

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 9, 2016



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

Turning the World Upside Down!

In Acts 17, as Paul and Silas are in the city of Thessalonica, the Jews stir up the people and bring charges against the missionaries. “But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too” (Acts 17:6). The Jews described Paul and Silas as being individuals who had made a huge impact on the world around them, but how? I want to suggest three things.

First, they turned the world upside down because they were not complacent. Paul had seen great success in his first missionary journey, but he didn’t allow that past success to cause him to be complacent. We can’t use past success as an excuse for continuing to work for the cause of Christ. If we want to turn the world upside down, then we cannot become complacent.

Second, they turned the world upside down because they were courageous. In the above account, the Jews are seeking to persecute Paul and Silas, something that had already occurred numerous times. The missionaries didn’t allow that to stop them. They were courageous in the face of difficulties. If we want to turn the world upside down, then we need to step out of our comfort zone and courageously teach the Gospel to others.

Third, they turned the world upside down because they were consistent. One of the keys to effectively teaching the Gospel is consistency. Paul lived the message that he preached! If we want to turn the world upside down, we need to have consistency between the lives that we live and the Bible that we teach. Let’s turn the world upside down for Jesus!

~ Justin

Elders:

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
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!”

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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 2nd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 80
Sun. AM Worship – 116
Sun. PM Worship – 76
Wed. Night (10/5) – 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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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord's Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman
(S) Mike White
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Robert Anderson
(N) Mel Gibson
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord's Supper – Jimmy Hartman
Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

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. 9th** – Hezekiah; Restored Worship; Resisted Assyria; Life Was Extended – 2 Kings 18-20
- **Oct. 12th** – Doom of Israel and Judah; Restoration of the Remnant; Salvation through the Messiah and His Everlasting Kingdom – Isaiah and Micah
- **Oct. 16th** – Manasseh Did Great Evil; Josiah Did Great Good – 2 Kings 21-23:30

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.
- 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. Her pain is under control, but she has very limited mobility.
- 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's heart procedure was performed on Thursday (9/8). She is getting better with each passing day. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor had a cornea transplant on Tuesday (9/6). Everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- 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 home and doing outpatient rehab. 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)