

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 16, 2016



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

Clearing a Path

I recently read the following statement that struck a chord with me. "Going to church regularly is like making a path through the forest – the more often you use it, the less obstructions you find in your way." In looking at my own life, I can honestly say that such is a true statement. When we make the decision to follow Christ no matter what, it makes the path easier to travel than if we wait until we have to make that decision. In order to clear a path, we want to notice two things that we may need to remove.

First, we may need to remove the hindrance of materialism. One of the big hindrances to individuals coming to every worship service of the church is a desire for material things. Sometimes that comes in the form of putting unnecessary work in the place of worship. Sometimes it comes in the place of enjoying material things instead of coming to worship services. Regardless when material things take the place of God on our list of important things we must remove that hindrance if we want to be faithful to God.

Second, we may need to remove the hindrance of hobbies/sports. In too many "Christian" homes, sports and recreation have become their gods. When sporting events (whether playing or watching) come before coming to worship services, we tell God that He is not number one in our life. Our actions speak louder than our words. Even if a person went on to be the best athlete in the sport they have chosen, it would not be worth the loss of one's soul. We may need to remove the hindrance of hobbies/sports.

Jesus' words in Matthew 6:33 really sum up our obligation when it comes to our priorities to God. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Let's all strive to put God first in all that we do!

~Justin

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Gwinn Matthews
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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 October 9th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 97
Sun. AM Worship – 112
Sun. PM Worship – 79
Wed. Night (10/12) – 70

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 – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – Rusty Kennedy

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) John Dennison
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) David Bridges
(N) Bret Carmack
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Mel Gibson

Door Greeters for October

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

Communion for October

Justin and Micah Paschall

October Birthdays

- Samantha Alley – 7
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Lori Halliburton – 17
- Josiah Kennedy – 17
- Zack Arwood – 23
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Adrianna Carmack – 23
- Robert Taylor – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **October** – Pictures for the new church directory. Micah will be taking pictures an hour prior to Wednesday night services and an hour before and after evening services for the month of October. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the foyer.
- **October 31st** – Annual Trunk-or-Treat beginning at 5:30 for our congregation and 6:30 for the community.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Oct. 16th** – Manasseh Did Great Evil; Josiah Did Great Good – 2 Kings 21-23:30
- **Oct. 19th** – Judah Would Be Destroyed, but a Remnant Would Be Saved; Assyria Would Be Destroyed Without a Remnant; Judah Was Overrun by Enemies – Zephaniah, Nahum, and 2 Kings 23:31-24:20
- **Oct. 23rd** – Warning Concerning the Captivity of Jerusalem and the Actual Captivity – Habakkuk, Jeremiah, and 2 Kings 25

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.
- Nancy Etheridge's brother-in-law, Arnold Sanders, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell's (Synthia Gibson's nephew) second surgery went as planned. His address is 803 S. 4th 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.
- Jimmy Hartman received good news from his heart procedure. No further procedures are needed. Make sure to thank God for this outcome.
- Pam McDonald's sons were in a car accident on Wednesday (9/28). Both are home recovering. Please keep them 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.
- 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.
- Julia Alley: Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she recovers from her heart procedure.
- W.L. Sandlin has finished his radiation treatments! He will continue with the chemo pill. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Carmack is continuing to improve. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- 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.
- Tim Carmack has been suffering from some very severe headaches. Please keep him in your prayers as the cause is trying to be determined.
- Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, 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)