

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 30th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 100
Sun. AM Worship – 134
Sun. PM Worship – 80
Wed. Night (10/3) – 80

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

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

Your Obituary Has Not Been Written Yet

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel awoke one morning to read his own obituary in the local newspaper:

“Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who died yesterday, devised a way for more people to be killed in a war than ever before, and he died a very rich man.”

Actually, it was Alfred’s older brother who had died; a newspaper reporter had bungled the epitaph. But the account had a profound effect on Nobel. He decided he wanted to be known for something other than developing the means to kill people efficiently and for amassing a fortune in the process. So he initiated the Nobel Prize, the award for scientists and writers who foster peace. Today he is more widely known for the Nobel Peace Prize than he is for inventing dynamite. Nobel is quoted as saying, “Every man ought to have the chance to correct his epitaph in midstream and write a new one.”

As I read this quote, I was hit with a very arresting thought: My obituary has not yet been written. Whatever it is that men think of me, I still have the opportunity to make it better. Whatever mistakes I have made in the past, the possibility still exists for me to correct them. Whatever it is that I have yet not done, but should have, I still have time. As long as God gives me life and liberty, I can make of it something meaningful and lasting. As long as I have breath and desire, I can do my part to improve myself, my family, my neighborhood, the church, even the world.

Everyone still has the opportunity to correct his epitaph, up until the day he dies. Of course, the best thing that could ever be written in our obituary is that we were a faithful Christian. And certainly there are many wonderful things we can add to that. And if you awoke this morning and are able to read this, there’s still time to make sure that is the case.

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Eph. 5:15-17, ESV).

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Campbellsville, KY

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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!”

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) John Dennison
(N) Joe Hunt
(N) Frank Carmack
(N) JB Tharpe

Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Robert Anderson

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Tommy Climer

Door Greeters for October

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

Communion for October

Joe and Cynthia Hunt

October Birthdays

- Vernice Richmond – 2
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Debra Foshee – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Josiah Kennedy – 17
- Alexis White – 22
- Zack Arwood – 23
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Adrianna Carmack – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Sidney Richmond – 30
- Robert Taylor – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Oct. 7th** - Lesson 193 – Hope of Heaven – 1 Peter 1
- **Oct. 10th** - Lesson 194 – Instructions to Christians – 1 Peter 2
- **Oct. 14th** - Lesson 195 – Salvation in Christ – 1 Peter 3

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.

Help Needed

Our congregation has been asked to help with the desserts to feed the veterans following the Veteran's Day parade on November 10th. Desserts need to be here by Wednesday night, November 7th. They are expecting a very large number of veterans. If you have any questions, please see Doris Stocklin.

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.
- Melanie Moore is now home from the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Stephen Snell and family are in Uganda working with a medical team. Please keep the family and doctors with them in your prayers.
- Jay Dunaway has been at Spire Rehab in Jackson. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rita Hartman had cataract surgery on Thursday (10/4). She will have the other eye done in a couple of weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenny Stowe was taken to Jackson General for congestive heart failure. No updates were available at time of printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Luke Crook (Amanda Clark’s son) should not need surgery for his leg as long as it continues to heal properly. He will be in a cast for a while. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain. She is seeing a doctor received a steroid shot to try and help. 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.
- 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.