

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 1, 2018



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

Having a Great Friends and Family Day

With our annual Friends and Family Day rapidly approaching (April 15th), I thought it might be beneficial and timely to offer some practical suggestions which we have noticed numerous times that can make this one the best yet. Of course these suggestions will only be effective if we all take the time to put them to use.

First, we need to pray about this event. As Christians, do we believe in the power of prayer? Then we should be praying. Pray that those who receive invitations will accept them. Pray that God’s Word pricks their heart and causes them to want to know more about Christ and His Church. Prayer works so let’s get to praying.

Second, we need to invite as many people as possible. INVITE! INVITE! INVITE! And don’t just invite those who are Christians. We need to seek out those who are not members of the Lord’s body. There are postcard invitations on the table in the foyer – hand them out, mail them out, distribute them in whatever fashion you can. Will everyone accept the invitation? No. But you do not know until you ask.

Third, make a point to reach out to the people that come, especially those that you invited. We should make people feel welcomed. Invite them to sit with you. Odds are very good that if you arrive closer to time to start your seat may be taken. It will be ok, take a deep breath, and sit somewhere else. Our congregation does a good job of reaching out to those who are visiting. Let’s make sure that Friends and Family Day is no different.

Fourth, make a little extra when preparing for the meal. If we have the crowds that we have had in the past, a little extra food will be needed. Our ladies (and some of the men) have always done a great job of making more than enough, and I appreciate that very much. And also, encourage the visitors to go through the line first as a way of saying thanks for coming.

Fifth, stay for the afternoon service. While many of the visitors may leave immediately following the meal, let’s make sure that we stick around for a brief time of fellowship and worship.

I am looking forward to April 15th, and if we will follow the suggestions above, it will be the best one yet!

~Justin

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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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 March 25th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 88
Sun. AM Worship –123
Sun. PM Worship – 72
Wed. Night (3/28) – 51

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 – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Jimmy Hartman

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) Robert Anderson
(N) Darrell Smothers
(N) Joel Sutton
(N) David Bridges

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional

Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Tommy Climer

Door Greeters for April

South – Joe Hunt
Center – Robert Taylor
North – Steve Carmack

Communion for April

Bret and Johanna Carmack

April Birthdays

- Christopher Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- JT Yarbrough – 10
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Lizzy Dunn – 23
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 29th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Apr. 15th** – Friends and Family Day. Invitation cards are on the table in the foyer.
- **June 3rd-8th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 18th-20th** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8pm nightly.
- **June 25th** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at 7 pm.
- **July 15th-18th** – Gospel Meeting with David Powell.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Apr. 1st** - Lesson 139 – Jacob Returned to Canaan – Genesis 34-36
- **Apr. 4th** - Lesson 140 – Joseph, Moses, and Joshua-Review (Transition from Joseph, Moses, and Joshua to David)
- **Apr. 8th** - Lesson 141 – God Knows All and Is Everywhere – Psalm 139

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.
- Numerous people have been battling flu, strep, and sickness. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Millie Gatlin has been diagnosed with cancer. She has multiple tumors. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Steven and Nell Dodson were both baptized into Christ before Wednesday night services (3/21). Please congratulate them and encourage them as they began a new life in Christ.
- Scott Nolen’s grandmother, Kay Nolen, passed away. Her funeral was held on Friday (3/23). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- David Blakely had gallbladder surgery, and he is having some difficulties post-surgery. He was placed back in the hospital due to the complications. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sonny Arwood has been moved to Asbury Cove Assisted Living. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Joe Henry (Patti Jolicoeur’s father) had a stroke and is in the hospital in Florida. He took a turn for the worse so Patti went down to check on him. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack has a kidney stone and is unable to walk due to a knee problem. She will see a doctor at the end of this month. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Scott and Amy Nolen have a baby girl. Sadie Raylynn Nolen was born on Thursday (3/1) at 8:22 am. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Everyone is doing well.
- Kenny Kennedy is in basic training. His address is on the bulletin board. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton fell and broke her heel. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Darice Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s sister-in-law) had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Mary Stolz (Janet Colvin’s niece) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has liver cancer again. He is doing chemo and will most likely need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam McDonald’s 3 month old granddaughter is having seizures. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton, Robert Taylor, Betty Sutton, Josephine Latham, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, 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)