

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 12, 2017



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

## The Three Dimensions of Love

*Part 1*

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1 John 4:7-8). There should be no question in the mind of anyone who professes any form of Christianity that love is an essential element.

We cannot profess to be a people that are children of God and not seek to express the love that our Father is. Three simple words with such a huge meaning – GOD IS LOVE. He is the author from which it derived. He is the fountain from which it springs. He is the guardian that protects its purity. He is the parent that delights in its declaration, “I love you!” God is love.

Unfortunately the word, love, and its meaning has been cheapened over the years by its misuse and a misunderstanding of what true love is. It’s been made to mean that we overlook sin. Anytime a Christian talks about sin, hell, punishment, or the like, the world responds with, “I thought Christians were supposed to be loving?” The truth is that love warns someone of danger, especially when that danger is of an eternal nature.

And while the word “love” has been misused by the world, it is also missing in many congregations today. Congregations cannot claim to be followers of God and Christ and fail to exhibit the love that Jesus taught us to have.

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40). In this passage, Jesus gives us three dimensions in which love is to be expressed.

Next week, we will notice the first dimension of love – love reaches upward.

~Justin

### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
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 November 5<sup>th</sup>

#### *Attendance:*

Sun. Bible Study – 86  
Sun. AM Worship – 114  
Sun. PM Worship – 84  
Wed. Night (11/8) – 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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## Those Privileged to Serve:

### AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Devotional – Tommy Climer

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord's Supper – (S) Joe Hunt  
(S) Joel Sutton  
(N) Rusty Kennedy  
(N) Kenny Kennedy  
(N) Jimmy Hartman

Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Security – Tommy Climer

### PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
Lord's Supper – Joe Hunt  
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Security – Barry Bates

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy  
Security – Joel Sutton

### Door Greeters for November

South – Steve Carmack  
Center – David Snell  
North – Joe Hunt

### Communion for November

Bret and Johanna Carmack

## November Birthdays

- Mammie Watkins – 2
- David Bridges – 7
- Sydney Carmack – 9
- Patti Jolicoeur – 11
- W.L. Sandlin – 12
- Johanna Carmack – 13
- Gunnar Carmack – 16
- Kailyn Carmack – 16
- Dana Carmack – 20
- Debbie Barnett – 28
- Josephine Latham – 30



### Mark Your Calendars!

- **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – No Ladies' Bible Class due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### What Are My Children Studying?

- **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 99 - Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit - John 14
- **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 100 - Jesus Teaches Love - John 15
- **Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 101 - Jesus Speaks of Overcoming the World - John 16

### Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Jeff Colvin and Ann Clement.

## 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.
- Juantia Stanley (Rita Hartman's mother) had a heart cath done on Friday (11/10). No updates were available at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Melba Sutton (Ted Sutton and Doris Sandlin's sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Drexel Reed (Gale Shaw's son) had surgery, and the doctors were able to remove most of the infection and are confident that they can remove the rest. Please keep him and Gale in your prayers.
- Robert Mullins (Micah's grandfather) had rotator cuff surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Mike White had partial knee replacement on Thursday (11/9). No news was known at time of bulletin printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pat Demos (friend of Dori Stocklin) is not doing well. She is dealing with severe pain. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines' bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments. Also, her brother-in-law Jimmy Gaines passed away.
- Judy Dunaway (coworker of Cynthia Hunt and friend of the Bates) had cancer surgery on Thursday (9/28) and will begin a treatment plan soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has liver cancer again. He has started chemo and will need surgery again, probably in November. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton is currently dealing with shingles and is doing rehab on her shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mother) fell and fractured her neck. She has been moved to Dyersburg for recovery and rehab. Also, his stepfather, Jay Dunaway, was taken to the hospital due to internal bleeding. Please keep them both in your prayers.
- Betty McNeal (Rita Hartman's aunt) has been moved to the Ripley Rehab and Nursing Home. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton has a broken vertebra in his neck. Please keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin has returned to his treatments and will be unable to attend services regularly as a result. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.