

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 79  
Sun. AM Worship – 130  
Sun. PM Worship – 79  
Wed. Night (3/13) – 68

#### 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

March 17, 2019



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

### Talking to Our Father

Part 2

Last week we began a study of prayer. We are specifically looking at the question, “Why should I pray?” We want to notice three reasons for the necessity of prayer. First (from last week’s article), one should pray to ask God for the things that he needs. We should ask for the necessities of life, forgiveness of sins, help/comfort for those who are sick or bereaving, strength to resist Satan, and any other things that come to mind. Let’s notice two more reasons.

Second, we should pray because we need to *appreciate* who God is and what He does. One important element that should be included in every prayer is thanksgiving. We need to thank God for all He does for us. When he provides for us, we need to thank Him for His power and love. When God forgives us, we need to thank Him for His grace and mercy. We need to thank Him morning, noon, and night. “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2). “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). When we pray and are thankful it will help us to appreciate God all the more.

Third, we need to pray because we need to *align* our will with God’s will. When we pray, it will help us to align our will with God’s will because we are acknowledging the fact that He is in control. He is the leader; we are the followers. It shows our dependence upon God. We recognize who He is and who we are in relation to Him. Jesus understood this fact when He prayed in the garden. “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” (Matthew 26:39). Praying will help us to align our will with God’s will.

We have examined only three of the many reasons to pray as found in God’s Word: to ask, appreciate, and align. Next week, we will ask a second question concerning prayer, “Why don’t we pray as we should?”

~ Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Robert Anderson  
Bret Carmack

#### 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 – Bryan Hartman  
Devotional – Steven Dodson

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal  
(S) Joel Sutton  
(N) Darrell Smothers  
(N) John Dennison  
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson  
Security – Barry Bates

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Mike White

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – David Bridges  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Door Greeters for March**

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

**Communion for March**

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

**March Birthdays**

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Marion Morris– 16
- Sherry Scallions – 17
- Patrice Perry – 19
- Randy Roark– 30



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 239 – Jesus-Review; Early Life and 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Ministry to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Ministry
- **Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 240 – The Sermon on the Mount: Beatitudes; Jesus Fulfilled the Law of Moses – Matthew 5
- **Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 241 – The Sermon on the Mount: Charity, Prayer, Fasting, Riches – Matthew 6

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day to bring items for the Tennessee Children’s Home.
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Day at Ripley beginning at 10:30 am.
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp.
- **June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8 pm.
- **July 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting.

**Memorial Received**

A memorial has been received in honor of Shirley Clark.

**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.
- Carson Hamlin had a dirt bike accident Wednesday (3/13) afternoon. He broke his elbow. Please keep him in you prayers.
- Julia Alley had surgery on her foot on Friday (3/15). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Lou Leatherwood will have surgery on Monday (3/18). Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Brogdon’s sister-in-law Janet Aitken passed away. A memorial service was held on Saturday (3/16). She also recently lost her other sister-in-law. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Marry Presson is in Baptist East following a stroke and is also suffering from pancreatitis. Please keep her and Everett in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison will be meeting with her cardiologist to schedule the installing of a defibrillator for her heart. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark’s grandmother Shirley Clark passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (2/23). Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Gene Turner is struggling with some health difficulties. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders is receiving treatment for cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sherry Scallions has requested prayers and encouragement. Please say a prayer for her.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his wrist. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Carl King (Beverly Sanders’ nephew) is in the hospital following some health problems and surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Burt Lussier is having some serious health problems. Please keep him and Rita in your prayers.
- BC Underwood continues to recover at home and is making good progress. Please keep him and Darlene in your prayers.
- Martha Dugger: 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.
- 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.
- Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, 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)**