

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 12, 2017



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

Having a Great Ladies' Day

Hopefully by now everyone knows that our annual Ladies' Day is just under three weeks away. With that in mind, I wanted us to take a look at some ways that we can make this Ladies' Day a great one! The first two things we can all do, male and female, and the final two things are just for our ladies. Four things in all that can make this Ladies' Day great!

The first step that we can all take to make this day a success is to *pray*. As Christians, prayer should always be our first step in any endeavor. If you haven't been praying, please start now. Pray that all the preparations that are underway run smoothly. Pray that people will be receptive to the invitation to be here. Pray for the speaker, Cindy Colley. Pray that those present will be receptive to the message. Pray that God will be glorified through these efforts. Pray, pray, pray!

The second step we can all take is to *persuade* people to attend. We have sent fliers to area congregations, but personal invitations are the most effective. Invite other sisters in Christ, but don't limit your invitations to just other Christians. Make sure to invite non-Christian females to the event. We want as many people as possible to benefit from these efforts, but that can only happen if we get the word out. Invite, invite, invite!

A third step that our ladies can do is to *prioritize*. Remember what is truly important. It is not about the decorations but about God. It is not about the food, but the fellowship. It's not about all the pomp and circumstance but learning God's Word. It's easy to allow our focus to get pulled in so many directions, but what is truly important is the lessons that are presented. Keep your focus on God and His Word.

The final step that our ladies can take is to *plan* to make application of the lessons that are presented. The entire effort is intended to encourage and strengthen those who are in attendance, but that can only happen if the lessons that are presented are taken to heart and applied to one's life. This is a crucial final step.

Pray. Persuade. Prioritize. Plan. If we will do these things, this Ladies' Day will be a success in the eyes of our Father. ~Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
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 February 26th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 85
Sun. AM Worship – 116
Sun. PM Worship – 56
Wed. Night (3/8) – 65

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 – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – Raymond Neal

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord’s Supper – (S) Kenneth Roark
(S) Robert Anderson
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) David Bridges
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Fisher Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord’s Supper – Kenneth Roark
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Barry Bates

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for March

David and Jane Snell

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Conner Sanders – 5
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Lauren Halliburton – 8
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Linda Bibbs – 14
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Marion Morris– 16
- Patrice Perry – 19
- Randy Roark– 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 12th** – VBS Meeting in the fellowship hall at 4:30.
- **Mar. 15th** – Ladies Day work night at 5:30 in the fellowship hall.
- **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?

- **Mar. 12th** – Lesson 29 – Jesus’ First Miracle and Cleansing the Temple – John 2
- **Mar. 15th** – Lesson 30 – Nicodemus; John the Baptist Imprisoned – John 3; Luke 3:19-20
- **Mar. 19th** – Lesson 31 – Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman and Heals the Nobleman’s Son – John 4

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.
- Lillie Dennison suffered a fall. She is doing better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Philip Rhodes was in a tractor accident. No updates were available at time of printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White is at JMCGRH due to diverticulitis. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah’s father) will have a heart cath on the 20th. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack had surgery (3/2) and everything went as planned. She will have radiation for 6 weeks. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- 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) was scheduled to have a very serious surgery on the 27th to remove part of his esophagus due to cancer. Unfortunately the surgery did not go as well as hoped. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Julia Alley is having some problems with her arm. Please keep her 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.
- Larry Carden has finished his radiation treatments and will have tests in the coming weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor, 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)