

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 17, 2017



"Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!"

Sin versus Faith

The difference between living a life of sin and living a life of faith is a study in stark contrasts! Whenever one is faced with a choice, it can be helpful to look at the differences between the two decisions. Notice the following:

- Sin enslaves – Faith liberates
- Sin paralyzes – Faith empowers
- Sin disheartens – Faith encourages
- Sin sickens – Faith heals
- Sin makes us useless – Faith makes us useful
- Sin involves Satan – Faith involves God
- Sin puts hopelessness at the heart of life – Faith puts our heart in the hope of life eternal

When you take the time to compare the two options, the choice seems clear. When you take the time to look at the rewards and the consequences, there is only one choice. Which one will you choose? Which life do you want to live? Which master do you want to serve?

It's our hope and prayer that you will choose a life of faith by living the Christian life. Sin or faith? The choice is yours.

~ Justin

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Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Kenneth Roark

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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 10th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 95
Sun. AM Worship – 125
Sun. PM Worship – 68
Wed. Night (9/13) – 56

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 – Bret Carmack
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Mike White
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) Bryan Hartman
(N) Tommy Climer

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Lord’s Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Barry Bates

Door Greeters for September

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

Communion for September

Mel and Synthia Gibson

September Birthdays

- Amanda Clark – 1
- Ralph Smith – 2
- Leslie Barnes – 3
- Rita Hartman – 4
- David Snell – 7
- Rhonda Young – 13
- Johnnie Matthews – 16
- Kenny Kennedy – 19
- Khorri Smith – 21
- Nikki Murphy – 21
- Julia Alley – 24
- Kim White – 25
- Rae Sanders – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sept. 21st** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Sept. 28th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 5th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Oct. 12th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Sept. 17th** – Lesson 83 – Joshua Warns Against Foreign Nations – Joshua 23
- **Sept. 20th** – Lesson 84 – Joshua’s Farewell Address – Joshua 24
- **Sept. 24th** – Lesson 85 – Jesus-Review (Transition from Early Events of Jesus’ Earthly Ministry to Latter Events)

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.
- 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.
- Everett Presson was scheduled to have a pacemaker put in on Thursday (9/14). No news was known at time of bulletin printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had a nerve stimulator inserted in his back. He goes back in a week to see if it is helping. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook was taken to the emergency room Wednesday night and then transferred to Baptist East. Her sugar was dangerously high. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ann Clement is back in the nursing home but is still having some difficulties. 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. He will be meeting with a surgeon. 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. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Abbey (Granddaughter of Tommy and Linda) has gone home and will be continuing rehab as an outpatient in Memphis. Please continue to keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews continues to deal with ongoing health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- Randy Roark, Jr. is battling kidney cancer. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- 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.