

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 15, 2017



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

Happy is He...

Part 3

A few weeks ago, we noticed that most people in the world today despite differing in race, age, gender, social status, and economical status are all in search of the same thing – happiness. We set out on a journey to find where true happiness could be found by turning to God’s Word. We noticed first of all that happy is the man that finds wisdom. Now let’s notice two more areas where happiness can be found.

Second, happy is he that favors the poor. “He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy on the poor, happy *is* he” (Proverbs 14:21). In the end, we will be judged by how we have treated our neighbor. Matthew 25:31ff speaks of the judgment and whether we have taken care of those in need. The Lord commanded us to love our neighbor – “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).

Benevolence is a work of the church, and as a result it is a work of every individual Christian. “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). On a practical level, when you do something good for someone, how does it make you feel? It makes me feel happy – not only am I helping someone in need, but I am doing what God would have me to do. True happiness can be found in helping those in need.

Third, happy is he that has faith in the Lord. “He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he” (Proverbs 16:20). What does it mean to trust someone? If I trust someone then I believe that they will do what they say they will do. I can have faith; I can trust my Lord. “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23).

Also, in order for me to trust someone, I need to know them. How do I get to know God? The same way you get to know anyone else. You talk to him through prayer, and you let him talk to you through Bible study. That’s how I build my faith, my trust in him! I can trust God to be there in sickness and in health, in the good times and in the bad. True happiness can be found by having faith in God.

~Justin

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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 October 8th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 95
Sun. AM Worship – 108
Sun. PM Worship – 62
Wed. Night (10/11) – 68

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 – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Steve Carmack
(S) Robert Anderson
(N) Joe Hunt
(N) Mel Gibson
(N) John Dennison

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Bridges
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – David Bridges

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. 19th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 26th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 31st** – Trunk-or-Treat beginning at 6 pm for members and 7 pm for the community

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Oct. 15th** - Lesson 91 - Jesus Rebukes the Scribes and Pharisees - Matthew 23
- **Oct. 18th** - Lesson 92 - The Widow on Giving; Jesus Speaks - Mark 12:41-44; John 12:20-50
- **Oct. 22nd** - Lesson 93 - Jesus Foretells the Destruction of Jerusalem - Matthew 24:1-28

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.
- Roy Colvin’s brother, Jeff Colvin, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Evelyn Smith’s sister, Ann Clement, passed away. Please keep the family 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.
- John Austin (husband of Carol Austin and cousin of Susan Wieber) had a stroke while in Branson, MO, and is currently in the ICU there. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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 home and will continue rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark is tentatively scheduled to have surgery on the 30th. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Randy Roark has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He had surgery on the 9th, and everything went as planned. 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.
- 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, Lille Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.