

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 23, 2016



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

The Burden Bush

The father came home from his work at the factory as he had for so many years, but this time was different. His son, who had grown up seeing his dad come home from work day in and day out, noticed something different this time. As he walked by the bush near the front door, he reached out his hand a touch a branch on the bush. The son found the act strange, and he asked his father about the action. His father replied, "As I prepare to come home each day, I have with me problems and cares from my job. I touch the bush to remind myself that I am placing those burdens there, and I will pick them up again when I leave to return to work."¹

As Christians, we have a burden bush so to speak. A God that once spoke from a burning bush (Exodus 3) invites us to place our burdens upon Him. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

The avenue of prayer is one of the greatest blessings that we have been given as Christians: The ability to pray to the God of Heaven; the opportunity to petition the Creator; the chance to have an impact on the world around us. Prayer does all of that and more!

Let's make sure that as burdens, uncertainties, and difficulties arise that we take the time to cast those things on God. Let's take full advantage of our "burden bush."

~Justin

¹Adapted from an article in Readers Digest, Nov. 2016, p. 39.

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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 16th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 68
Sun. AM Worship – 109
Sun. PM Worship – 73
Wed. Night (10/19) – 60

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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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Kenneth Roark

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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!"

Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – JB Tharpe
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

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

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – JB Tharpe
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – JB Tharpe
Opening Prayer – John Dennison
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
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. 23rd** – Warning Concerning the Captivity of Jerusalem and the Actual Captivity – *Habakkuk, Jeremiah, and 2 Kings 25*
- **Oct. 26th** – Jerusalem was Destroyed, Resulting Tears, Hope for the Future – *Lamentations and Ezekiel*
- **Oct. 30th** – The Return of the First Captives from Babylonian Captivity; Laying of the Temple Foundation – *Ezra 1-3*

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.
- Adam Bridges is dealing with a very serious 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) had a possible stroke. Tests were still being run at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Laura Bivens (June Roark's brother's daughter-in-law) is battling cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Linda Bibbs' sister, Joyce Edwards, passed away on Wednesday (10/19). Funeral arrangements were incomplete at time of bulletin printing. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”

(James 5:16)