

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 10, 2017



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

If I Had But One Week To Live...

Our time here on this earth is definitely short. Job stated in the long ago, “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Imagine for a moment that you were to go to a doctor’s appointment tomorrow; the doctor comes and says to you that you have only one week to live! Would your actions change for that one week? What about your attitude and outlook? What would you change if you had only one week to live?

Would you study the Bible more, or would you leave it on the table and never pick it up? Many of us would probably make time to read its sacred pages more diligently even if there were many other things we wanted to do. If you had one week to live would you study your Bible more?

If you were physically able, how many services of the church would you attend? Would you sleep in and miss Sunday morning Bible study? Would you come only on Sunday morning, or would you purpose to be here Sunday night and Wednesday night also? Many of us would take advantage of every opportunity to worship God and to study more about Him. If you had one week to live, how often would you attend the services of the church?

How would your generosity change towards the church and your fellow man? Would you place a crumpled up dollar bill into the offering plate, or would you give as God had prospered you? Would you look on those in need of help with disdain, or would you help as best you could? Most of us would do all would could to financially help the church and also those in need. If you had one week to live, how much would you give to the cause of Christ?

How often would you pray to God? Would the hustle and bustle of the day cause you to forget to thank the Creator for His blessings? Would you be in such a hurry to eat that you forgot to thank the One who made it possible? Many of us would pray multiple times throughout the day. If you had but one week to live, how often would you pray?

It is probably not the case that you are going to walk into the doctor’s office tomorrow and hear such fateful news, but we are not guaranteed another day upon this earth. “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14). If you would have changed some things based on the idea of death, then it is very possible that you are not ready to die. Why not change those things now and live every week as if it is your last so that when God calls you home, you won’t have to change a thing. It is definitely something to think about!

~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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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 December 3rd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 100
Sun. AM Worship – 130
Sun. PM Worship – 70
Wed. Night (12/6) – 66

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 – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Raymond Neal

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Lord's Supper – (S) Larry Carden
(S) Mike White
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) David Bridges

Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord's Supper – Larry Carden
Closing Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for December

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

Communion for December

Robert and Ernestine Anderson

December Birthdays

- Amanda Carmack – 1
- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Sutton – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Rusty Kennedy – 13
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Kairi Shepherd – 22
- Larry Carden – 28
- Kelly Carmack – 29
- Heston Carmack – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 10th** – Christmas Party here at the building following the evening services.
- **Dec. 14th** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Dec. 29th-31st** – Light the Fire at Reelfoot Youth Camp

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Dec. 10th** - Lesson 107 – The Risen Christ Appeared to Women; the Guards Reported – Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1, 7; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-18
- **Dec. 13th** - Lesson 108 – The Resurrected Jesus Appears to More Disciples – Luke 24:13-43
- **Dec. 17th** - Lesson 109 – Jesus Appears to Thomas and Speaks with Peter – John 20:24-31; 21:1-25

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Melba Sutton and Betty Jean McNeill.

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.
- Sonny Arwood is in LCH following a stroke and surgery. Please keep him and Mrs. Reba in your prayers as he recovers.
- Penny Gaines is cancer free! Please make sure to thank God for this answered prayer.
- Melba Sutton (Ted Sutton and Doris Sandlin's sister-in-law) passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (11/25). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Betty McNeill (Rita Hartman's aunt) passed away. Funeral services were held Sunday (11/26). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor will have a pacemaker put in on December 13th. Also, for those bringing him food, the cardiologist has put him on a very low sodium intake diet. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham fell a couple of weeks ago and is having some problems due to that. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Juantia Stanley (Rita Hartman's mother) is having difficulty breathing, and doctors are unsure of what is causing it. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Drexel Reed (Gale Shaw's son) had surgery, and the doctors were able to remove most of the infection and are confident that they can remove the rest. Please keep him and Gale in your prayers.
- Mike White had partial knee replacement on Thursday (11/9) and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Judy Dunaway (coworker of Cynthia Hunt and friend of the Bates) had cancer surgery on Thursday (9/28) and will begin a treatment plan soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Shekell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has liver cancer again. He has started chemo and will need surgery again, probably in November. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton is currently dealing with shingles and is doing rehab on her shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.