

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 3, 2017



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

### Self-Examination for Church Members

- How many morning services would we have this past year if everyone had stayed at home when I did?
- How many times would the evening services have been omitted if no one had gone except when I was there?
- How many times would the Sunday school have met if they had met only when I was there?
- How much would the congregation be able to do if everybody gave as much as I do?
- How many people of darkened lands would have heard the Gospel, if everyone was interested in them as much as I am?
- How many of my neighbors would have been invited to service, welcomed at the church?
- How many prayers would have been offered for my elders, my neighbors, and my congregation?
- How many people would have been told about Christ and His church?
- What kind of a Christian am I anyhow?
- Do my excuses stand before Christ?
- What kind of a church would this be, if every person were just like me?

*Author Unknown (adapted)*

#### 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!"***

### The Ripley church of Christ

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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 August 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 86  
Sun. AM Worship – 126  
Sun. PM Worship – 69  
Wed. Night (8/30) – 61

### 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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**104.9 FM Radio**

**Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday**

**8:15 AM**

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## Those Privileged to Serve:

### AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Frank Carmack  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

### AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Frank Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer  
Lord's Supper – (S) Rusty Kennedy  
(S) Robert Anderson  
(N) John Dennison  
(N) Mel Gibson  
(N) Kenny Kennedy

Closing Prayer – John Dennison  
Security – Frank Carmack

### PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Frank Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord's Supper – Rusty Kennedy  
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Security – Barry Bates

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Frank Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Security – Frank Carmack

### Door Greeters for September

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

### Communion for September

Mel and Cynthia 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. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

### What Are My Children Studying?

- **Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Lesson 79 – Summary of Conquest of Canaan – *Joshua 10:28-12:24*
- **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lesson 80 – Dividing the Promised Land Among the Israelites – *Joshua 13-19*
- **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Lesson 81 – Cities of Refuge and Levite Cities – *Joshua 20-21*

### 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.
- Robert Taylor is back in CCU at JMCGH and is continuing to have difficulty with his oxygen levels. Please keep him and the family 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.
- Jean Mills (June Roark's sister) had a heart cath. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gale Shaw is having some issues with her knee that will require surgery which is scheduled for Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Abbey (Granddaughter of Tommy and Linda) were in a serious car accident. Abbey has been transferred to Shepherd's Rehab Center in Atlanta. Please continue to keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Gwinn Matthews passed away on Tuesday (8/1). Funeral services were held on Saturday (8/5). Please keep Mrs. Johnnie and the family in your prayers.
- Pam McDonald's brother, James Bushart, passed away. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines' bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- 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.
- Milford Durham (retired chief of police and former sheriff) is battling lung cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Grayson Bryant (Lillie Dennison's sister's grandson), was able to go home. He still has some procedures ahead of him. Please keep the family in your prayers
- Evelyn Jackson (Betty Arthur's sister) is currently in rehab following a bad fall. Please keep her 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.

**“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”**

**(James 5:16)**