

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 90  
Sun. AM Worship – 130  
Sun. PM Worship – 83  
Wed. Night (8/8) – 83

#### 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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# THE RIPLEY BEACON

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 12, 2018



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

## Rejoice Always?! – Part 2

Last week, we began to look at a command found in the closing of Paul's first letter to the Christians in Thessalonica. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, eight imperatives are given to the brethren. And while much good can come from a study of all eight of these mandates, we are focusing our thoughts on just one of them: “Rejoice always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16). Found within such a simple statement is a very complex command upon which every Christian should meditate. Many are seeking for happiness, and it can be found. So we set out to notice three roadblocks to finding true happiness. Last week we noticed what happiness is. Let's notice our second point.

Second, we need to avoid some of Satan's traps when it comes to happiness. Satan seeks to lure us into areas promising happiness, but no happiness can be found there. Some seek happiness in material possessions. “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). Jesus would say, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15). Happiness is not to be found in possessions.

Some seek happiness in prominence. They seek to climb the corporate ladder. They want to reach positions of power and prestige. But all of this is useless. Solomon who was a great king and was known far and wide said that prominence was vanity. Jesus said, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant” (Matthew 20:27). Happiness is not found in prominence.

The truth of the matter is that nothing that this world has to offer can provide you with true happiness. In order to achieve true happiness, in order to be able to rejoice always, we must look beyond worldly pursuits and take hold of heavenly pursuits.

Next week, we will notice the second road block to true happiness.

~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!”***

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Devotional – David Bridges

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Joe Hunt  
                              (S) Robert Anderson  
                              (N) John Dennison  
                              (N) David Bridges  
                              (N) JB Tharpe  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Frank Carmack

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord’s Supper – Joe Hunt  
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson  
Security – Joel Sutton

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Security – Bryan Hartman

**Door Greeters for August**

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

**Communion for August**

Robert and Ernestine Anderson

**August Birthdays**

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Darrin Hamlin – 10
- Raymond Neal – 11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- Indyia Halliburton – 14
- JB Tharpe – 16
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Quame Richmond – 17
- Josh Carmack – 18
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Betty Binkley – 21
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Nell Dodson – 24
- Franklin Carmack – 31

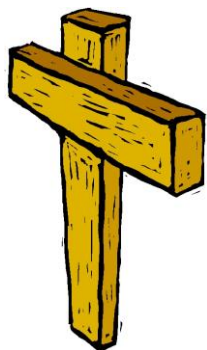


**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **August 12<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 177 – Prophecy of Jeroboam; Treasures of Jerusalem Stolen – 1 Kings 14
- **August 15<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 178 – Israel and Judah at War – 1 Kings 15-16
- **August 19<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 179 – Elijah Told Ahab of Drought; God Provided Food – 1 Kings 17

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received in honor of Charlie Nelson.



**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.
- Bert Lussier is in JMCGH dealing with some heart issues. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is taking medication for it. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has had tests run concerning his cancer and received favorable results. He will begin chemo in a few months. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ernestine Anderson’s had a cousin that passed away as well as a nephew who passed away at the age of 35. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) has been having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Mickey Dunaway passed away. Funeral services were held on Tuesday (7/17). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge’s son) is dealing with several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack has been transferred to Dyersburg Manor for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham has shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marvin Moore has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ cancer has returned. She will begin chemo treatments very soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Reg Carmack is home and doing outpatient rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David Bridges’ brother) has been diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer and will begin treatments on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Patti Jolicoeur fell and broke her collar bone and shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Matthew Buckner is battling leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders is recovering well. She is currently taking chemo. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Arthur had a slip/fall and hurt her leg and her back. She is currently doing therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall, Meeka Warren, Ted Sutton, Betty Clark, Alan Sheckell, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda, Sutton, Joe Henry, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.