

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 6, 2016



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

### Using God's Measuring Stick

Our world does a good job of convincing Christians to measure their value and success by using worldly standards. As Christians, we are supposed to use a different measuring stick in determining success. At the end of our KidSing class every Sunday night, we ask the question, "What is true success?" True success is to live our life and go to heaven. Let's notice several passages that will help us to use the right measure to determine true success.

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:7-8).

God told Joshua his success would be determined not by the size of the army following him, but by his courageously following the law and his meditating on what it says.

"My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem (good success) In the sight of God and man" (Proverbs 3:1-4).

Solomon said that if one wants to have good success that the law, mercy, and truth must be of paramount importance.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon spends chapter after chapter telling us where purpose and meaning cannot be found. He spends verse after verse telling us of what a successful life does not consist. But in the closing verses he tells us what a successful life is all about, fearing God and keeping His commandments. That my friend is true success!  
~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

#### Contact Information:

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***"Come Worship with Us!"***

**The Ripley church of Christ**

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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 October 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 88  
Sun. AM Worship – 106  
Sun. PM Worship – 71  
Wed. Night (11/2) – 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 – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord's Supper – (S) Steve Carmack  
(S) Kenny Kennedy  
(N) Rusty Kennedy  
(N) Bryan Hartman  
(N) JB Tharpe

Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
Security – Frank Carmack

### PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Frank Carmack

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Tommy Climer

### Door Greeters for November

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

### Communion for November

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

## November Birthdays

- Mammie Watkins – 2
- David Bridges – 7
- Sydney Carmack – 9
- W.L. Sandlin – 12
- Johanna Carmack – 13
- Gunnar Carmack – 16
- Kailyn Carmack – 16
- Dana Carmack – 20



## Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** – 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. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Continue, Now, to Rebuild the Temple – Haggai and Zechariah
- **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** – Vashti Deposed; Esther Crowned – Esther 1-3
- **Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mordecai Honored; Esther Received by King Ahasuerus – Esther 4-6

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Trunk-or-Treat! It was a lot of fun!



## 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.
- 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 home from the hospital. She is still very sick and still has some future doctor appointments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had a nerve block done on Tuesday (10/25). Please keep him in your prayers.
- Adam Bridges is dealing with a very serious, debilitating lung condition. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Amy Bridges is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Binkley has been moved to the nursing home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Melanie Ballard (Mel and Synthia's daughter) is home from the hospital and has been diagnosed with hemiplegic migraines. Please keep her and the family 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. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Hayti, MO 63851. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Betty Brogdon: Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers. She is doing better but still has a lot of restrictions placed on her movement.
- 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.
- Kim White has suffered a broken leg which will be in a brace for a while. Also, Mike White is still dealing with knee pain. Please keep both of them 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.
- W.L. Sandlin, Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Sara Smith, 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.