

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 26, 2017



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

### The Three Dimensions of Love

Part 3

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. We have noticed the first of these directions, love reaches upward. Now let’s notice the second direction.

Second, love reaches *inward*. “You shall love your neighbor as **yourself**” (emp. added). Psychologists, counselors, and other mental health professionals have all expressed the importance of loving oneself. Having a good self-image is an important component of a healthy, happy lifestyle. It will help us in being confident in our interactions with others. Of course Jesus told us that long before any doctor made that decree.

Unfortunately, many in today’s society do not know how to love themselves. The predominate reason for this phenomenon is the fact that the world has attached our worth to worldly things. Beauty, wealth, youth, popularity, and material things are all touted as being things that determine your value. But these things do not determine the worth of an individual.

We have worth because God says so. You and I were created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). Is one soul important to God? He would have spared Sodom for 10 righteous individuals. He saved 8 from the flood. He came looking for two in the Garden of Eden. In Luke 15, we see parables showing the concern over one sheep, one coin, and one son. Yes, one soul is important to God! YOU are important to God. He loved you so much that He sent His Son (John 3:16). We can love ourselves because God loved us first.

Love reaches upward and inward. Next week will notice the final direction that love reaches.

~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

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Kenneth Roark

#### Minister:

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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 November 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 98  
Sun. AM Worship – 127  
Sun. PM Worship – 74  
Wed. Night (11/22) – 55

### 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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**8:15 AM**

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## Those Privileged to Serve:

### AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Rusty Kennedy

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Lord's Supper – (S) Raymond Neal

(S) John Dennison  
(N) Darrell Smothers  
(N) Robert Anderson  
(N) MacArthur Watkins

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
Security – Frank Carmack

### PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord's Supper – Raymond Neal  
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden  
Security – Frank Carmack

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
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. 30<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party here at the building following the evening services.

### What Are My Children Studying?

- **Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 103 - Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane Followed by His Arrest - Mark 14:32-52
- **Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 104 - Trial Before the Jewish Leaders and Peter's Denial - John 18:12-14; Matthew 26:57-75
- **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Lesson 105 – Jesus Tried before Pilate and Herod; Judas' Suicide – Mark 15:1-20; Matthew 27:3-10

## 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.
- Melba Sutton (Ted Sutton and Doris Sandlin's sister-in-law) passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (11/25). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Betty McNeal (Rita Hartman's aunt) passed away. The funeral is today at 2 pm at the Concord United Methodist Church in Gates. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor will have a pacemaker put in on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, for those bringing him food, the cardiologist has put him on a very low sodium intake diet. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham fell a couple of weeks ago and is having some problems due to that. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Juantia Stanley (Rita Hartman's mother) is having difficulty breathing, and doctors are unsure of what is causing it. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- 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.
- Mike White had partial knee replacement on Thursday (11/9) and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Penny Gaines' bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- 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.
- Jay and Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's step father and mother) are both in Dyersburg for recovery and rehab. Please keep them both 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.
- Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.