

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 September 16th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 102
Sun. AM Worship – 128
Sun. PM Worship – 80
Wed. Night (9/19) – 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!

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Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

8:15 AM

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THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 23, 2018



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

Let the Church Walk

One Sunday morning the preacher encouraged the congregation to consider the potential of the church. He told them, “With God’s help we can see the day when this church will go from crawling to walking.”

And the people responded, “Let the church walk, preacher; let the church walk.”

He continued, “And when the church begins to walk, next the church can begin to run.”

And the people shouted, “Let the church run, preacher; let the church run!”

The preacher continued, “And finally, the church can move from running to flying. Oh, the church can fly! But of course it is going to take a lot of money and work for that to happen!”

The congregation grew quiet, and from the back someone mumbled, “Let the church walk, preacher; let the church walk.”

That humorous story illustrates a very real problem in the Lord’s Church today – a lack of willingness to sacrifice and work. It is seen very clearly in people’s unwillingness to put Christ and His Church above all else. Look at the fluctuation in the attendance record. Take a head count when we have something going on outside of the regular worship service. If we were able to calculate percentages for how much of our time, abilities, money, etc. were used in service to God, we might be embarrassed to have those numbers published.

In Matthew 25, the five foolish virgins were not allowed to enter the wedding banquet because they had failed to work and prepare themselves for the bridegroom’s coming. Also, the one talent man did no work with what was entrusted to him, and as a result, he was cast out. What will you do? Will you work and sacrifice, or will you stand idle and watch?

So the question is not merely, “Do we want the Church to fly?” But the real question is, “Are we willing to work and sacrifice to make it soar?”

~Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Kenneth Roark

Minister:

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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 – David Bridges

AM Service:

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

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord’s Supper – Robert Anderson
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Steven Dodson

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Barry Bates

Door Greeters for September

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

Communion for September

Mel and Synthia Gibson

September Birthdays

- Amanda Clark – 1
- Ralph Smith –2
- Leslie Barnes – 3
- Rita Hartman– 4
- Reba Arwood – 5
- David Snell – 7
- Rhonda Young – 13
- Johnnie Matthews – 16
- Erika Glass – 16
- Kenny Kennedy – 19
- Khori Smith – 21
- Nikki Murphy – 21
- Julia Alley – 24
- Kim White – 25
- Tommy White – 26
- Rae Sanders – 29



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Sept. 23rd** - Lesson 189 – Showing Favoritism; Faith and Works – James 2
- **Sept. 26th** - Lesson 190 – The Tongue – James 3
- **Sept. 30th** - Lesson 191 – Quarrels and Conflicts – James 4

Check the Fellowship Hall for Dishes

There are numerous plates, bowls, dishes, crock pots, etc. on the fellowship hall counter. Please go look at these items and see if any of them are yours.

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.
- Luke Crook (Amanda Clark’s son) had an accident and broke his ankle/shin. He will have a CT scan and see a specialist Wednesday to determine if he needs surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain. She is seeing a doctor and may have a nerve black done soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ashley Hendrix (Kim White’s daughter-in-law) passed away. Please keep Kim and the family in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) is back home, but still dealing with health related issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is continuing to have a lot of problems with his health. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is taking medication for it. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge’s son) is dealing with several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is back home, but still has a ways to go. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marvin Moore has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ cancer has returned. She is taking chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David Bridges’ brother) has been diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer and is doing treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Patti Jolicoeur had a pacemaker put in recently. 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 is currently taking chemo. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall, 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)