



THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 25, 2018



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

Red and Yellow, Black and White

Part 4

We have noticed that an attitude of discrimination is not in keeping with the character of God or the crucifixion of Christ. Now, let’s notice our final reason why the Christian should shun discrimination.

Third, discrimination is not in keeping with the commands of God. James, writing by the inspiration of God, condemned showing favor to only a certain group of people. “My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality” (James 2:1). James said not to hold the faith of Christ, i.e. the Gospel of Christ, with partiality. Friends, that statement is a command not a suggestion. We sing a song sometimes, “The Gospel is For All.” Are we just singing the words, or do we truly believe what we are saying?

“For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?” (James 2:2-4). The people were judging based solely on the outward appearance and James said that these thoughts are “evil thoughts!”

“But if you show partiality, you commit sin...” (James 2:9). James then states very plainly what you are doing when you show discrimination – you sin. If we are going to be faithful Christians, then we cannot show partiality because such is sinful. Discrimination is not in keeping with the commandments of God.

“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.” Let’s live our lives in such a way that we declare those words every day. Let’s follow the words of our Savior, “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” (Mark 16:15-16). May God bless us as we do His will without partiality in our hearts or our actions.

~ Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Kenneth Roark

Minister:

Justin Paschall
731-612-1196

Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

Contact Information:

Address:

P.O. Box 464
Ripley, TN 38063

Phone: 731-635-2936

Email: ripleycoc@att.net

“Come Worship with Us!”

The Ripley church of Christ
P.O. Box 464
1499 Highway 51 North
Ripley, TN 38063

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Ripley, TN 38063
Permit No. 58

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 March 11th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 73
Sun. AM Worship – 112
Sun. PM Worship – 70
Wed. Night (3/21) – 67

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!

Listen to WTRB 1570 AM and

104.9 FM Radio

Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

8:15 AM

Check us out on the web:

www.ripleychurchofchrist.org

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) Robert Anderson
(N) Larry Carden
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer
Security – Mike White

PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
Security – Barry Bates

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Bret Carmack

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for March

Steve and Ann Carmack

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Conner Sanders – 5
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Marion Morris– 16
- Patrice Perry – 19
- Randy Roark– 30
- Crystin Genesy – 31



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 29th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Apr. 15th** – Friends and Family Day. Invitation cards are on the table in the foyer.
- **June 3rd-8th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 18th-20th** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8pm nightly.
- **June 25th** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at 7 pm.
- **July 15th-18th** – Gospel Meeting with David Powell.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 25th** - Lesson 137 – Jacob Leaves Mesopotamia for Canaan – Genesis 31
- **Mar. 28th** - Lesson 138 – Jacob Was Named “Israel” – Genesis 32-33
- **Apr. 1st** - Lesson 139 – Jacob Returned to Canaan – Genesis 34-36

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Brazell Brown, Mary Smith, Faye Biggs, Ann and Bobby Clement.

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.
- Numerous people have been battling flu, strep, and sickness. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Steven and Nell Dodson were both baptized into Christ before Wednesday night services (3/21). Please congratulate them and encourage them as they began a new life in Christ.
- Scott Nolen’s grandmother, Kay Nolen, passed away. Her funeral was held on Friday (3/23). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- David Blakely had gallbladder surgery, and he is having some difficulties post-surgery. He was placed back in the hospital due to the complications. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sonny Arwood has been moved to Asbury Cove Assisted Living. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Joe Henry (Patti Jolicoeur’s father) had a stroke and is in the hospital in Florida. He took a turn for the worse so Patti went down to check on him. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Abbey and Alden Climer both had health procedures this past week. Abbey had plastic surgery and Alden underwent an MRI to make sure that her migraines are not related to the accident. Please keep them both in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack has a kidney stone and is unable to walk due to a knee problem. She will see a doctor at the end of this month. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Scott and Amy Nolen have a baby girl. Sadie Raylynn Nolen was born on Thursday (3/1) at 8:22 am. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Everyone is doing well.
- Kenny Kennedy is in basic training. His address is on the bulletin board. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton fell and broke her heel. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Ann Brown (WL Sandlin’s home health nurse) has been told that they removed all of the cancer and she should not need further treatment at this time. Please keep her 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.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has liver cancer again. He is doing chemo and will most likely need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam McDonald’s 3 month old granddaughter is having seizures. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton, Robert Taylor, 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.