



THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 27, 2016



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

Thanksgiving: It’s NOT Just One Day a Year!

We just finished celebrating a national day of thanksgiving. The First National Proclamation of Thanksgiving was given by the Continental Congress in 1777, and they recorded these words:

“FOR AS MUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to him for Benefits received, and to implore such farther Blessings as they stand in Need of... It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive Powers of these UNITED STATES to set apart THURSDAY, the eighteenth Day of December next, for SOLEMN THANKSGIVING and PRAISE...” (emp. in original).

Unfortunately, for some, thanksgiving has become a once a year event, but that is not the way God wants it to be. Paul writes, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). As Christians, we are to have an attitude of gratitude every day, and we have a lot for which to be thankful. Let’s look at two categories of blessings for which to be thankful.

First, we should be thankful for our physical blessings. All of us have been blessed with so much. If you were to sit down and begin to list the physical things that God has given you, it would become a very long list. “I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread” (Psalms 37:25). Our food, clothes, shelter, jobs, health, etc. all come from God and we should be thankful to him for those things.

Second, we should be thankful for our spiritual blessings. Where would we be if not for the spiritual provisions from God? If not for God’s love (John 3:16) and Christ’s sacrifice (1 John 3:16), we would be lost with no hope for salvation. God has given us the avenue of prayer, His Word by which we know how to live, and the hope of Heaven. God has provided all that we need to go from here to the hereafter. “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).

We, as Christians, have so much for which to be thankful, not just one day but every day. Let’s make sure that we show God our gratitude in both our words and actions. “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name” (Psalms 100:4). “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful” (Colossians 3:15). I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and I hope you will always have an attitude of thankfulness.

~ Justin

Elders:

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

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Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
Kenneth Roark

Minister:

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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 November 20th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 94
Sun. AM Worship – 113
Sun. PM Worship – 73
Wed. Night (11/23) – 64

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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Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

8:15 AM

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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – JB Tarpe
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – JB Tarpe
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) Joe Hunt
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) Robert Anderson
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – JB Tarpe
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord's Supper – Joe Hunt
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
Security – Barry Bates

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – JB Tarpe
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – David Bridges

Door Greeters for November

South – Steve Carmack
Center – Robert Taylor
North – Joe Hunt

Communion for November

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

December Birthdays

- Amanda Carmack – 1
- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Sutton – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Rusty Kennedy – 13
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Kairi Shepherd – 22
- Larry Carden – 28
- Kelly Carmack – 29
- Heston Carmack – 29

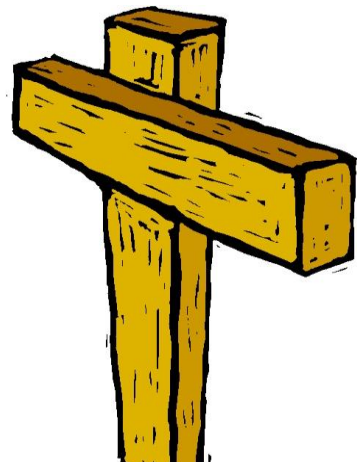


Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 30th-Jan. 1st** – Light the Fire Youth Retreat for ages 13-23. Applications are on the table in the foyer. Please see Justin with any questions.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Nov. 27th** – Enemy Oppression; The Walls Completed; Ezra Read the Law – Nehemiah 3-8
- **Nov. 30th** – Dedication of the Walls – Nehemiah 9-12
- **Dec. 4th** – Priesthood Defiled; Broken Laws; Divorce and Marriage to Foreigners; Robbing God – Nehemiah 13 and Malachi



Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Irene Taylor had some tests run that revealed tumors in her liver and spleen. She has an appointment at the West Clinic on December 2nd. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Carden has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be undergoing treatments at Vanderbilt in the near future. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Don Ellwood has been having some health problems. He had tests run on his liver on Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Stephen and Amy Snell have a baby boy. Andrew Lee Snell was born on 11/11 at 9:22 am. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. Proud grandparents are David and Jane Snell.
- Marion Morris is back in the nursing home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin got a cancer free report from the doctors. Make sure to thank God for the positive news.
- Ted Sutton had tests done recently, and they came back showing no cancer. We are thankful to God for these results. Unfortunately he does have 4 broken ribs from a recent fall. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Darrin Hamlin suffered a very serious injury to his thumb. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews is still dealing with serious health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Amy Bridges is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Laura Bivens (June Roark's brother's step daughter) is battling cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell's (Synthia Gibson's nephew) continues to battle cancer. His address is 803 S. 4th St., Hayti, MO 63851. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Frank Bales has been diagnosed with cancer. He has a mass between his left lung and heart. He is scheduled to have surgery at Vanderbilt. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White had some test done recently. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mom) is having back problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kathy Petrowski (friend of Beth Carmack May) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Brogdon, Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Georgia Campbell, Tim Carmack, 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.