

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 24, 2016



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

HOPE

My great-grandson is counting the days until Christmas. Almost every morning as we leave for school he will tell me how many days are left until the holiday arrives. He has "hope" of getting presents, of being out of school for two weeks. and for all the good times that are waiting. Sometimes he says he "can't wait!"

Paul wrote about a far greater hope that Christians have in Christ Jesus. He noted how Moses' face shined so brightly after being in the presence of God that he had to wear a veil so people could look at him (Exodus 34:29-33). The Israelites had the "hope" of a coming Messiah—but did not understand what that meant. Christians know the hope of eternal life through the gospel of that Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Paul said this hope is laid up for us in heaven (Col. 1:5).

Jesus said He was leaving this earth to go and prepare a place for those who follow Him (John 14:2, 3). Think about the joy of someday being in that "mansion" prepared for all those who obey God's will (Matthew 7:21). In fact, if we "know God" and have "obeyed Jesus' gospel" (2 Thess. 1:6-9), that joy should be in our hearts even now, just like my great-grandson's hopes for Christmas.

It isn't popular to say today, but Paul said there is only one hope (Eph. 4:4)! That means there is no hope in anything or anyone else. Peter said there is salvation in no other name under heaven except Jesus (Acts 4:12). Do you have that hope in Christ, or are you letting the world entice you with some kind of false hope?

John K. Wills
via Bulletin Digest

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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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 17th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 70
Sun. AM Worship – 114
Sun. PM Worship – NC
Wed. Night (1/20) – 67

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 – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Franklin Carmack
(N) Joe Hunt
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Chisholm Vaughn

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Mike White

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
Security – Bret 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. 27th** – Wednesday Night Meals at 5:45 at the building. See the menu on the table in the foyer.
- **Apr. 2nd** – Ladies Day at Ripley church of Christ.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Jan. 24th** – Parable of the Unrighteous Steward – *Luke 16:1-18*
- **Jan. 27th** – The Rich Man and Lazarus; Sin, Faith, and Duty – *Luke 16:19-17:10*
- **Jan. 31st** – Raising of Lazarus – *John 11:1-54*

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- Robert Taylor has been sick for a little over a week. He is getting some better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin was taken back to Baptist East for a heart cath on Thursday (1/21). No news was known at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Phil Morris was taken back to JMCGH due to an infection he has been battling. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Harry Alexander (Johnnie Matthews' brother) was taken to the hospital in Dickson due to possible pneumonia. 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.
- Phil Morris is still not doing well. Please keep him 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.
- Rita Watkin's niece, Kimberly Thompson passed away. Funeral services were held Saturday (1/2). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (grandchild of Larry and Georgia) received good news from the lab report. The tumor was a grade 2. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- 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. 27th. 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 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.