

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 86  
Sun. AM Worship – 104  
Sun. PM Worship – 60  
Wed. Night (7/25) – 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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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 29, 2018



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

## Three Things to Do

There is a saying which states, “Turn loose of yesterday for it is gone. Don’t reach for tomorrow for it has not come. Grab today, for it is here.” I want us to look at a few things concerning each of these statements.

First, let’s notice something about turning loose of yesterday. Paul understood the importance of not allowing our past to cripple us from being able to live in the present. Paul stated, “...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind” (Philippians 3:13). The key to Paul being able to put the past behind him is that he got forgiven of that past. Once we are forgiven of past sins, then we need to turn loose of yesterday in order to move forward.

Second, let’s look at not reaching for tomorrow. By making that statement I am not suggesting that one should not plan for tomorrow. In fact, a failure to plan for the future may find one in trouble if/when the future arrives. James did not condemn planning for the future; instead, he condemned an attitude that plans for the future without including God in those plans. “Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that’” (James 4:15). As Christians, we should look with hope to the future and especially for an eternal home in Heaven, but we can’t do that to the point that we forget to live for today.

Third, we need to grab today. Paul wrote, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16, ESV). As Christians we need to seize every opportunity to teach people the Gospel, to help those in need, and to encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

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~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 – Jimmy Hartman  
Devotional – Raymond Neal

**AM Service:**

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

Closing Prayer – David Snell  
Security – Mike White

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – MacArthur Watkins  
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Security – Bryan Hartman

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer –  
Security –

**Door Greeters for July**

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

**Communion for July**

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

**July Birthdays**

- Ernestine Anderson – 29
- Lou Leatherwood – 30
- Quincy Richmond, Sr. – 30
- Shawna Carmack – 31

**August Birthdays**

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Darrin Hamlin – 10
- Raymond Neal – 11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- Indyia Halliburton – 14
- JB Tharpe – 16
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Quame Richmond – 17
- Josh Carmack – 18
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Betty Binkley – 21
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Franklin Carmack – 31



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **July 29<sup>th</sup>** - *Lesson 173 – Conclusion of Life – Ecclesiastes*
- **August 1<sup>st</sup>** - *Lesson 174 – Knowledge – Proverbs*
- **August 5<sup>th</sup>** - *Lesson 175 – Rehoboam King of Judah; Jeroboam King of Israel – 1 Kings 12*

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received in honor of Charlie Nelson.

**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.
- Ernestine Anderson’s nephew passed away at the age of 35. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) has been having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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)**