

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 1, 2017



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

### Happy is He...

*Part 2*

First, happy is he that finds wisdom. “Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding” (Proverbs 3:13). The writer of Proverbs makes it very clear that wisdom and understand can bring happiness. Solomon understood the value of wisdom. When given the choice of anything, Solomon chose wisdom. “At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask! What shall I give you? Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?” The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing” (1 Kings 3:5, 9-10).

How precious is wisdom? “For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her” (Proverbs 3:14-18). How hard do men work to earn money, yet wisdom and understanding are more important than financial gain. The words in verse 13 show the intense effort that should be put forth. The word “finds” means “to obtain by seeking” The word “gains” carries the idea of digging for something.

It is important to note that this wisdom is the wisdom of God and not of man. “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness’” (1 Corinthians 3:19). The wisdom and understanding of Jesus Christ and the salvation He offers from sin is what the happy man seeks after. It is this wisdom that provides this man freedom and happiness. “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). True happiness can only be found in the wisdom of God.

Next week, we will notice a few more places where true happiness can be found.

~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 September 24<sup>th</sup>

### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 81  
Sun. AM Worship – 97  
Sun. PM Worship – 75  
Wed. Night (9/27) – 79

## 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 – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Joe Hunt  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman  
(S) Joel Sutton  
(N) Rusty Kennedy  
(N) MacArthur Watkins  
(N) Kenny Kennedy

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Security – Frank Carmack

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Joe Hunt  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord’s Supper – Jimmy Hartman  
Closing Prayer – John Dennison  
Security – Mike White

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy  
Security – Joel Sutton

**Door Greeters for October**

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

**Communion for October**

Justin and Micah Paschall

**October Birthdays**

- Vernice Richmond – 2
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Debra Foshee – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Josiah Kennedy – 17
- Zack Arwood – 23
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Adrianna Carmack – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Sidney Richmond – 30
- Robert Taylor – 30



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – Ladies’ Retreat at Indian Creek Youth Camp. Deadline to sign-up has passed, but we may be able to do a late registration if done immediately. Please see Micah for more information.
- **Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** - *Lesson 87 - The Triumphal Entry; Cursing the Fig Tree - Mark 11:1-14*
- **Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** - *Lesson 88 - Second Cleansing of the Temple; Faith in Prayer; Authority - Mark 11:15-33*
- **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>** - *Lesson 89 - Three Parables - Matthew 21:28-22:14*

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received in honor of Etta Hunt, Gwinn Matthews, June Medford, Gerald Brown, Jewel Kendrick, and Frank Shelton.

**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.
- 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.
- Eunice Dobbs was admitted to the hospital last week with heart failure. She has been transferred to the Lauderdale Community Living Center. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton is currently dealing with shingles. 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. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Quicy’s (Mac and Rita Watkins’ grandson) father passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor is back at the Lauderdale Community Hospital. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark will be having surgery scheduled as soon as he gets the all clear concerning the infection he contracted. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Jimmy Turner (Terry and Linda Bibb’s brother-in-law) passed away. Funeral services were held on Friday (9/29). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Ann Clement is not doing well at all. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Randy Roark has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Tests revealed that it is only in the prostate. Surgery is scheduled for October 9th. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Betty McNeal (Rita Hartman’s aunt) is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gale Shaw had knee surgery, and everything went as planned. She began rehab on Tuesday (10/3). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Penny Gaines’ bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- Ted Sutton fell following evening services. He suffered some serious cuts and bruises, but thankfully nothing was broken. He still 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, Lille Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.