

## 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 July 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 92  
Sun. AM Worship – 135  
Sun. PM Worship – 79  
Mon. Night (7/16) – 139  
Tues. Night (7/17) – 110  
Wed. Night (7/18) – 102

### 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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# THE RIPLEY BEACON

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 22, 2018



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

### Was Our Gospel Meeting a Success?

A good question to ask at the conclusion of any endeavor is, “Was this endeavor successful?” Now that our Gospel Meeting has ended, we want to ask and answer that question today. As we ask this question though, let us measure our standard for success with God’s ruler and not the world’s. There are three criteria that need to be met before we can decide if we had an effective Gospel Meeting.

First, was the Gospel preached during this meeting? It is the Gospel that has the power to save (Rom. 1:16). It is God’s Word that is living and powerful (Heb 4:12). It was through the breath of God that man became alive physically (Gen. 2:7), and it is only through the God-breathed words of the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16) that man can be made alive spiritually. Was the Gospel preached during this meeting? Did David Powell deliver messages from God’s Word? The answer to that question is a resounding yes, and so our first criteria has been met.

Second, were men and women invited to come hear that Gospel message? It is not enough to simply preach the right message, we must make every attempt to invite people to hear that message. In Mark 16:15-16, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Notice that according to Jesus, it is our obligation to go to the lost, but it is not our obligation to make them believe. During this meeting many attempts were made to invite people. Facebook and mailed flyers were utilized to further the knowledge of the meeting. Flyers were distributed by several who went to the Tomato Festival. Also, numerous personal invitations were made by members. Obviously we can always do more, and we should strive to invite people to every service not just those during a Gospel Meeting. At the same time though, it is obvious that many attempts were made to meet our second criteria.

Third, were members of the Lord’s church strengthened and encouraged by attending the services? While the primary purpose of a Gospel Meeting is to reach the lost, it is also a time for the local membership to receive strength and encouragement. Jesus told Peter that he was to strengthen the brethren (Luke 22:32), and we all need to strengthen one another. Everyone who made this meeting a priority, attended the services, and applied what was taught was strengthened and encouraged. So our third and final criteria was met.

Without a doubt, in the eyes of God, our meeting was successful because all three criteria were met! But the work is not done. Let’s continue to reach out to the lost and encourage one another as we take the Gospel message to the world.

~ Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Kenneth Roark

#### Minister:

Justin Paschall  
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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!”*

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Steven Dodson

**AM Service:**

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

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson  
Security – Mike White

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord’s Supper – MacArthur Watkins  
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Security – Bryan Hartman

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Door Greeters for July**

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

**Communion for July**

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

**July Birthdays**

- Barry Bates – 3
- Jane Snell – 3
- Beverly Sanders – 5
- Catherine Dunn – 5
- Betty Thomas – 8
- Sauyna Richmond – 8
- Betty Arthur – 16
- Gloria Crook – 16
- Chris Dunn – 16
- Janet Colvin – 17
- Ted Sutton – 18
- Lyle Morris – 20
- B.C. Underwood – 21
- Mary Presson – 25
- Jane Vaden – 25
- Penny Gaines – 26
- Brandon Carmack – 27
- Ernestine Anderson – 29
- Lou Leatherwood – 30
- Quincy Richmond, Sr. – 30
- Shawna Carmack – 31



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at 7 pm at Phillips Street.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Lesson 171 – Foreigners Came to Observe Solomon’s Wisdom – 1 Kings 10
- **July 25<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 172 – Love Between a Man and a Woman; Aged Solomon Was Unfaithful to God – Song of Solomon and 1 Kings 11
- **July 29<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 173 – Conclusion of Life – Ecclesiastes

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received in honor of Jere Carmack and Larry King.

**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.
- Mickey Dunaway passed away. Funeral services were held on Tuesday (7/17). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge’s son) is dealing with several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is home after a heart cath. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Pam Carmack has been transferred to Dyersburg Manor for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Glenave Curtis (grandmother of Tara Snell) passed away Friday at her home in Searcy, AR. She had taught in the Home Economics Department at Harding University for many years. Please keep Tara and her family in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham has shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marvin Moore has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pat Carmack’s brother, Jere, passed away. Funeral services were held on Friday (6/29). Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ cancer has returned. She had surgery on the 10<sup>th</sup> and everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Shawna Carmack is doing much better. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Reg Carmack is home and doing outpatient rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David Bridges’ brother) has been diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer and will begin treatments on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Patti Jolicoeur fell and broke her collar bone and shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Matthew Buckner is battling leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders is recovering well. She will begin cancer treatments soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is dealing with a variety of health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Betty Arthur had a slip/fall and hurt her leg and her back. She is currently doing therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall, Meeka Warren, Ted Sutton, Betty Clark, Alan Sheckell, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda, Sutton, Joe Henry, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, 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)**