

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 26, 2017



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

Would Your Religion Knock Down a Wall?

Part 1

It must have been almost comical to the guards keeping watch. After all the city had been secured, the gates were closed, and their walls were high and thick. They had no reason to fear this invading army, and furthermore the invaders were doing the most peculiar thing: They weren't attacking.

It must have been almost comical as the news spread throughout the city of the daily march that the invading army would take around the city walls. It had been the topic of conversation for the past six days, the end to many jokes, and the subject of much confusion.

It must have been almost comical to the guards as they noticed the army beginning a second loop around the wall on that seventh day, and then a third, and a fourth. What did they think that they were accomplishing?

It must have been almost comical, but it wasn't.

As the invading army finished their seventh trip around the wall, the priests blew with their horns, the people shouted, and the walls fell flat. God's instructions to Joshua were not a laughing matter, and He had given Joshua and the Israelites the city of Jericho just as He had promised.

The account of the fall of Jericho, recorded in Joshua chapter 6, could be recited by many children who have spent much time in Bible classes, but there are some very "grown-up" lessons that we can learn as well.

There is one question that I want you to consider, "Would your religion knock down a wall?" There are two things that occurred in succession to enable the Israelite nation to take the city of Jericho and these same two things will enable us to knock down religious walls today. Next week will notice those two things together.

~Justin

Elders:

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Kenneth Roark

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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 February 19th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 74
Sun. AM Worship – 99
Sun. PM Worship – 62
Wed. Night (2/22) – 77

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 – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Devotional – Tommy Climer

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Larry Carden
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) Matt Blevins
(N) Winston Starks

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – Larry Carden
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Steve Carmack
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for February

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

Communion for February

Joel and Betty Sutton

February Birthdays

- Robert Halliburton – 26
- Mike White – 28

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Conner Sanders – 5
- Mary Halliburton – 5



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Feb. 28th** – Memphis Grizzlies Game. We will meet at the building at 5 pm. Please see David Snell with any questions.
- **Mar. 1st** – Wednesday Winter Warmup Meals begin at 5:45 pm. Please see the menu on the table.
- **April 1st** – Ladies’ Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **April 30th** – Friends and Family Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 4th-9th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp for ages 9-18.
- **June 19th-21st** – Vacation Bible School at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 26th** – Summer Youth Series at the Ripley church of Christ at 7 pm.
- **July 16-19th** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Feb. 26th** – Lesson 25 – Purification at the Temple; Wise Men Visit – Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:21-38
- **Mar. 1st** – Lesson 26 – Jesus’ Youth – Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:39-52
- **Mar. 5th** – Lesson 27 – John the Baptist Preaches and Baptizes – Matthew 3:1-17

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in memory of Flossie Blevins.

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.
- Flossie Blevins (Matt Blevins’ grandmother) passed away. Her funeral was held on Friday (2/24). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) received a great report from the doctors. He is cancer free. Make sure to thank God for the wonderful news.
- David Murray (friend of the Hartman’s) is having a very serious surgery on the 27th to remove part of his esophagus due to cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Julia Alley is having some problems with her arm. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Laura Bivens (June Roark’s brother’s step daughter) passed away. Her funeral services were held on Wednesday (2/8). Please keep her family 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.
- Marilyn Riley (former member in Gates) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is scheduled to have surgery on March 2nd. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor: Please keep brother Taylor and his family in your prayers. Mrs. Irene passed away on 1/12.
- Larry Carden continues to have radiation treatments in Dyersburg. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White: Please keep him in your prayers as he rehabs and recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- 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, Etta Hunt, 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)**