

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 84  
Sun. AM Worship – 112  
Sun. PM Worship – 74  
Wed. Night (8/15) – 70

### 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 CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 19, 2018



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

### Rejoice Always?! – Part 3

Thus far, we have noticed two things about the command to “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. We noticed what happiness is, and we noticed some of Satan’s traps. Let’s notice our final point.

Third, we need to recognize some keys to finding true happiness, some keys that will allow us to “rejoice always.” We need to seek to always be thankful. I don’t think that it is an accident that being thankful follows closely behind this commandment to “rejoice always.” Thankfulness and happiness go hand in hand. As the song says, we need to count our blessings.

A second thing that we can do to maintain a joyful spirit is to pray. In between the command to rejoice always and to be thankful is this admonition, “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Is there any wonder to the faithful child of God why these things are linked? Our prayers to God will help to place our hearts in tune with the will of God. It is hard to be unhappy when we are talking to our Heavenly Father. It is hard to see only darkness when we are talking to the Father of light. In times of difficulty and distress, when the joy is fading from sight, make sure to talk to your Father.

A third thing that we need to do is to renounce murmuring and complaining. Paul would admonish the Philippians to “Do all things without complaining and disputing” (Philippians 2:14). A constant attitude of complaining will rob us and those around us of any joy that may be found. No one likes to be around someone who complains and murmurs all the time. As, Christians this should never be our attitude because it will make it impossible to rejoice always.

As a closing note, we may find it hard to rejoice in difficult times, but even in those times, the Christian still has much to rejoice about. We have the forgiveness of past sins, continued forgiveness in Christ, ability to pray to God and to worship Him, the providential care of God, physical and spiritual blessings from God, and the hope of Heaven. And those are just a few of the things. True happiness is found in Christ, in being a Christian. It is because of that designation that I can, “Rejoice always.” ~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 – David Bridges  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal  
(S) Mike White  
(N) MacArthur Watkins  
(N) Frank Carmack  
(N) Steven Dodson

Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson  
Security – Barry Bates

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer  
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal  
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – John Dennison  
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

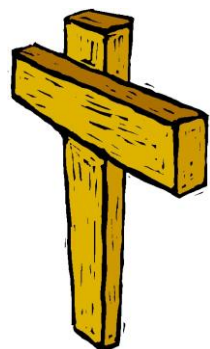


**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **August 19<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 179 – Elijah Told Ahab of Drought; God Provided Food – 1 Kings 17
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Lesson 180 – Contest on Mount Carmel – 1 Kings 18
- **August 26<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 181 – Elijah Encouraged by God – 1 Kings 19

**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.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) is in Baptist East due to extremely low potassium and sodium levels. Please keep her in your prayers as they adjust her medicines to try and alleviate these issues.
- Bert Lussier is home from the hospital. 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.
- 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.