

## 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 May 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 88  
Sun. AM Worship – 120  
Sun. PM Worship – 66  
Wed. Night (5/10) – 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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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 7, 2017

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

## Preaching the Gospel

Part 4

We want to continue to notice the topic of preaching the Gospel by looking at the instructions of an older preaching to a younger one taken from 2 Timothy 4:1-2. We have noticed three of five points concerning the proclamation of the Gospel – The strong charge for preaching, the subject matter of preaching, and the season of preaching. Now, let’s notice the fourth point.

Fourth, Paul gives us some of the subjects that are covered in preaching the Gospel. “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2). The Gospel involves convincing someone of their error. This can be very difficult because many of us don’t like to admit that we are wrong. Luckily God’s word has the power to pierce the hearts of men. “For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

The preaching of the Gospel also involves rebuking. This is similar to convincing, but involves a stronger approach with stronger words. Christ was blunt when he needed to be. The apostles said what needed to be said regardless of the consequences. We need to be willing to rebuke error if we are going to keep the doctrine of the church pure.

Finally, the preaching of the Gospel involves exhorting. To exhort means to encourage or to admonish. The apostles did not only seek to convince people of their sin. They did not only seek to rebuke error where it was found. But they also sought to encourage those who were striving to live faithfully. Read Paul’s letters to various congregations. Yes, he dealt with things that needed to be corrected, but he also encouraged them in the things that they were doing right. Preaching the Gospel involves encouraging the brethren.

Next week we will notice the fifth and final thing concerning the preaching of the Gospel.

### 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!”*

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Devotional – David Bridges

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Joe Hunt  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Rusty Kennedy  
(S) Kenny Kennedy  
(N) Jimmy Hartman  
(N) David Bridges  
(N) Robert Anderson

Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Security – Frank Carmack

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Joe Hunt  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord’s Supper – Rusty Kennedy  
Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer  
Security – Barry Bates

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy  
Security – Joel Sutton

**Door Greeters for May**

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

**Communion for May**

Tommy and Linda Climer

**May Birthdays**

- David Blakely – 1
- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Walt Hunt – 7
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Larry Tillman – 15
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Lauren Cherry – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Men’s Breakfast beginning at 7 am with a few hours of outside work to follow.
- **June 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp for ages 9-18. Applications are on the table in the foyer and need to be returned to me by May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – Vacation Bible School at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Youth Series at the Ripley church of Christ at 7 pm.
- **July 16-19<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **May 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 47* – Satan Attacks Job’s Body with Sores – *Job 2*
- **May 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 48* – Job’s Friends Visit; God Blesses Job – *Job 3-42*
- **May 21<sup>st</sup>** – *Lesson 49* – Joseph-Review

**Memorials Received**

Memorials in honor of Ms. Etta Hunt have been received.

**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.
- There are numerous individuals that are dealing with allergies, colds, and other illnesses. Please keep these people in your prayers.
- The Campbell Family: Ms. Georgia passed away Wednesday night (5/10). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Terry Bibbs has an appointment on May 29<sup>th</sup> to see his cardiologist after an abnormal stress test. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Frank Shelton (Tommy Climer’s brother-in-law) is not doing well and is currently under hospice care. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Rusty Kennedy’s uncle, Kelton Grooms passed away. Funeral services were held Sunday (5/7). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lloyd Sanders (Rae Sanders’ son) fell and broke his neck. He is currently in a rehab facility in Bruce, TN. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark had a life threatening complication from her previous surgery. She was rushed to Baptist East for emergency surgery on Thursday (5/4). She is home now, recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton had surgery on Wednesday (5/3). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Robert Taylor has a fracture in his knee. Thankfully no surgery is needed, but there will be a 6-8 week period of staying off of the leg as much as possible. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White’s surgery was more extensive than originally planned. He is at home. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah’s father) got a good report from the doctors concerning his neck. The next step is to attempt to fix the blockage near his heart again. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack is battling breast cancer. Please keep her and the 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. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- Larry Carden, WL Sandlin, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.