine? He has obviously expressed his love (John 3:16), but have I responded in kind. To truly be God’s Valentine, I need to embody Mark 12:30, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Four questions that we want to ask to determine if we are God’s Valentine. These four questions encompass four very important parts of man.

First, do you love God with all of your heart? This question touches on the emotional side of man. For us to love God as He would have it, our emotions must be wrapped up in Him. We cannot love anyone more than we love God. “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Matthew 10:37). Our feelings for Him must surpass all others if we are going to love Him with all of our heart.

Second, do you love God with all of your soul? This question touches on the eternal nature of man. Only man has this eternal nature. When we die, we do not cease to exist, but we go into eternity (Ecclesiastes 12:7). We must love God to the point that we want to be with Him forever if we are to love Him with all of our soul.

Third, do you love God with all of your mind? This question touches on the intellectual side of man. Christianity is not a thoughtless religion. Faith is not without evidence. And so in order to be pleasing to God, our minds must investigate who He is and what He has done for us. And then make an informed choice to follow Him fully. We need to be like Joshua and chose to follow God (Joshua 24:15). Friends, that is loving Him with all of our mind.

Finally, do you love God with all of your strength? This question touches on the physical side of a man. It is not enough to love God more than any other; it is not enough to want to spend eternity with Him; it is not enough to make a choice to serve Him; we must act on that choice. We need to have the attitude of Jesus. “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4). Working for Him, that is loving God with all of your strength.

It is wonderful to know that God loves us, but it is just as important to show God that we love Him too. “We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Do you love God with your all? If not, start today!

~ Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
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!”

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Randy Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

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

PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – W.L. Sandlin
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Mike White

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. 10th** – 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.
- **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. 7th** – Marriage and Divorce; Little Children; the Rich – *Matthew 19*
- **Feb. 10th** – James and John Sought Position; Bartimaeus Healed – *Mark 10:32-52*
- **Feb. 14th** – Zacchaeus; Parable of the Money – *Luke 19:1-28*

Food Pantry Items Needed!

Canned Meat

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- 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 at Baptist East in room 5427. 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 staying with her sister in Memphis. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Perrilyn Cherry was hospitalized with a blockage that will be treated with medicine. She is home now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Elizabeth Sanders (Sandra Campbell’s mother) is at Lauderdale Community Hospital after a series of strokes. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- Harry Alexander (Johnnie Matthews’ brother) is back at JMCGRH. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Allie Alexander (Johnnie Matthews’ mother) is back in the nursing home, but still not doing well at all. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Doris Sandlin suffered a hairline fracture to her pelvis. She is slowly improving. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Josh Carmack did not receive good news at the doctors. It appears that some of the damage to his eye will be permanent. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bob Williams (Nathan Campbell’s grandfather) is not doing well. Please keep him 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)