

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 1, 2016



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

Having a Great Friends and Family Day

With our annual Friends and Family Day rapidly approaching (May 22nd), I thought it might be beneficial and timely to offer some practical suggestions which we have noticed numerous times that can make this one the best yet. Of course these suggestions will only be effective if we all take the time to put them to use.

First, we need to pray about this event. As Christians, do we believe in the power of prayer? Then we should be praying. Pray that those who receive invitations will accept them. Pray that God’s Word pricks their heart and causes them to want to know more about Christ and His Church. Prayer works so let’s get to praying.

Second, we need to invite as many people as possible. INVITE! INVITE! INVITE! And don’t just invite those who are Christians. We need to seek out those who are not members of the Lord’s body. The postcard invitations should be here by Wednesday (5/4) – hand them out, mail them out, distribute them in whatever fashion you can. Will everyone accept the invitation? No. But you do not know until you ask.

Third, make a point to reach out to the people that come, especially those that you invited. We should make people feel welcomed. Invite them to sit with you. Odds are very good that if you arrive closer to time to start your seat may be taken. It will be ok, take a deep breath, and sit somewhere else. Our congregation does a good job of reaching out to those who are visiting. Let’s make sure that Friends and Family Day is no different.

Fourth, make a little extra when preparing for the meal. If we have the crowds that we have had in the past, a little extra food will be needed. Our ladies (and some of the men) have always done a great job of making more than enough, and I appreciate that very much. And also, encourage the visitors to go through the line first as a way of saying thanks for coming.

Fifth, stay for the afternoon service. While many of the visitors may leave immediately following the meal, let’s make sure that we stick around for a brief time of fellowship and worship.

I am looking forward to May 22nd, and if we will follow the suggestions above, it will be the best one yet!

~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 April 24th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 63
Sun. AM Worship – 88
Sun. PM Worship – 55
Wed. Night (4/27) – 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 – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Joe Hunt
(N) Mel Gibson
(N) B.J. Tharpe

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Mike White

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Barry Bates

Door Greeters for May

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

Communion for May

Robert and Ernestine Anderson

May Birthdays

- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Walt Hunt – 7
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Larry Tillman – 15
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Lauren Cherry – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30
- Phil Morris – 31



Mark Your Calendars!

- **May 22nd** – Friends and Family Day!
- **June 5th-10th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the table in the foyer. Deadline is May 15th.
- **June 12th-17th** – Indian Creek Youth Camp. If you would like to go, please sign up on the white table in the foyer. Deadline is May 15th.
- **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?

- **May 1st** – How God Makes Men Righteous; Abraham, an Example of One Made Righteous – *Romans 3-4*
- **May 4th** – Free from Wrath; Free from Sin – *Romans 5-6*
- **May 8th** – Free from Law; Free from Death – *Romans 7-8*

Food Pantry Items Needed!

Canned Meat

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Frank McCutchen.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- Harry Lynn Alexander has been back and forth between Vanderbilt and the Decatur County Nursing Home. Please continue to keep him and the Matthew's family in your prayers.
- Phil Morris has been at JMCGH this past week, but was moved out of the ICU. Please keep him and Deborah in your prayers.
- Dot Mullins (Micah's grandmother) is not doing well. She has moved back to the assisted living facility but is still having problems with her sugar. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Jamie and Tiffany Williams (friends of Justin Paschall) lost their eight year old daughter suddenly. Funeral services are being held today. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack had her surgery (4/25) to remove her gallbladder. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Steve Robison suffered severe lacerations to his foot including the loss of a toe while operating a lawnmower. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Frank "Tobby" McCutchen (Micah's grandfather) passed away. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (4/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Jimmy Hartman had his gallbladder surgery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Josephine Latham is home recovering from a surgery on her foot. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- Terry Bibbs does have a leaking aortic valve that they will be treated with medicine for now. Please keep him 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.
- 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.
- 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)