

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 11, 2018



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

“A Person’s a Person No Matter How Small”

Part 1

Reagan has begun practicing for a play. It is a Dr. Seuss musical and I have the JOY of getting to listen to the songs over and over and over and over (Are you getting the picture?) as she practices. There is one line in one of the songs that stuck in my head and turned on a light. “A person’s a person no matter how small.” In a society that continues to debate the topic of abortion, this line says so much that needs to be considered.

When it comes to abortion, society calls it the “termination of a fetus.” Their justification is that the fetus is not alive. So we raise the question, “When does life begin?” Such a question, when answered honestly and clearly, should determine what a Christian should believe in such an emotionally charged debate.

To answer that question, we want to turn to the Scriptures in this article, and next week we will look at science. First, let’s notice the scriptures. In Numbers 5:28, Moses records that women conceive children not some nonliving mass of tissue that will become a child. It is a child. “But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall be free and may conceive children” (Numbers 5:28). Notice the words of King David, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me” (Psalms 51:5). David considered himself to have been a person from the moment of conception.

The New Testament adds to this fact. Both Elizabeth and Mary are said to have conceived “sons” (Luke 1:31, 36). Would anyone deny that the word “son” denotes a living person? Also, it is interesting to note the word that God inspired to be written in Luke 1:41, “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit” (emp. added). The Greek word used to denote a child in the womb is the same word used to denote Jesus after he was born. “And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger” (Luke 2:16, emp. added). Both the Old and New Testaments show that life begins at conception.

According to the Bible, a person’s a person no matter how small. Next week we will notice what science says concerning this issue. ~Justin

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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 February 4th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 64
Sun. AM Worship – 114
Sun. PM Worship – 60
Wed. Night (2/7) – 53

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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Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

8:15 AM

Check us out on the web:

www.ripleychurchofchrist.org

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – Tommy Climer

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Steve Carmack
(S) Mike White
(N) Rusty Kennedy
(N) John Dennison
(N) Bryan Hartman

Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Barry Bates

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for February

South – David Snell, Joe Hunt
Center – Robert Taylor
North – Steve Carmack

Communion for February

Joel and Betty Sutton

February Birthdays

- Zyriah Harper – 1
- Jimmy Hartman– 8
- Mickey Hamlin– 12
- Darrell Smothers – 13
- Pam Carmack – 16
- Quanisa Richmond – 17
- Bert Lussier – 17
- Lillie Dennison – 20
- Pat Carmack – 21
- Doris Stocklin – 22
- Stella Young – 24
- Quincy Richmond, Sr. – 25
- Mike White – 28
- Neirara Genesy – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Feb. 14th** – WNWWM at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Feb. 15th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Feb. 21st** – WNWWM at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Feb. 22nd** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Mar. 23rd-24th** – Ladies Retreat hosted by Phillips Street. Info on the white table.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Feb. 11th** - Lesson 125 – The Sign of the Covenant – Genesis 16-17
- **Feb. 14th** - Lesson 126 – Three “Men” Visit Abraham – Genesis 18
- **Feb. 18th** - Lesson 127 – Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 19

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Brenda Belton.

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.
- Ted Sutton was admitted to LCH this week. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin’s sisters, Brazell Brown (Detroit, MI) and Mary Smith (Ripley, TN) passed away. Brazell Brown’s funeral was Saturday (2/10), and Mary Smith’s funeral is Tuesday at 11 am at New Bethel Baptist Church in Henning. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Nancy Etheridge is recovering at her son’s house. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Vickie Kennedy is dealing with shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ty’Kylan (TK) Walker was baptized last Sunday night (1/28) after services. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he begins his new life as a Christian.
- Bert Lussier is back home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kenny Kennedy has left for 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.
- Robert Taylor has gone home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Brown (WL Sandlin’s home health nurse) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Quincy Richmond, Jr. has been offered a scholarship to play football at Dean College in Massachusetts. He will start in August. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Clement was admitted to the hospital due to complications from the flu.. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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.
- Sonny Arwood is at the Lauderdale Community Living Center in room 108. Please keep him and Mrs. Reba in your prayers as he recovers.
- 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.
- 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.