

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 1, 2017



"Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!"

Noah

part 3

We have been looking at Noah and wanting to notice some characteristics that set him apart from the people of his time. There were five characteristics in all that we wanted to notice. We noticed the first one – He was a practicing man. Now let's notice the second one.

Second, Noah was a *preparing* man. "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

God's command to Noah is even more interesting when one considers that Noah had never seen rain. He prepared the ark because of his faith in Almighty God. Not only did Noah prepare the ark, but he prepared it according to God's commands. Noah couldn't have prepared it any other way and still have been saved. Noah did all that God commanded in the way God commanded. "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did" (Genesis 6:22).

We must be preparing people as well. We must prepare for the coming judgment. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). And just like Noah, we must prepare according to God's commands. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

In fact, Peter used the example of Noah and the flood to show the importance of obedience in baptism. "Who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 3:20-21). We need to be preparing people.

Next week, we will continue to notice these characteristics that are worthy of our imitation.

~ Justin

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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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 25th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – no services
Sun. AM Worship – 112
Sun. PM Worship – no services
Wed. Night (12/28) – 53

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 – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord’s Supper – (S) Steve Carmack
(S) John Dennison
(N) Rusty Kennedy
(N) Bryan Hartman
(N) Matt Blevins

Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Barry Bates

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Josh Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – David Bridges

Door Greeters for January

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

Communion for January

Robert Anderson

January Birthdays

- Terry Bibbs – 2
- Frank Carmack – 4
- Landon Carmack – 7
- Chrystal Hartman – 12
- Micah Paschall – 13
- Zahmyia Harper – 20
- Luke Hartman – 22
- Georgia Carden – 26



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jan. 7th** – Men’s Breakfast. More details coming soon.
- **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
- **July 16-19th** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Jan. 1st** – Lesson 9 – Joseph’s Cup Found in Benjamin’s Sack – Genesis 44
- **Jan. 4th** – Lesson 10 – Joseph Reveals Himself to the Brothers – Genesis 45
- **Jan. 8th** – Lesson 11 – Jacob and All His Family Go to Egypt – Genesis 46

Memorials

Memorials were received for Don Ellwood.

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.
- Irene Taylor has been transferred back to Methodist University. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Larry Carden has begun radiation treatments in Dyersburg. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Don Ellwood passed away (12/2). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook has been very sick. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Mike White had knee replacement surgery on the 13th at Jackson Regional. Please keep him in your prayers as he rehabs and recovers.
- Vickie Kennedy suffered a miscarriage. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Aunita Emerson (Rita Hartman’s aunt) fell and had to have shoulder replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Darrin Hamlin suffered a very serious injury to his thumb. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews is still dealing with serious health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Amy Bridges is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Laura Bivens (June Roark’s brother’s step daughter) is battling cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell’s (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) continues to battle cancer. His address is 803 S. 4th St., Hayti, MO 63851. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Frank Bales has been diagnosed with cancer. He had surgery in Memphis to remove the mass between his heart and lung. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White’s mom) is having back problems. Please keep her 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)