

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 89  
Sun. AM Worship – 112  
Sun. PM Worship – 69  
Wed. Night (2/6) – 71

#### 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 BEACON

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 10, 2019



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

## The Proof of Prophecy-Part 4

We are focusing on answering the question, “Is the Bible inspired?” by looking at prophecies in the Bible. Last week we noticed a prophecy concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. Now we turn our attention to Babylon.

Just as God through His prophets had predicted the destruction of Jerusalem, He also predicted the destruction of Babylon. In Jeremiah 50-52 and Isaiah 13-14 the prophets predicted with amazing detail the fall of the most powerful nation in the world roughly 75 years before it happened. In Jeremiah 50:9, Jeremiah said that the conquerors would be a group of nations from the north. At this time none of the nations in the north had the military might to conquer Babylon. Jeremiah made several other remarkable predictions of how this would happen. “Therefore thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will plead your case and take vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry” (Jeremiah 51:36). “A drought is against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it is the land of carved images, And they are insane with their idols” (Jeremiah 50:38). “In their excitement I will prepare their feasts; I will make them drunk, That they may rejoice, And sleep a perpetual sleep And not awake,” says the Lord” (Jeremiah 51:39).

History records that Babylon was conquered by a conglomerate of nations known as the Medo-Persian Empire (located to the north of Babylon) led by Cyrus. The Euphrates River ran under the walls of Babylon which made Babylon capable of outlasting a siege by a conquering nation. During a drunken feast one night, Cyrus diverted the waters of the Euphrates River thus it was “dried up.” The soldiers then passed under the wall undetected by the drunken revelers. Cyrus ordered his men to act like drunken partygoers, and, before anyone knew what was taking place, the city was filled with enemy troops and conquered. This is just one example among many that depicted with unmatched accuracy the rise and fall of nations.

Next week we will begin to look at some prophecies involving specific people.

~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Robert Anderson

#### 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 – Steven Dodson  
Devotional – Robert Taylor

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson  
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers  
(S) Joel Sutton  
(N) Raymond Neal  
(N) Mel Gibson  
(N) Bryan Hartman

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
Security – Mike White

**PM Service:**

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

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Robert Anderson

**Door Greeters for February**

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

**Communion for February**

Joel and Betty Sutton

**February Birthdays**

- Zyriah Harper– 1
- Melanie Moore – 7
- Jimmy Hartman– 8
- Mickey Hamlin– 12
- Darrell Smothers – 13
- Pam Carmack – 16
- Quanisa Richmond – 17
- Bert Lussier – 17
- Lillie Dennison – 20
- Pat Carmack – 21
- Doris Stocklin – 22
- Nick Arwood – 23
- Stella Young – 24
- Quincy Richmond – 25
- Mike White – 28



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 226 – Balak and Balaam – Numbers 22-24
- **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 227 – Sin with Moabites: Numbering of Israel Before Conquests – Numbers 25-27; 31
- **Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 228 – Land Inheritances – Numbers 32-36

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.
- **Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.
- **Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Ladies’ Bible Class at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Vacation Bible School Meeting at 4:15 in the fellowship hall.
- **Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.

**Memorial Received**

A memorial has been received in honor of Jere Pierce.

**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.
- Rae Sanders is having a procedure done to cancer in her liver. The doctors are hopeful with the treatment plan. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his wrist. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Carl King (Beverly Sanders’ nephew) is in the hospital following some health problems and surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White’s dad had knee surgery recently. Also his stepmom Annie is in the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Jere Pierce (Jimmy Hartman’s brother-in-law) passed away (1/11). A memorial service was held on Monday (1/14). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Walt and Heather Hunt have moved to Richland, WA. Please keep them in your prayers during this transition.
- Burt Lussier is having some serious health problems. Please keep him and Rita in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has received some answers to her health problems. She has been prescribed some medicine that should help. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- BC Underwood continues to recover at home and is making good progress. Please keep him and Darlene in your prayers.
- Elaine Throgmorton (Francis Harrell’s sister-in-law) fell and broke her shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Martha Dugger (Francis Harrell’s sister) is doing better and hopes to be released from the doctor soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain which is affecting her mobility. 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 still recovering from injuries to her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David’s brother and Dorothy’s son) continues to take treatments for cancer and will for the foreseeable future. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs, Matthew Buckner, 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)**