



# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 3, 2016



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

### Sincerity

In our society, people use many different things as their guide in religion. Some rely on the thoughts and assertions made by their local preacher. Others rely on a manmade ruling body to be their guide in matters of faith. Others rely on some form of creed book to tell them what they are to believe. Still some rely on their feelings and emotions to navigate their way through religious matters. Unfortunately all of these guides or standards fall short in comparison to the only true standard of religion – the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

To such a statement many shout in contempt, “I know I am right because I feel it in my heart!” It is true that religion must be heart-felt, but is it enough to feel it in my heart; in other words, is it enough to be sincere, or does that sincerity have to be coupled with Bible truth? We seek to answer such a question in the following discussion.

Most all have studied the account of Joseph; the favoritism that was shown to him by his father Jacob, the jealousy that formed towards Joseph by his brothers, the selling into slavery of Joseph at age 17, and the false report that was delivered to Jacob. “So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, “We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?” And he recognized it and said, “It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, “For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.” Thus his father wept for him” (Genesis 37:31-35). Was Jacob sincere in his belief that his son was dead? Most definitely, the sorrow he exhibited is proof. But did his sincerity mean that his belief was correct? No, it did not because his belief was not based on the truth. Many today are very sincere in their religious beliefs, but if those religious beliefs are not based on Truth (the Bible) then those beliefs are inaccurate no matter how sincere they may be.

It is possible for one today to be sincere in his religious practices, but he may be sincerely wrong. It is my hope and prayer that each of us will check our practices and teachings in religious matters against the infallible Word of God; may we each give a “Thus says God” for all that we do.

~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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### 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 June 26<sup>th</sup>

##### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 94  
Sun. AM Worship – 120  
Sun. PM Worship – nc  
Wed. Night (6/29) – 83

#### 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!

**Listen to WTRB, 1570 AM Radio**

**Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday**

**8:15 AM**

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**[www.ripleychurchofchrist.org](http://www.ripleychurchofchrist.org)**

## Those Privileged to Serve:

### AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Devotional – W.L. Sandlin

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers  
(S) Mike White  
(N) Joe Hunt  
(N) David Bridges  
(N) Robert Anderson

Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Frank Carmack

### PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers  
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden  
Security – Mike White

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – John Dennison  
Security – David Bridges

### Door Greeters for July

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

### Communion for July

Barry and June Bates

## July Birthdays

- Barry Bates – 3
- Jane Snell – 3
- Beverly Sanders – 5
- Betty Thomas – 8
- Carmen Barnett – 8
- Franklin Alley – 12
- Addison Carmack – 16
- Gloria Crook – 16
- Janet Colvin – 17
- Ted Sutton – 18
- Lyle Morris – 20
- B.C. Underwood – 21
- Sandra Campbell – 21
- Mary Presson – 25
- Jane Vaden – 25
- Penny Gaines – 26
- Brandon Carmack – 27
- Ernestine Anderson – 29
- Shawna Moore – 31



### Mark Your Calendars!

- **July 5<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at Halls at 7 pm. Please signup if you want to go.
- **July 11<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at Maury City at 7 pm.
- **July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting with Billy Smith.
- **July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at Philips Street at 7 pm.

### What Are My Children Studying?

- **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** – The Son; False Doctrine – *Colossians 1-2*
- **July 6<sup>th</sup>** – The Christian Walk – *Colossians 3-4*
- **July 10<sup>th</sup>** – In Christ; Grace – *Ephesians 1-2*

## Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

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

- W.L. Sandlin has surgery to remove a mass on his brain on Thursday (6/30). No news was known at time of bulletin printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Julia Alley is having some tests done after having some heart problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has been diagnosed with Polycythemia Vera. Please keep her and the doctors in your prayers as they work towards treatment options.
- Alden and Abbey Climer (grandchildren of Tommy and Linda) are on a mission trip to El Salvador. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Allen Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He is the father of a five year old child and six month old twins. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Kathy Petrowski (friend of Beth Carmack May) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Phil Morris: Please continue to keep him and Deborah in your prayers as he deals with health related issues.
- Johnnie Matthews' brother, Harry Lynn Alexander passed away. Funeral services were held on Thursday (6/16). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Charles Leonard, preacher in Rienzi, MS, is in serious condition and the family has asked for prayers.
- Betty Brogdon had hip replacement surgery in Nashville on Friday (5/27). The surgery went well. She has begun rehab. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Eunice Dobbs continues to have problems with her breathing and her heart. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marion Morris is in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in room 114. Please continue to keep her 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.
- Dr. Ronnie Tillman (June and Linda's cousin) has gone home, but will continue to undergo treatments. Things are going good so far. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Phil Morris, Sara Smith, Georgia Campbell, The Matthews, 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.

**“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”**

**(James 5:16)**