

## 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 April 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 98  
Sun. AM Worship – 130  
Sun. PM Worship – 68  
Wed. Night (3/29) – 64

### 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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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 9, 2017

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

## How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Part 4

Last week we continued a study of the eternal home of the faithful Christian, Heaven. We have stated that Heaven is a real place and have noticed the scriptural evidence for that statement. We have also seen that Heaven is a rewarding place and a resting place. Now we want to notice the final two characteristics of this wonderful place called Heaven.

Fourth, Heaven is a *reserved* place. Have you ever had a reservation somewhere? It kind of makes you feel important. The very God of Heaven has a reserved place for his faithful children – talk about a reservation! “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4). But to have a reservation, I have to plan ahead. We make our reservation by becoming a Christian. We keep our reservation by living faithfully. There is no greater reservation than the one for Heaven.

Fifth, Heaven is a place for the *ready*. Friend, if you want to go to Heaven, then you have to be ready! A great example of that fact is found in the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). Of those ten virgins, five were wise and five were foolish. The wise virgins were not wise because of a Harvard education, a genetic predisposition of intelligence, or some other factor that would make them smart. They were wise because they were prepared. They were ready when the bridegroom came, and as a result, they were allowed to enter into the wedding feast. The ones who entered were the ones who were ready. No one will arrive in Heaven by accident. They will be there because they were prepared and ready.

Are you ready? If not, please take the necessary steps to make sure you are. I want to close with the words of a song we sing from time to time. “Often I’m hindered on my way, burdened so heavy I almost fall. Then I hear Jesus sweetly say, Heaven will surely be worth it all.” Yes, yes it will!

~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

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**“Come Worship with Us!”**

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Devotional – Tommy Climer

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Kenneth Roark  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Steve Carmack  
(S) W.L. Sandlin  
(N) MacArthur Watkins  
(N) Winston Starks  
(N) Matt Blevins

Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Security – Fisher Carmack

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Kenneth Roark  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden  
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack  
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Security – Jimmy Hartman

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Door Greeters for April**

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

**Communion for April**

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

**April Birthdays**

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- JT Yarbrough
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Waylon Blevins – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Wedding Shower for Mariah Carmack at 2 pm at the building. She is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Walmart.
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Friends and Family Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp for ages 9-18.
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – Vacation Bible School at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Youth Series at the Ripley church of Christ at 7 pm.
- **July 16-19<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 37* – Creation – *Genesis 1*
- **Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 38* – Man, Woman, and Their Garden Home – *Genesis 2*
- **Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 39* – Adam and Eve Sin – *Genesis 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.
- Joe Hunt’s mom, Etta Hunt, passed away. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (3/29). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- JB Haynes (June Roark’s bother) is back home taking antibiotic treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Keosha Halliburton (Mary Halliburton’s daughter) lost all of her possessions in a house fire. Thankfully neither she nor her three children were injured. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark had surgery on Thursday (3/16). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Philip Rhodes is having some health related problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White is back home and is scheduled to see a surgeon this week for a consultation. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah’s father) had heart surgery on Friday (4/7). No updates were available at time of bulletin printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack had surgery (3/2) and everything went as planned. She will have radiation for 6 weeks. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- David Murray (friend of the Hartman’s) passed away. Funeral services were held on Monday (3/27). Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Julia Alley is having some problems with her arm. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Guylene Cultrer (kin of Julia Alley) has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Valencia Crook (kin of Julia Alley) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery on Wednesday (2/22). Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Carden has finished his radiation treatments and will have tests in the coming weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor, WL Sandlin, Betty Brogdon, Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Georgia Campbell, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Seth May, Paula Tillman, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Dot Mullins, 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)**