

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 31, 2016



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

If I Had But One Week To Live...

Our time here on this earth is definitely short. Job stated in the long ago, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Imagine for a moment that you were to go to a doctor’s appointment tomorrow; the doctor comes and says to you that you have only one week to live! Would your actions change for that one week? What about your attitude and outlook? What would you change if you had only one week to live?

Would you study the Bible more, or would you leave it on the table and never pick it up? Many of us would probably make time to read its sacred pages more diligently even if there were many other things we wanted to do. If you had one week to live would you study your Bible more?

If you were physically able, how many services of the church would you attend? Would you sleep in and miss Sunday morning Bible study? Would you come only on Sunday morning, or would you purpose to be here Sunday night and Wednesday night also? Many of us would take advantage of every opportunity to worship God and to study more about Him. If you had one week to live, how often would you attend the services of the church?

How would your generosity change towards the church and your fellow man? Would you place a crumpled up dollar bill into the offering plate, or would you give as God had prospered you? Would you look on those in need of help with disdain, or would you help as best you could? Most of us would do all we could to financially help the church and also those in need. If you had one week to live, how much would you give to the cause of Christ?

How often would you pray to God? Would the hustle and bustle of the day cause you to forget to thank the Creator for His blessings? Would you be in such a hurry to eat that you forgot to thank the One who made it possible? Many of us would pray multiple times throughout the day. If you had but one week to live, how often would you pray?

It is probably not the case that you are going to walk into the doctor’s office tomorrow and hear such fateful news, but we are not guaranteed another day upon this earth. “Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). If you would have changed some things based on the idea of death, then it is very possible that you are not ready to die. Why not change those things now and live every week as if it is your last so that when God calls you home, you won’t have to change a thing. It is definitely something to think about!

~Justin Paschall

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 July 24th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 100
Sun. AM Worship – 130
Sun. PM Worship – 86
Wed. Night (7/27) – 78

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 – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Steve Carmack
Devotional – Tommy Climer

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steve Carmack
Opening Prayer – Joe Huntk
Lord's Supper – (S) Rusty Kennedy
(S) Kenny Kennedy
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) Bryan Hartman
(N) J.B. Tharpe

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steve Carmack
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord's Supper – Rusty Kennedy
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –
Audio/Visual –
Opening Prayer –
& Devotional
Closing Prayer –
Security –

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 Carmack – 31



Mark Your Calendars!

- **August 21st – 3rd Sunday Devotional.** We are in need of someone to host!

What Are My Children Studying?

- **July 31st – Church Officers; Apostasy – 1 Timothy 3-4**
- **Aug. 3rd – Widows; Elders; Masters; Slaves; the Rich; Charge for Faithfulness – 1 Timothy 5-6**
- **Aug. 7th – Qualifications of Elders; False Teachers; Works – Titus 1-3**

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- Phil Morris is back at JMCGH. Please keep him and Deborah in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman's mother) is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gwinn Matthews was taken to Baptist East Friday (7/15). He had two stints out in and has been transferred to the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Humboldt. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mary Presson had a pacemaker put in and is back home. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mom) is having back problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- W.L. Sandlin began his treatments on Tuesday (7/26). Please continue to 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.
- Alan 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.
- Betty Brogdon had hip replacement surgery in Nashville. She will have the other hip replaced at the end of August. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs continues to have problems with her breathing and her heart. Please 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.
- Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, 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)