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THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Clearing a Path

I recently read the following statement that struck a chord with me. “Going to church regularly is like making a path through the forest – the more often you use it, the less obstructions you find in your way.” In looking at my own life, I can honestly say that such is a true statement. When we make the decision to follow Christ no matter what, it makes the path easier to travel than if we wait until we have to make that decision. In order to clear a path, we want to notice two things that we may need to remove.

First, we may need to remove the hindrance of materialism. One of the big hindrances to individuals coming to every worship service of the church is a desire for material things. Sometimes that comes in the form of putting unnecessary work in the place of worship. Sometimes it comes in the place of enjoying material things instead of coming to worship services. Regardless when material things take the place of God on our list of important things we must remove that hindrance if we want to be faithful to God.

Second, we may need to remove the hindrance of hobbies/sports. In too many “Christian” homes, sports and recreation have become their gods. When sporting events (whether playing or watching) come before coming to worship services, we tell God that He is not number one in our life. Our actions speak louder than our words. Even if a person went on to be the best athlete in the sport they have chosen, it would not be worth the loss of one’s soul. We may need to remove the hindrance of hobbies/sports.

Jesus’ words in Matthew 6:33 really sum up our obligation when it comes to our priorities to God. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Let’s all strive to put God first in all that we do!

~Justin

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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 18th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – nc
Sun. AM Worship –105
Sun. PM Worship – 60
Wed. Night (2/21) – 60

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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