

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 13, 2016



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

Better than Biscuits!

One Sunday morning in a small southern town much like Ripley, the preacher called upon one of the elders to lead the closing prayer. The elder came to the microphone, bowed his head, and began. "Dear Father, I really hate buttermilk." The preacher opened one eye and began wondering what was going on and where this was going. The elder continued, "And Lord, I hate lard." The preacher was thoroughly perplexed now. But the elder wasn't finished, "And Father, I'm not too crazy about flour either, but after you put them all together and bake them in a hot oven, Father, I just love homemade biscuits! Lord, help us to realize that when life gets hard; when things come up that we don't like; whenever we don't understand what You are doing; we need to wait and see what you are making. After all the mixing and baking, it will probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen"

We don't always understand why some things happen in this life. The truth is that we don't have to understand life to live it. And no matter what happens in this life, there is a life coming that will make it all worthwhile. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3). That place is going to be way better than biscuits.

~ 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!"

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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 March 6th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 74
Sun. AM Worship – 96
Sun. PM Worship – 59
Wed. Night (3/9) – 61

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 – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Joe Hunt
(N) David Bridges
(N) Josh Carmack

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – W.L. Sandlin

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Tommy Climer

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for March

David and Janes Snell

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Conner Sanders – 5
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Lauren Halliburton – 8
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Marion Morris – 16
- Patrice Perry – 19
- Randy Roark – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 20th** – 3rd Sunday Devo after evening services. We need someone to host!
- **Apr. 2nd** – Ladies Day at Ripley church of Christ.
- **June 5th-10th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 12th-17th** – Indian Creek Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 27th** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series here at Ripley at 7 pm.
- **July 17th-20th** – Gospel Meeting with Billy Smith.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 13th** – Women; The Lord's Supper; Spiritual Gifts – *1 Corinthians 11-12*
- **Mar. 16th** – Superiority of Love; Prophecy and Tongues; Orderliness of Worship – *1 Corinthians 13-14*
- **Mar. 20th** – The Resurrection; Final Remarks – *1 Corinthians 15-16*

Food Pantry Items Needed!

Canned Meat

Memorials Received

Memorials were received in memory of Linda Tucker and Allie Alexander.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- Eunice Dobbs continues to have problems with her breathing and her heart. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Camden Tharpe (JB and Linsey Tharpe's son) had the flu but is doing better. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall (Justin's mom) is home from the hospital and doing much better following some serious heart problems. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Cindy Graves (friend of Shawna Carmack) passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (3/5). Please keep her family in your prayers.
- Allie Alexander (Johnnie Matthews' mother) passed away. The funeral was Tuesday (3/1) at the Parsons church of Christ. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Linda Tucker passed away on Wednesday (2/24). Funeral services were Sunday (2/28). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Marion Morris is in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in room 114. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Charles Michael Hardy (friend of Pam McDonald) has stage 4 lung cancer, and it has spread to different parts of his body. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kennedy Blair Aline Nolen was born Friday (2/26) at 7:34 pm. She weighed 7 lbs. 14.5 oz. Proud parents are Scott and Amy Nolen.
- Terry Bibbs does have a leaking aortic valve that will probably require surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines is currently undergoing a round of cancer treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin continues to improve from her heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Tim Carmack has been suffering from some very severe headaches. Please keep him in your prayers as the cause is trying to be determined.
- Doris Sandlin suffered a hairline fracture to her pelvis. She is doing much better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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, Etta Hunt, 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)