

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 70  
Sun. AM Worship – 100  
Sun. PM Worship – 69  
Wed. Night (4/10) – 65

#### 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 14, 2019



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

## Six Keys to Acceptable Prayer

Part 2

We have been looking at the topic of prayer. We have noticed three reasons for prayer. We then looked at four reasons why we may not pray as we should. Now, I want us to begin to focus on how to pray acceptably to the God of Heaven. There are six keys that will help us in that regard. We have noticed the first two keys. Acceptable prayer must be from one who is willing to obey, and acceptable prayer must be offered with full assurance of faith. Let's notice two more keys.

Third, acceptable prayer must have the endorsement of Christ. “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5). When we pray, we pray to God through our mediator Jesus Christ. Jesus is our go between. He is the perfect mediator because He understands both sides. He understands God's side because He is one with God (John 1:1). He understands our side because He was tempted just like we are (Heb. 4:15). Acceptable prayer must have the endorsement of Christ.

Fourth, acceptable prayer must be fervent and sincere. “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!’” (Luke 18:13). The tax collector is a great example of one who was sincere and fervent in prayer. His prayer was marked with intense feeling and a humble attitude. “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16). Acceptable prayer must be fervent and sincere.

Next week, we will notice the final two keys to acceptable prayer.

~ 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 – Bret Carmack  
Devotional – Robert Taylor

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Robert Anderson  
(S) Perry Pena  
(N) Jimmy Hartman  
(N) Steven Dodson  
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson  
Security – Mike White

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – David Snell  
Lord’s Supper – Robert Anderson  
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Door Greeters for April**

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

**Communion for April**

Robert and Ernestine Anderson

**April Birthdays**

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- JT Yarbrough – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Traci Pierson – 13
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Lizzy Dunn – 23
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 247 – Worry; Watchfulness; Repentance – Luke 12:22-13:9
- **Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 248 – Parable of the Sower and the Soils – Mark 4:1-29
- **Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Lesson 249 – Parables on the Kingdom of Heaven – Matthew 13:24-52

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Easter Egg Hunt following morning services. Please bring 12 filled eggs if you can.
- **April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Retirement Reception for Doris Stocklin from 11 am to 2 pm at City Hall.
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Day at Ripley at 10:30 am.
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**–Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the white table and must be turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at Ripley at 7 pm.
- **July 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – 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 fell a few weeks ago and is still not doing good. 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 did not reject his bone marrow transplant. He is at home recovering. 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.