

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 21, 2018



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

OUCH!

I shared with my Wednesday night class a story about an accident that occurred right after the first of the year. Being a loving husband and father, I offered to fix breakfast for supper (which is almost always a hit at our house). The menu consisted of eggs, bacon, and toast.

I began frying the bacon. Once I was done, I decided that I would use some of the bacon grease to flavor the eggs. This is the point at which things went downhill fast. I had the skillet in one hand and a glass container for the grease in the other hand. Yes, I now that was a dumb idea, and no, I don't know why I didn't just put the container on the counter like a normal person would have done. As I was pouring, something happened causing the grease to land on the hand holding the container. It landed on my index finger, palm, and wrist.

This is the problem that I was then facing: I had HOT grease just sitting on my hand, but I still had the skillet with more grease in it and the container with grease in it. So before I could thrust my hand under cold water to get the grease off, I had to slowly set down the skillet and container. Needless to say, I got some pretty severe burns which have still not fully healed as I type this.

Now, at this point you may be asking, “What does this have to do with Christianity?” Many times as Christians, we treat sin just like this.

First, we put ourselves in situations where temptation is likely and our succumbing to that temptation is probable. By holding the container in my hand while pouring hot grease, I was asking to get burned. And many times we see how close we can get to the fire of sin without getting burned. Instead, as Christian we should seek to stay away from places and situations that may tempt us to sin.

Second, if we do sin, don't allow that sin to linger. The longer it sits in the heart of an individual the more damage sin will do. If I could have gotten that grease off immediately, the damage to my skin would not have been as severe. Handle sin as soon as you recognize that you have committed it. If you allow it to linger it may begin to harden your heart to the truth of God's Word.

Sin hurts, but God heals. Let's all seek to faithfully serve Him!

~Justin

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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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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 14th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 60

Sun. AM Worship – 73

Sun. PM Worship – 50

Wed. Night (1/17) – services cancelled

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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8:15 AM

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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) Rusty Kennedy
(S) Robert Anderson
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Mike White
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord's Supper – Rusty Kennedy
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
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. 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. 21st** - Lesson 119 – Persecution and Scattering of the Church at Jerusalem – Acts 8
- **Jan. 24th** - Lesson 120 – Adam and Noah- Review (Transition from Adam and Noah to Abraham)
- **Jan. 28th** - Lesson 121 – Tower of Babel – Genesis 10-11

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.
- Kenny Kennedy has left for basic training. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton fell and broke her heel and ankle. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Robert Taylor had to be picked up by ambulance from services last week after losing consciousness. He is at Jackson Regional doing better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Harrison Paschall had the flu this past week. He is doing a lot better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines was taken to the Dyersburg hospital on Wednesday due to some health problems possibly related to her heart. She is back home and doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack was taken to JMCGH Tuesday due to chest pains. She is back home and doing well. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Fay Biggs (Jane Snell's aunt) passed away. Services were held Saturday (1/13). Please keep the family 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) 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 has been transferred to the Lauderdale Community Living Center in room 108. Please keep him and Mrs. Reba in your prayers as he recovers.
- Erika Glass has a lung condition that causes her problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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)