

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 84  
Sun. AM Worship – 108  
Sun. PM Worship – 50  
Wed. Night (9/4) – 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 BEACON

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST



September 8, 2019

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

### Why Are You Waiting?

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly to fill each car, but there were many cars ahead of the minister.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. “Preacher,” said the young man, “sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The minister chuckled, “I know what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”<sup>1</sup>

So often we know what we need to do when our spiritual condition is not what it should be, but we put off doing it. If we continue to do so, we may find ourselves unprepared when the end comes. Jesus told a parable concerning the danger of being unprepared in Matthew 25.

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” (Matthew 25:1-13).

Let’s all give attention to make sure that we are prepared whether we leave to meet Him or He returns for us.

~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Robert Anderson  
Bret Carmack  
Jimmy Hartman  
Bryan Hartman

#### 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!”**

<sup>1</sup> Higdon, Michael E. *Humorous Illustrations for Public Speaking*. Page 117.

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Devotional – Robert Taylor

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Steve Carmack  
(S) Joel Sutton  
(N) Larry Carden  
(N) JB Tharpe  
(N) David Bridges  
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal  
Security – Robert Anderson

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack  
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Door Greeters for September**

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

**Communion for September**

Mel and Synthia Gibson

**September Birthdays**

- Amanda Clark – 1
- Ralph Smith – 2
- Leslie Barnes – 3
- Rita Hartman – 4
- Reba Arwood – 5
- David Snell – 7
- Rhonda Young – 13
- Johnnie Matthews – 16
- Kenny Kennedy – 19
- Khori Smith – 21
- Nikki Murphy – 21
- Xavrien Nixon - 22
- Julia Alley – 24
- Kim White – 25
- Tommy White – 26
- Rae Sanders – 29



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 289 – Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth Widowed – *Ruth 1*
- **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 290 – Ruth Gleaned in Boaz’s Field – *Ruth 2*
- **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 291 – Ruth Went to Boaz at the Threshing Floor – *Ruth 3*

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to turn in Christmas boxes for the Nicaragua Christian School. Info sheets are on the table in the foyer.
- **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Supper for the football team at 3 pm at the high school. We need brownies. Please see Cynthia Hunt with any questions.
- **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Friends and Family Day.
- **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the building.

**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.
- John Thompson (brother-in-law to Roy Colvin) passed away. Funeral services were held on Friday (9/6). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Tommy Climer will have another heart cath and a stent procedure on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has been diagnosed with cancer. It is in numerous places on her right side. She has begun chemo treatments. Ted Sutton is unaware of the severity of this, and the family has asked that we not divulge this information to him. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Stella Young’s brother-in-law, Jerry Young, passed away (Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>). Please remember this family in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Also, Johanna’s nephew, Kenny Hammock passed away. The funeral was on Saturday (8/31). Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham is home confined to a wheel chair due to some foot problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Binkley is in LCH. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his hip. He had surgery (8/10) at JMCGRH. He is now at LCH room 160 for recovery and rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Leslie Barnes had carpal tunnel surgery in Dyersburg (8/13). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Alan Sheckell’s cancer has returned. It is in both lungs and he is going to begin chemo. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Charley Finney’s biopsy came back and showed no cancer. Thank God for these results.
- Rae Sanders’ cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Martha Duggar is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Frances Harrell is at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation in room 418 for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johnny Olds, Matthew Buckner, WL Sandlin, Pam Carmack, 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)**