

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 14, 2018



"Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!"

Baby It's Cold Outside

We just wrapped up an unusually cold week of weather in West Tennessee. Many had problems with water pipes freezing. Numerous people made a trip to Reelfoot Lake to see the frozen lake and to take advantage of a rare opportunity to walk upon it. Facebook was flooded with pictures ranging from freezing bubbles to ice chunks floating down the Mississippi River. And if you haven't already, most of us will have the joy of opening our gas and electric bills very soon to see what the damage is!

While I hope you stayed warm through it all, some may have found that a little harder than others. If your house is like ours, it was built many decades ago. As a result, the insulation and energy efficiency of windows and doors are not exactly where they need to be. As you can imagine our HVAC system was struggling to keep up.

Thankfully, we were able to help it out. We turned on the gas logs in the living room which kept the front part of the house warm, and we put some space heaters in the back of the house. It wasn't that our central unit wasn't trying; it just needed a hand.

Such is true for us as Christians. We can't live the faithful Christian life alone. Paul said, "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (Romans 14:7). We are all in this together, and we should be looking for chances to encourage each other.

The Hebrew writer mentioned that as part of the reason we assemble together, to stir up love and good works and to exhort (encourage) one another (Hebrews 10:24-25). We should be doing our best to keep each other on fire for God.

Of course, in order to get on fire, we need to make sure that we are plugged into God and the power source of His Word. Paul told the Romans that it is the "power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). The Hebrew writer added that it is "living and powerful" (Hebrews 4:12).

Let's look for opportunities to warm up our brothers and sisters, and let's make sure that we stay in contact with the ultimate heat source of God and His Word!

~Justin

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Kenneth Roark

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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!"

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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 January 7th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 109
Sun. AM Worship – 128
Sun. PM Worship – 77
Wed. Night (1/10) – 74

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 – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – Tommy Climer

AM Service:

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

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord’s Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for January

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

Communion for January

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

January Birthdays

- Frank Carmack – 4
- Landon Carmack – 7
- Pam McDonald – 9
- Brent White – 11
- Chrystal Hartman – 12
- Micah Paschall – 13
- Rebecca White – 18
- Perrilyn Cherry – 19
- Zahmyia Harper – 20
- Luke Hartman – 22
- Alyssa Dunn – 22
- TJ White – 24
- Georgia Carden – 26



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jan. 14th** – Fellowship Meal after evening services.
- **Jan. 17th** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meal (WNWWM) at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Jan. 18th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Jan. 23rd** – Security Team Meeting at the building at 10:30.
- **Jan. 24th** – WNWWM at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Jan. 25th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Jan. 31st** – WNWWM at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Feb. 1st** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Jan. 14th** - Lesson 117 – Seven Men Chosen; Stephen Arrested – Acts 6

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Fay Biggs.

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.
- Penny Gaines was taken to the Dyersburg hospital on Wednesday due to some health problems possibly related to her heart. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack was taken to JMCGRH Tuesday due to chest pains. Tests have been run but at time of bulletin printing no results were available. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Fay Biggs (Jane Snell’s aunt) passed away. Services were held Saturday Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Richard Broadstreet’s (JB Tharpe’s uncle) country store in Dry Hill burned down, Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Clement is having some issues with his heart. He is scheduled to see his doctor and surgery may be required. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Darice Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She was scheduled to have surgery on the 11th. No update was available at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Mary Stolz (Janet Colvin’s niece) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sonny Arwood has been transferred to the Lauderdale Community Living Center in room 108. Please keep him and Mrs. Reba in your prayers as he recovers.
- Robert Taylor had his pacemaker put in, and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Erika Glass has a lung condition that causes her problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Mike White had partial knee replacement on Thursday (11/9) and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has liver cancer again. He has started chemo and will need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton is doing better from the shingles but is still having problems with her arm and shoulder. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton has a broken vertebra in his neck. Please keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin has returned to his treatments and will be unable to attend services regularly as a result. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.