

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 24, 2017



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

Happy is He...

Part I

If you ask people of all ages, races, income levels, and social standing what they want from life, the most common answer you will receive is “I want to be happy!” Man seems to be in a never ending search for happiness. He searches for happiness in the highest of mountains. He searches for happiness in the lowest of valleys. Yet, despite his valiant efforts, he can’t seem to acquire it. Sometimes he thinks he has found it; he thinks he has it firmly in his grasp, only to awaken the next morning, and it is gone again.

As a result many have reached the false conclusion that happiness cannot be found. Many believe that we are doomed and even destined to live an unhappy life. The problem is not that happiness cannot be found, but that people are looking in the wrong places.

Some think happiness is found in fame and fortune. “And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:24-25). “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (1 Timothy 6:10). Our trust should be in God.

Some think happiness is found in fitness. “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come” (1 Timothy 4:8). We should spend more time exercising our minds in God’s Word, than our bodies in a gym.

Some think happiness is found in friends. “A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24). But friends can betray us.

And it is true that some happiness may exist in these areas, and these areas are important areas to a degree. But happiness that is found in physical things is only temporary. True and lasting happiness can only be found in God. The book of Proverbs tells us, “Happy is He...that does five things,” and we will begin to notice those things next week.

~Justin

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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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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 17th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 83
Sun. AM Worship – 95
Sun. PM Worship – 61
Wed. Night (9/20) – 64

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 – David Bridges
Devotional – Rusty Kennedy

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord's Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Mike White
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) Bryan Hartman
(N) Tommy Climer

Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
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
- Khori Smith – 21
- Nikki Murphy – 21
- Julia Alley – 24
- Kim White – 25
- Rae Sanders – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **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.
- **Oct. 19th-21st** – Ladies' Retreat at Indian Creek Youth Camp. Deadline to sign-up is Sept. 29th. Please see Micah for more information.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Sept. 24th** – Lesson 85 – Jesus-Review (Transition from Early Events of Jesus' Earthly Ministry to Latter Events)
- **Sept. 27th** - Lesson 86 - Jesus Anointed for His Burial - *John 11:55-57; 12:1-11*
- **Oct. 1st** - Lesson 87 - The Triumphal Entry; Cursing the Fig Tree - *Mark 11:1-14*

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.
- 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 is in the MED. Also Mike's niece, Stephanie White, was bitten by a brown recluse and had surgery on Wednesday (9/20). Please keep these individuals 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.
- Everett Presson had a pacemaker put in on Thursday (9/14). Everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark developed an infection this past week and was hospitalized overnight in Memphis. He is home now. 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.
- Jimmy Turner (Terry and Linda Bibb's brother-in-law) has been sent home. The doctors say there is nothing more that can be done. 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. 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.
- 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.
- 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