

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 20, 2017



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

### Every Time I See the Cross

Part 2

Last week we began to notice the topic of the cross. In particular we used the words of a youth song that is sung at devotionals, “Every time I see the cross.” Every time I see the cross, what do I see? What should I see? We noticed first of all that we see the suffering of an innocent. Jesus was innocent of any and all wrong doing. He suffered for us. Now let’s notice some additional thoughts on that suffering and a second thing that we should see when we see the cross.

Christ’s suffering began long before he was nailed to that old wooden cross. His suffering began in the garden as His sweat mixed with blood, as His close friends slept in His greatest hour of need, and as one of His own betrayed Him with a kiss. Those sufferings continued with a mockery of trials, the lying of false witnesses, and the cries of crucifixion from His own countrymen. Even more suffering is seen in the scourging of our Savior, the placing of the crown of thorns, and the cruel mocking of those who gathered round. Then there was the march to Golgotha, the spikes driven into His hands and feet, and the struggle to breath for six excruciating hours. The first thing we should see when we see the cross is the suffering of an innocent.

Second, when I see the cross, I see the sacrifice for the guilty. Why would Christ suffer so much? Why would He willingly put Himself through such a torturous death? He did it because of us. We were guilty. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “For the wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23). We had a problem that we couldn’t solve on our own. “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:6-8). Jesus was on the cross for us and because of us. He was our sacrifice, that is something I should see every time I see the cross.

Next week, we will notice the third and final thing that we should see when we see the cross.

~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
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!”***

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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 August 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 87  
Sun. AM Worship – 125  
Sun. PM Worship – 67  
Wed. Night (8/16) – 72

### 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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**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Tommy Climer

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman  
(S) Kenny Kennedy  
(N) Larry Carden  
(N) Bret Carmack  
(N) MacArthur Watkins

Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins  
Security –

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – John Dennison  
Lord’s Supper – Jimmy Hartman  
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Security – Joel Sutton

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Door Greeters for August**

South – Steve Carmack  
Center – David Snell  
North – Joe Hunt

**Communion for August**

Joe and Cynthia Hunt

**August Birthdays**

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Raymond Neal –11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- Mende Scherffius – 14
- Indyia Halliburton – 14
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Quame Richmond – 17
- Josh Carmack – 18
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Betty Binkley – 21
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Franklin Carmack – 31



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Sept. 6** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 75* – Loss at Ai; Achan Sins – *Joshua 7*
- **Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *Lesson 76* – Capture at Ai–*Joshua 8*
- **Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 77* – Tricked by the People of Gibeon – *Joshua 9*

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received in honor of Gwinn, Matthews, June, Medford, Gerald Brown, Jewel Kendrick, and Frank Shelton.

**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.
- Randy Roark has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. More tests are needed before determining a course of treatment. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Jean Mills (June Roark’s sister) was scheduled for a heart cath Friday. No news was known at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gale Shaw is having some issues with her knee that will require surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Abbey and Alden Climer (Granddaughters of Tommy and Linda) were in a serious car accident. Abbey continues to be in the hospital and has a long road of recovery ahead of her. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Gwinn Matthews passed away on Tuesday (8/1). Funeral services were held on Saturday (8/5). Please keep Mrs. Johnnie and the family in your prayers.
- Pam McDonald’s brother, James Bushart, passed away. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- Ted Sutton has a broken vertebra in his neck. Please keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin has returned to his treatments and will be unable to attend services regularly as a result. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Betty Arthur has a new great granddaughter. Elizabeth Elise Arthur. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor is still in the hospital at time of bulletin printing, but is supposed to be going home soon. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- June Medford (Ann Carmack’s sister) passed away. Funeral services were held Friday (7/21). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Milford Durham (retired chief of police and former sheriff) is battling lung cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Grayson Bryant (Lillie Dennison’s sister’s grandson), was able to go home. He still has some procedures ahead of him. Please keep the family in your prayers
- Evelyn Jackson (Betty Arthur’s sister) is currently in rehab following a bad fall. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Randy Roark, Jr. is battling kidney cancer. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.