

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 29, 2017



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

### Happy is He...

Part 5

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. Fourth, happy is he that fears God. Now let’s notice our final area where happiness can be found.

Fifth and finally, happy is he that follows the law. “Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law” (Proverbs 29:18) “No vision” could be rendered “no prophecy” or in the Christian dispensation, “no teaching or preaching.” In Israel’s day, God would send prophets to warn them lest they perish, but they would not hear. Today, many sit in the presence of the preaching and teaching of God’s Word and do not hear.

What about God’s law? God is our Father, therefore, He does not forbid anything that would do us good, nor command anything that would do us harm. As such, doing what God has said, and abstaining from what God has said to stay away from will bring happiness.

“But He said, “More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28). “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:17). “Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!” (Psalms 119:2). True happiness can be found by keeping God’s law.

Our search for happiness does not have to be in vain because true happiness can be found. Happy is he that finds wisdom, favors the poor, has faith in the Lord, fears God, and follows the law. True happiness can only be found in Christ, in His church, and to be in Christ means to be a Christian. Let’s all find happiness by following God faithfully each and every day.

~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 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 95  
Sun. AM Worship – 137  
Sun. PM Worship – 64  
Wed. Night (10/25) – 62

### 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 – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Frank Carmack  
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

### AM Service:

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

Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Joel Sutton

### PM Service:

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

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer –  
Security –

### Door Greeters for October

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

### **Communion for October**

Justin and Micah Paschall

## October Birthdays

- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Sidney Richmond – 30
- Robert Taylor – 30

## 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!

- **Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Fellowship Meal following evening services.
- **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.
- **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

## What Are My Children Studying?

- **Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 95 - Three Parables - Matthew 25:1-46
- **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Lesson 96 - Plot for Jesus' Death; Arrangements for Last Supper - Matthew 26:1-5; 14-16; Mark 14:12-17
- **Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 97 - Dispute Over Who Was Greatest; Jesus Washes the Apostles' Feet - Luke 22:24-30; John 13:1-20

## 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.
- 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) is at JMCCH in bad shape. His has a blood infection and kidney failure. 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 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 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 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. Also, his stepfather, Jay Dunaway, was taken to the hospital due to internal bleeding. Please keep them both in your prayers.
- Quicy's (Mac and Rita Watkins' grandson) father passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark is tentatively scheduled to have surgery on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Betty McNeal (Rita Hartman's aunt) is having some health problems. Please keep her 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.