

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 18, 2018



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

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

Part 2

Last week we began a discussion on the topic of abortion which stemmed from a line of a song in a play in which Reagan is going to be participating. “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. We wanted to examine the question, “When does life begin?” We looked at Scriptures that affirm life begins at conception, but what about science?

Science also adds credence to the fact that life begins at conception. James Drummey accurately noted:

Though it may still surprise some, **there are few things more certain...than that the unborn are human beings. It is a biological and scientific fact that human life begins at fertilization**, when the sperm cell of the father penetrates the egg cell of the mother. That unique genetic package, something that each of us once was, contains everything that a person will become—the color of her eyes, the size of his feet, even whether he or she will contract diabetes at age fifty (1986, p. 22, emp. added).

At just 20 days after fertilization, the baby’s heart is in the advanced stages of formation. Her eyes begin to form. Her brain, spinal column, and nervous system are virtually complete. If the embryo is not living, then why must means be taken to cease the continuation of that life? Just because it is so tiny, in no way nullifies the fact that it is alive.

Life begins at conception according to the Scriptures and science. And as a result, any means taken to end that life is murder in the eyes of God. Let us never forget the attitude of our God. “These six *things* the Lord hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood” (Proverbs 6:16-17, emp. added). A person’s a person no matter how small!

~Justin

Drummey, James J. (1986), “Abortion: The Other Holocaust,” *The New American*, 2:21-26, January 20.

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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 11th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 78

Sun. AM Worship – 112

Sun. PM Worship – 58

Wed. Night (2/14) – 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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AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord’s Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Darrell Smothers
(N) Mel Gibson
(N) Robert Anderson

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – Jimmy Hartman
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
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. 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.
- **Feb. 28th** – WNWWM at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Mar. 1st** – 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. 18th** - Lesson 127 – Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 19
- **Feb. 21st** - Lesson 128 – Birth of Isaac – Genesis 20-21
- **Feb. 25th** - Lesson 129 – Abraham Offered Isaac – Genesis 22-23

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.
- Angela Simone (Joyce Blakemore’s niece) fell and suffered some injuries. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton is back home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin has had two sisters, Brazell Brown (Detroit, MI) and Mary Smith (Ripley, TN), pass away recently. Please keep her and 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.
- Bert Lussier is back home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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 is still in ICU, but is doing some better. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Darice Shekell (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 Shekell (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.
- Sonny Arwood, 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)