

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 4, 2018



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

Red and Yellow, Black and White

The children’s eyes beam with excitement as the song leader announces the song and begins to sing, “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.” It is a great song illustrating to us that Jesus (and in like manner God) loves us no matter the color of our skin.

Yet, once we reach adulthood in this nation, it seems this lesson becomes all too forgotten. Or maybe instead of forgotten it is overshadowed by racist jokes, stereotypical mindsets, and prejudicial attitudes. We become too “grown-up” and in most cases too biased to understand that simple childhood message.

Did that message change? Did it become outdated? Or is it just as important in the years of adulthood as it was in the tender years of our childhood?

Obviously we know that the message has not changed nor has it become outdated. It is a lesson just as important now as it was in our early years. The Bible speaks often of this malignancy of hatred. A hatred that enters silently, but if left unchecked, it will infect the entirety of a man. Once the heart is infected, discriminatory words and actions will follow. “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man” (Matthew 15:18). “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

James described this dangerous problem in chapter two of his epistle. It is a problem that goes by many names: favoritism, prejudice, racism, sexism, discrimination. None of these attitudes should find haven in the mind of a Christian. Discrimination, of any kind, should be something the Christian detests whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head.

Next week, we will begin to notice three reasons why the Christian should reject all forms of discrimination.

~ Justin

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Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Tommy Climer
Kenneth Roark

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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 February 25th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 98
Sun. AM Worship – 108
Sun. PM Worship – 73
Wed. Night (2/28) – 69

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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AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
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 – Larry Carden
Lord’s Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) John Dennison
(N) Rusty Kennedy
(N) Frank Carmack
(N) J.B. Tharpe

Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

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

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Frank 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. 7th** – WNWWM at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- **Mar. 8th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Mar. 15th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Mar. 23rd-24th** – Ladies Retreat hosted by Phillips Street. Info on the white table.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 4th** - *Lesson 131* – Birth of Jacob and Esau – *Genesis 25*
- **Mar. 7th** - *Lesson 132* – Isaac and Abimelech – *Genesis 26*
- **Mar. 11th** - *Lesson 133* – Jacob Gets Isaac’s Blessing – *Genesis 27*

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Brazell Brown, Mary Smith, 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.
- 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.
- Bobby Clement (Evelyn Smith’s brother-in-law) passed away. Funeral services were held on Thursday (2/22). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Angela Simone (Joyce Blakemore’s niece) fell and suffered some injuries. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin has had two sisters, Brazell Brown (Detroit, MI) and Mary Smith (Ripley, TN), pass away recently. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Nancy Etheridge is recovering at her son’s house. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Vickie Kennedy is dealing with shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is back home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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.
- Robert Taylor continues to improve. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Brown (WL Sandlin’s home health nurse) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Quincy Richmond, Jr. has been offered a scholarship to play football at Dean College in Massachusetts. He will start in August. 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.
- 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, Sonny Arwood, 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.