

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 18, 2016



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

How to Prevent and Prevail Over the Flu!

Last week, we began a study noting some of the similarities between the flu and the spiritual disease of sin. We noticed two ways to prevent contracting the disease, and now we want to notice two ways to prevail over the disease if it is contracted.

First, recognize the signs. If we are unfortunate and contract the flu, then we need to be able to recognize the signs. The signs of the flu include the following: fever (usually high), aches and pains, weakness, headache, dry cough, sore throat, and watery discharge from the nose. The first step to overcoming the flu, if you have it, is to recognize the symptoms.

It is also very important to recognize sin when it creeps into our life. James tells us how sin enters and the ultimate result if that sin is left unchecked. “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14-15). In our country, we have become complacent with sin. Homosexuality is called an alternate lifestyle; the killing of an unborn child is called a choice; adultery is called an affair. God calls all of these things sin. We must learn to recognize the signs when sin creeps into our lives.

Second, seek treatment. Doctors can determine if indeed you have the flu, and then they can prescribe some medications to help lessen the symptoms and to recover faster. It is not enough to simply recognize the symptoms; we also need to seek treatment if we are going to prevail over it.

Spiritually speaking, the treatment for sin is the precious blood of Christ. Christ’s blood can wash away man’s sins (Acts 22:16). If you are not a Christian, then the treatment for sin is to become one by obeying God’s commandments like people did in the first century. One must believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). If you are a Christian but have sin in your life, take advantage of the cleansing power of His blood again. Peter told Simon (who was already a Christian - Acts 8:12-13) to repent and pray in order to receive forgiveness (Acts 8:18-22). If you have sin in your life, please seek the appropriate treatment.

Whether one prevents or prevails over the flu will only affect this life. Whether one prevents and prevails over sin will affect this life and the life to come. It is a battle that we must win! Make sure to practice proper spiritual

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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 September 11th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 73
Sun. AM Worship – 100
Sun. PM Worship – 53
Wed. Night (9/14) – 65

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 – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) Rusty Kennedy
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Kenneth Roark
(N) David Bridges
(N) Mike White

Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Lord's Supper – Rusty Kennedy
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for September

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

Communion for September

Mel and Synthia Gibson

September Birthdays

- Rosie Presson – 1
- Ralph Smith – 2
- Leslie Barnes – 3
- Rita Hartman – 4
- David Snell – 7
- Kailyn Incillo – 7
- Anthony Roark – 8
- Johnnie Matthews – 16
- Kenny Kennedy – 19
- Khori Smith – 21
- Nikki Murphy – 21
- Xavrien Nixon - 22
- Julia Alley – 24
- Kim White – 25



Mark Your Calendars!

- **September 18th** – 3rd Sunday Devotional after evening services in the fellowship hall.
- **Sept. 24th** – Homecoming and Open House at the Children's Home in Paragould, Ark., beginning at 10:30. See the flyer on the bulletin board.
- **Sept. 28th** – Deadline to turn in your Christmas boxes for the children at the Nicaragua Christian School. Details are on fliers on the white 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?

- **Sept. 18th** – Repentance Encouraged by a Locust Plague in Judah; Elisha's Death – Joel and 2 Kings 13
- **Sept. 21st** – Aramean and Assyrian Oppression – 2 Kings 14-15
- **Sept. 25th** – Jonah Runs from God – Jonah 1-2

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hygiene; avoid contact with sin and sinful people; recognize when you have sin in your life; and seek treatment by becoming and remaining a faithful Christian.

If we will remain faithful to the end, we can echo the words of Paul. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

~Justin

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.
- Betty Brogdon had her hip come out of socket. She had a procedure done Tuesday (9/13) in Nashville to fix it and is back home again. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Phil Morris is back at the JMCGH. Please keep him and Deborah 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 home recovering. 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.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He is a father of three (including infant twins). He is scheduled to undergo surgery at the end of September. Please keep him and his family 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, Phil Morris, 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.