

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

In a Convenient World

Many Look for a Convenient Religion

It is no secret; we live in a world that promotes convenience. Anything that is not convenient is quickly cast to the side and replaced by something that requires less time, energy, and resources. Our society is fast paced and only getting faster. All of this has created a society of impatient people. It has birthed a society that wants it their way, and they wanted it yesterday.

Unfortunately that mindset has crept into religion as well. And “churches” throughout this country have tried everything and anything to appeal to the masses who are searching for a convenient religion. People look for what God can do for them, not what they can do for God. They want religion on their terms, but what about God’s terms?

They want to worship when it is convenient for them, when it fits into their schedule. They have time for the cause of Christ when nothing else is pressing. God must work around their schedules! But, Christ never promised that Christianity would be a convenient choice. “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Matthew 16:24).

Many look for a religion that is not only convenient, but also cheap. In other words, they look for a religion that will not cost them too much of their time, energy, and money. They don’t want to be called on to sacrifice. Such was certainly not the attitude of David. “Then the king said to Araunah, ‘No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.’ So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver” (2 Samuel 24:24).

The truth is this: a convenient religion will conveniently take you straight to the pit of Hell. Jesus never offered convenience. Instead, he offered salvation and help to those who will deny themselves and follow Him. Will you follow Him, even when it is not convenient?

~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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“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 December 31st

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 68
Sun. AM Worship – 118
Sun. PM Worship – 82
Wed. Night (1/3) – 70

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 – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Jimmy Hartman

AM Service:

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

Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Mike White

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. 11th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Jan. 14th** – Fellowship Meal after evening services.
- **Jan. 18th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Jan. 7th** - Lesson 115 – Peter and John in Prison; then Released – Acts 4
- **Jan. 10th** - Lesson 116 – Ananias and Sapphira Lied; Jewish Leaders Persecuted the Apostles – Acts 5
- **Jan. 14th** - Lesson 117 – Seven Men Chosen; Stephen Arrested – Acts 6

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Melba Sutton and Betty Jean McNeill.

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.
- 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 will have surgery on the 11th. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Juantia Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mother) is back home and doing better. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Mary Stolz (Janet Colvin’s niece) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. Also, the Colvin’s have a new great grandson – Cade Alexander Dew.
- 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.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”

(James 5:16)