

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 10, 2016



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

### Lifting Them Up

An individual wrote a story about a man traveling who fell into a deep pit and was unable to get out. Several people came along and saw the struggling man. The sensitive person said, “I feel for you down there in that pit.” The reflective person said, “It’s logical that someone would fall into the pit.” The aesthetic person said, “I can give you ideas on how to decorate your pit.” The judgmental person said, “Only bad people fall into the pit.” The curious person said, “Tell me how you fell into the pit.” The perfectionist said, “I believe you deserve your pit.” The evaluator asked, “Are you paying taxes on this pit.” The self-pitying person said, “You should have seen my pit.” The counselor said, “Just relax and don’t think about the pit.” The optimist said, “Cheer up! Things could be worse.” The pessimist said, “Be prepared! Things will get worse.” Jesus, seeing the man, loved him, and lifted him out of the pit.

The truth is each and every one of us was in that pit of sin. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The consequences of being in that pit are severe. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Jesus, through His death, burial, and resurrection lifted us out of that pit. The question I want to ask us is, “How do we react when we see people in the pit?” Do we identify with Jesus are with one of the other individuals in the story above? Are we looking for opportunities to help those around us?

Jesus closed a parable about helping those in need with the following words: “So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’ And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise’” (Luke 10:36-37). Let’s go and do just that!

~Justin

#### 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!”***

### The Ripley church of Christ

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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 January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 75  
Sun. AM Worship – 102  
Sun. PM Worship – 60  
Wed. Night (1/6) – 72

### 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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## Those Privileged to Serve:

### AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Randy Roark  
Devotional – Robert Anderson

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Randy Roark  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord's Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman  
(S) Robert Anderson  
(N) Larry Carden  
(N) Bryan Hartman  
(N) David Bridges

Closing Prayer – Larry Carden  
Security – Frank Carmack

### PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord's Supper – Jimmy Hartman  
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Security – Frank Carmack

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Opening Prayer – David Bridges  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Frank Carmack

### Door Greeters for January

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

### **Communion for January**

Kenneth and June Roark

### **Food Pantry Items Needed!**

Canned Meat

## January Birthdays

- Terry Bibbs – 2
- Frank Carmack – 4
- Landon Carmack – 7
- Chrystal Hartman – 12
- Micah Paschall – 13
- Perrilyn Cherry – 19
- Zahmyia Harper – 20
- Luke Hartman – 22
- Georgia Carden – 26



### **Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Meeting in the fellowship hall at 4:15 to discuss Ladies' Day.
- **Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Baby Shower for Amy Nolen in the fellowship hall at 2 pm. She is registered at Babies R Us and is having a girl.
- **Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Youth Game Night at the Paschall's beginning at 6 pm. Bring yourself and a friend.
- **Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Ladies Day at Ripley church of Christ.

### **What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Healing on the Sabbath; Jesus is the Son of God – *Luke 13:10-21; John 10:22-42*
- **Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** – The Strait Gate; Healing on the Sabbath – *Luke 13:22-14:14*
- **Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Excuses of the Invited Guests; Counting the Cost of Discipleship – *Luke 14:15-35*

## Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

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

- Larry Smith (kin to Justin Paschall) had a liver transplant on Friday (1/8). He is slowly progressing and will hopefully be off the vent in the very near future. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Allie Alexander (Johnnie Matthews' mother) is at JMCGH in room 359 and is not doing well. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Phil Morris is dealing with some serious health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Doris Sandlin suffered a hairline fracture to her pelvis. There is nothing that can be done other than wait and let it heal. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Josh Carmack suffered an injury to his eye and cannot see out of it currently. Also they are dealing with flooding at home. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mother) broke her hip. She had surgery and is now in Dyersburg Manor for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bob Williams (Nathan Campbell's grandfather) is not doing well. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rita Watkin's niece, Kimberly Thompson passed away. Funeral services were held Saturday (1/2). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Paul King (brother of Beverly Sanders) is being treated for infection from a recent surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (grandchild of Larry and Georgia): Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he goes through doctor visits and awaits test results.
- Amanda Taylor (friend of Kim White) suffered a stroke. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall will have a nuclear stress test on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- David Bridges: Please encourage and pray for him as he continues to strive to quit smoking.
- 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 will include a stem cell transplant. 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.