

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 29, 2016



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

### Out with the Old and In with the New

*Part I*

I have a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am which has 250,000 miles. It has been a good car, but it is old. I would love to be able to trade that car in on something new. Why is that? The reason is that the old one has problems that the new one would not have. It would be great to be able to say, “Out with the old and in with the new!”

In 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, Paul in essence says exactly that. He speaks of an old body with its imperfections and a new body which is perfect that we will receive when Jesus returns. “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him” (2 Corinthians 5:1-9). We want to notice three statements made by Paul.

Paul begins by saying, “Out with the old!” Paul gives us a fourfold description of the earthly body and its imperfections. First, Paul refers to this body as an earthly tabernacle or tent. The Tabernacle was not a permanent structure. Paul is telling us that our bodies are temporary structures. Second, he describes our bodies as being filled with groans and sighs. This earthly body is filled with problems. A short visit to the hospital bears that point out quite well. Third, Paul refers to the dying nature of this body. The word “dissolve” carries with it the idea of taking down a tent. This body is not eternal. Every day we live, we are one day closer to the day of our death. Finally, Paul refers to this earthly body’s inability to be with Jesus. In order to be with Jesus, we must cast off this old body with its imperfection. We are absent from the Lord in the physical sense.

Next week, we will notice what else Paul has to say concerning the statement, “Out with the old and in with the new.”

~ Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

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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 May 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 109  
Sun. AM Worship – 182  
Sun. PM Worship – 108  
Wed. Night (5/25) – 82

#### **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 – Ken Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Devotional – W.L. Sandlin

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Lord's Supper – (S) Steve Carmack  
(S) Mike White  
(N) Jimmy Hartman  
(N) Bret Carmack  
(N) Chisholm Vaughn  
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
Security – W.L. Sandlin

### PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack  
Closing Prayer – David Snell  
Security – Tommy Climer

### Wednesday Night:

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

### Door Greeters for May

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

### Communion for May

Robert and Ernestine Anderson

## May Birthdays

- Linda Climer – 30
- Phil Morris – 31

## June Birthdays

- Mariah Carmack – 3
- MacArthur Watkins – 3
- Joel Sutton – 4



## Mark Your Calendars!

- **June 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Deadline has passed.
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** – Indian Creek Youth Camp. Deadline has passed.
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series here at Ripley at 7 pm.
- **July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting with Billy Smith.

## What Are My Children Studying?

- **May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Paul's Arrival in Jerusalem; Mobbed by the Crowd – *Acts 21*
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Paul's Defense before the Jerusalem Mob – *Acts 22:1-29*
- **June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Paul before the Sanhedrin; the Conspiracy; Sent to Caesarea – *Acts 22:30-23:35*

## Congratulations Graduates!

### Those Graduating from High School:

- Mariah Carmack (Halls)
- Quincy Richmond, Jr. (Ripley)
- Tyler Newman (Dyer Co.) – Jimmy and Rita Hartman's grandson
- Mary Elizabeth Watson (Hardin Co.) – Beverly Sanders granddaughter
- Stephen Etheridge (Ripley) – Nancy Etheridge's grandson
- Phillip Matthews (Harding) – Gwinn and Johnnie Matthews' grandson

### Those Graduating from College:

- Jacob Matthews (David Lipscomb) – Gwinn and Johnnie Matthews' grandson
- Erik Hall and Haylee Trull Hall (Freed Hardeman) – Larry and Georgia Carden's grandson-in-law and granddaughter

## Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

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

- David Foshee (Vickie Kennedy's father) was taken to the hospital late Friday night (5/27) and had an appendectomy. Unfortunately, the appendix ruptured before it could be removed. He will remain in the hospital until the infection has cleared. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Betty Brogdon had hip replacement surgery in Nashville on Friday (5/27). The surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Thomas Neal (Raymond Neal's uncle) passed away. The funeral was held on Friday (5/27). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Seth Carmack (grandson of Steve and Ann) was released from Lebonheur and is now home. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Billy Hayes (friend of Justin Paschall) had surgery on his esophagus at UAB and is now home. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Harry Lynn Alexander is still not doing well. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Steve Robison suffered severe lacerations to his foot including the loss of a toe while operating a lawnmower. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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)**