

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 3, 2017



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

The Three Dimensions of Love

Part 4

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40). In this passage, Jesus gives us three dimensions in which love is to be expressed. We have noticed two of these directions, love reaches upward and inward. Now let’s notice the final direction.

Third, love reaches *outward*. “You shall love your **neighbor** as yourself” (emp. added). As we think about loving our neighbor, there are two categories of people that are our neighbors.

First, we should love our Christian brothers and sisters. Jesus, during his last evening with the disciples before he was to be crucified, urged his disciples to love one another. In John 13:34, 15:12, 17, Jesus said that we should love one another. Paul emphasized that love often. John stressed its importance in 1 John. Loving one another is a primary focus of Christianity. First, we should love our fellow Christians.

Second, we should love those who are not Christians. Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 illustrates the need to love those with whom we come in contact. Jesus also stressed that we are to even love our enemies in Matthew 5:44. The world needs to see the love of Christ, and they can only see that through us.

When love reaches upward, inward, and outward, it is the all-encompassing love that Jesus wants His followers to have. Let’s make sure we love to the fullest!

~Justin

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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 November 26th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 97
Sun. AM Worship – 114
Sun. PM Worship – 70
Wed. Night (11/29) – 71

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 – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – Rusty Kennedy

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer –Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Larry Carden
(S) Mike White
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) David Bridges

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord’s Supper – Larry Carden
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Bridges
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for December

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

Communion for December

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. 7th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Dec. 10th** – Christmas Party here at the building following the evening services.
- **Dec. 14th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Dec. 3rd** - Lesson 105 – Jesus Tried before Pilate and Herod; Judas’ Suicide – Mark 15:1-20; Matthew 27:3-10
- **Dec. 6th** - Lesson 106 – Jesus is Crucified, Buried, and Guarded – Matthew 27:32-66; John 19:23-24
- **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

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.
- 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.
- Penny Gaines’ bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- 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 Sheckell (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.
- Jay and Joyce Dunaway (Mike White’s step father and mother) are both in Dyersburg for recovery and rehab. Please keep them both 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.