

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 28, 2017



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

### The Power of the Gospel

*Part 1*

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’” (Romans 1:16-17). In these two verses, the theme for the entire book of Romans is laid out by the apostle Paul and, of particular interest to this topic, Paul mentions the power of the Gospel.

The power of the Gospel can and will exert a tremendous influence upon those who allow it to do so. The Gospel can transform a person’s life. It changes the obedient from sinner to saint. The Gospel has the power to unite people of different nations, races, social, and economic backgrounds in Christ. It has the power to clarify our meaning and purpose in life. The Gospel gives us access to the blessings of salvation and an eternity in heaven. Is it any wonder that Paul refers to its power?!

Before we embark on a study of some of the things that the Gospel can do because of its great power, it may be helpful to define a couple of terms. First, what do we mean by the Gospel? In this study, we are not using the narrow definition of simply the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Instead we are looking at the broader definition – the Gospel system, the entirety of God’s plan to save man, His Word, the Bible.

Second, what do we mean by power? The word power comes from the Greek word, *dunamis*, a term from which we derive words such as dynamite, dynamic, and dynamo. All of these terms refer to elements of power. As brother Robert Taylor says in his book *Studies in Romans*, “The gospel is God’s dynamite to blast sin out of human hearts; it is God’s dynamic energy to save lost sinners; it is His great spiritual dynamo releasing its quickening energy to lift humanity out of the muck and mire of sin and placing their feet solidly upon the lofty plateaus of purity and piety.”

There are five things that we want to notice concerning the power of the Gospel. We will begin to notice them next week. ~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 May 21<sup>st</sup>

##### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 80  
Sun. AM Worship – 100  
Sun. PM Worship – 62  
Wed. Night (5/24) – 74

#### 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 – Bret Carmack  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Kenneth Roark  
(S) John Dennison  
(N) Larry Carden  
(N) MacArthur Watkins  
(N) Bryan Hartman

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Security – Joel Sutton

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden  
Lord’s Supper – Kenneth Roark  
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Door Greeters for May**

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

**Communion for May**

Tommy and Linda Climer

**May Birthdays**

- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Lauren Cherry – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



**June Birthdays**

- Mariah Carmack – 3
- MacArthur Watkins – 3
- Joel Sutton – 4
- Mary Barnett – 4
- June Bates – 7
- Luke Crook – 7
- Kenneth Roark – 8
- Steve Carmack – 9
- Linsey Tharpe – 10
- Harrison Paschall – 14
- Joyce Blakemore – 18
- Gwinn Mathews – 19

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **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 ASAP.
- **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 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 51* – Moses’ Youth – *Exodus 2:1-25, 18:2-4*
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>** – *Lesson 52* – The Burning Bush – *Exodus 3*
- **June 4<sup>th</sup>** – *Lesson 53* – Moses Leaves Midian for Egypt – *Exodus 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.
- 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 had a heart cath on Monday. 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 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). She has had some setbacks in her recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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 as he recovers.
- 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. She has finished her radiation treatments. 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.