

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 22, 2017



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

### Happy is He...

Part 4

We have been noticing 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. Second, we saw that happy is he that favors the poor. Third, we saw that happy is the man that has faith in the Lord. Now let’s notice our fourth area where happiness can be found.

Fourth, happy is he that fears God. “Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity” (Proverbs 28:14). A person who has fear will be happy – to our minds that doesn’t seem to make much sense, but here we are looking at fear and reverence due God. We should have a healthy amount of fear and reverence for the Lord.

There are those who have an unhealthy amount of fear. They view God as a tyrant who wishes his subjects harm. Such is not the case. We have previously noted from 2 Peter 3:9 that “He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

There are others though who do not believe that God will punish anyone. “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31). God is both good and severe – “Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off” (Romans 11:22).

A Christian fears sinning against his God because he knows the consequences of that sin. A man who has this constant fear does not become callous to sin. This man does not become unaware of the pitfalls and hurdles that Satan throws in his path. He is very aware of his adversary the Devil. What happens to the man that hardens his heart to this reverence and fear of God? The text says he falls into mischief – sorrow, calamity, evil. As a result he becomes lost in sin, and ultimately he will be lost for eternity. That doesn’t sound like a happy person. True happiness can be found by fearing God. ~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 October 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 88  
Sun. AM Worship – 135  
Sun. PM Worship – 69  
Wed. Night (10/18) – 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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**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Rusty Kennedy

**AM Service:**

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

Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Security – Joel Sutton

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden  
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack  
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
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. 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.
- **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Trunk-or-Treat beginning at 6 pm for members and 7 pm for the community
- **Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Lesson 93 - Jesus Foretells the Destruction of Jerusalem - Matthew 24:1-28
- **Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 94 - The Second Coming of Jesus - Matthew 24:29-51
- **Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 95 - Three Parables - Matthew 25:1-46

**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.
- Mike White will have a partial knee replacement on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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 Shekell (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 is back home. Please continue to 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Randy Roark has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He had surgery on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 continues to have rehab. 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.