

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 97  
Sun. AM Worship – 147  
Sun. PM Worship – 87  
Wed. Night (4/3) – 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

April 7, 2019



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

## Six Keys to Acceptable Prayer

*Part 1*

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. Let's notice the first two.

First, acceptable prayer must be from one who is willing to obey. Cornelius is a great example of this in Acts 10. Cornelius, while lost, was one who was willing to obey God. We know this because as soon as he heard what he must do to be saved, he did it. If we are living a life in rebellion to God then our prayers will be hindered. “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil” (1 Peter 3:12). Notice, Peter said those who “do evil.” He is referencing one who is in a state of evil doing, not one who has done evil in the past but is now seeking to follow God. Those who are willing to obey will obey. Acceptable prayer is from one who is willing to obey.

Second, acceptable prayer must be offered with full assurance of faith. In other words, we ask God believing that He is listening and will answer. “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (1 Timothy 2:8). So often we argue about the “lifting up holy hands,” and we miss the “without doubting.” “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind” (James 1:6). We are to ask with faith in the One of Whom we are asking. Acceptable prayer must be offered in full assurance of faith.

Next week, we will continue to notice some more keys to acceptable prayer.

#### 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 – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

**AM Service:**

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

Closing Prayer – Perry Pena  
Security – Mike White

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord’s Supper – Robert Anderson  
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Robert Anderson

**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. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 245 – Blasphemy; Sign Seekers; Jesus’ Family – Matthew 12:22-50
- **Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 246 – Six Woes; Parable of the Rich Fool – Luke 11:37-12:21
- **Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 247 – Worry; Watchfulness; Repentance – Luke 12:22-13:9

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **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 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.
- **July 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting.

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received in honor of Maxie King and Don Sutton.

**Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:**

~Justin

**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.
- 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) will have an upper and lower GI on Wednesday (4/10). 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 rejecting his bone marrow transplant. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Lou Leatherwood had surgery on Monday (3/18). Everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Carson Hamlin had a dirt bike accident Wednesday (3/13) afternoon. He broke his elbow. He is now out of his cast but still undergoing physical therapy. Please keep him in you prayers.
- Betty Brogdon’s sister-in-law Janet Aitken passed away. She also recently lost her other sister-in-law, Connie Aitken. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Mary Presson was scheduled to come home on Saturday. No update was available at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her and Everett in your prayers.
- Gene Turner is doing much better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his wrist. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- 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.
- 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)**