

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 April 21st

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 60
Sun. AM Worship – 154
Sun. PM Worship – 63
Wed. Night (4/24) – 70

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



April 28, 2019

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

Because of You...

You might not think about it much, but you, as an individual, have a huge impact on the Ripley church of Christ. That influence and impact can be positive and to the benefit of the congregation, or that impact can be negative and hurt or hinder the influence of the church. Even more important is the fact that we can control what type of impact it will be. It has been said that with power comes responsibility; we have the power to impact the church, therefore we have the responsibility to make that impact positive. We want to look at four ways that we can help or hinder the church.

Because of you, *some may chose to follow God by becoming a Christian.* “You may be the only Bible that some people read.” You never know who may be watching you, and who may decide to attend the services because you invited them or because of your righteous example. We often talk about the love that Ruth had for Naomi, and that her great love caused her to follow Naomi and become obedient to God. But consider the influence of Naomi. Her influence was strong enough that it caused Ruth to make that decision. Would that have happened if Naomi had been a wishy-washy child of God? Because of you, some may decide to follow God.

Because of you, *some may never become a Christian.* Unfortunately, the exact opposite of the above is also true. Our attitude and example could cause some to despise the church and Christianity. Some may say, “If that is the measure of a Christian, then I can do without it.” Those who are hypocrites; that treat Christianity as a hobby and not a way of life do much harm to the cause of Christ. We have to guard ourselves to make sure that we are setting the right examples and living as we should. You never know who is watching! Because of you, some may never become a Christian.

Because of you, *some may become discouraged and unfaithful.* The words that we speak and the attitude that we have can discourage our fellow Christians and may cause some to become unfaithful. Such was the case of the children of Israel when the twelve spies went out (Numbers 13). Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each individual to remain faithful, but if we become a stumbling block to our brethren, we may be held accountable. Because of you, some may become unfaithful.

Because of you, *some may be encouraged and strive to live faithfully until death.* Christians are supposed to be a source of strength and encouragement for one another. We are to build one another up, not tear each other down. We should always strive to help each other, and be there for one another. Because of you, some may be faithful to Christ.

I pray that each one of us can say with confidence, “Because of me, the Ripley church of Christ is influenced and impacted for good and is better than ever!”

~ Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Robert Anderson
Bret Carmack

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 – JB Tharpe
Devotional – Raymond Neal

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – JB Tharpe
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – (S) Joe Hunt
(S) John Dennison
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Mel Gibson
(N) David Bridges

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – JB Tharpe
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord’s Supper – Joe Hunt
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

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

Door Greeters for April

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

Communion for May

Tommy and Linda Climer

April Birthdays

- Aaliyah Alley – 30

May Birthdays

- David Blakely – 1
- Sonny Arwood – 3
- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Walt Hunt – 7
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Apr. 28th** - Lesson 251 – Fasting Questioned; Jairus’ Daughter; Invalid Woman; Blind Men, and a Demon – Matthew 9:9-34
- **May 1st** - Lesson 252 – Rejected in Nazareth; Sending Out the Twelve; John the Baptist Beheaded – Mark 6:1-29
- **May 5th** - Lesson 253 – Feeding the 5,000; Walking on the Water – Mark 6:30-56

Mark Your Calendars!

- **May 4th** – Ladies Day at Ripley at 10:30 am.
- **June 2nd-7th**–Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the white table and must be turned in by May 15th.
- **June 24th-26th** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 15th** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at Ripley at 7 pm.
- **July 21st-24th** – Gospel Meeting.

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.
- Stella Young’s mother-in-law Hazel Young passed away on Wednesday (4/10). The funeral was Saturday (4/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Anthony Roark is dealing with some issues with diabetes. Please keep him in your prayers as he makes changes to address the problem.
- Frances Harrell is doing some better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Roy and Janet Colvin have a new great grandbaby. Congratulations to them and keep the family in your prayers.
- David and Jane Snell have a new grandbaby. William Anderson Moran was born on Monday (4/1). He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mom and baby are both doing well.
- Vernice Richmond’s uncle in Oklahoma is ill. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Rhonda Young (Stella Young’s daughter) had an upper and lower GI on Wednesday (4/10). Everything went well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison had her surgery, and everything went as planned. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders’ sister-in-law Maxie King passed away (3/27). Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack had surgery on Wednesday (3/27). She is home now. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Matthew Buckner is back in the hospital with some medical issues related to his transplant. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Lou Leatherwood had surgery on Monday (3/18). Everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Carson Hamlin is now out of his cast but still undergoing physical therapy. Please keep him in you prayers.
- Mary Presson is home recovering. Please keep her and Everett in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is still recovering from injuries to her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Rae Sanders, BC Underwood, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda Sutton, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, 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)