

## 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 February 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 93  
Sun. AM Worship – 128  
Sun. PM Worship – 72  
Wed. Night (2/5) – 62

### 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



February 9, 2020

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

## How to Prevent and Prevail Over the Flu

Part 1

My family just finished a round with the flu, and it got me thinking about some comparisons between the flu and sin. While contracting the flu is cause for some level of concern, it pales in comparison to the spiritual flu – sin. Sin is a disease that affects us all, and it is reason for grave concern because it affects both the physical and the spiritual sides of man.

The physical disease of the flu and the spiritual disease of sin have several interesting similarities. They are similar in their widespread scope. They are similar in the fact that both can lead to death. They are also similar in the way that they can be prevented and prevailed over. Four striking similarities that we want to notice: two ways to prevent and two ways to prevail over the flu and sin.

First, take precautions. Health officials agree that one of the ways to avoid catching the flu is to practice proper hygiene: wash your hands regularly, eat a balanced diet, get plenty of rest, etc. All of these things are necessary precautions that can help you to avoid infection.

One way to keep from catching the sickness of sin is to practice good spiritual hygiene: study your Bible everyday (2 Timothy 2:15), pray to God regularly (1 Thessalonians 5:17), assemble regularly with the saints (Hebrews 10:25), treat others as you want to be treated (Matthew 7:12), etc. When a Christian is regularly practicing these habits, he will find himself more able to avoid the infection of sin.

Next week we will notice another way that we can try and prevent the flu and avoid sin.

~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!”*

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Jimmy Hartman

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Perry Pena  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman  
(S) John Dennison  
(N) Robert Anderson  
(N) Bryan Hartman  
(N) Frank Carmack

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Security – Frank Carmack

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord’s Supper – Jimmy Hartman  
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
Security – Barry Bates

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Robert Anderson

**Door Greeters for February**

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

**Communion for February**

Joel and Betty Sutton

**February Birthdays**

- Zyriah Harper– 1
- Andy Daniels – 4
- Melanie Moore – 7
- Jimmy Hartman– 8
- Mickey Hamlin– 12
- Darrell Smothers – 13
- Pam Carmack – 16
- Quanisa Richmond – 17
- Bert Lussier – 17
- Lillie Dennison – 20
- Pat Carmack – 21
- Doris Stocklin – 22
- Stella Young – 24
- Quincy Richmond – 25
- Mike White – 28
- Neirara Genesy – 29



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Lesson 331 – Marriage and Divorce; Little Children; the Rich – Matthew 19
- **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 332 – James and John Sought Position; Bartimaeus Healed – Mark 10:32-52
- **Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 333 – Zacchaeus; Parable of the Money – Luke 19:1-28

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45. Menu sign-up on the table in the foyer.
- **Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45. Menu sign-up on the table in the foyer.

**Congratulations**

- Josi Green won the Lauderdale County Intermediate Spelling Bee.
- Harrison Paschall was awarded the Kindness/Student of the Month award for his 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.

**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.
- Mary Presson is at Baptist East with an infection. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton has been moved to LCLC and can have visitors. He is in room 110. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Jamaurya Mack had surgery at LeBonheur (2/7) on his right foot. Recovery time is 6-8 weeks, and then he will have surgery on the left foot. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Dana Carmack had surgery (2/6). Everything went well and she is home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Pat Carmack has been having some pain and mobility issues with his knee. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia’s grandson) is scheduled to be at MD Anderson in Texas for cancer treatment tomorrow. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has finished her radiation treatments. She will still be undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor is home and will do outpatient rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.
- David Watts is home from his surgery on his diaphragm. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- David Jennings has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and will be doing chemo treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ralph Smith’s brother, Mack, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Rylee Moore received a good report from her MRI. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Linda Climer is dealing with some health issues. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is still dealing with mobility issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook has a couple of doctor appointments concerning the knee problems that she has been dealing with. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier was taken to JMCGH last week. After a heart cath, it was discovered that two of his stents are bad. They are currently treated this with medicine. His is back home now. Please remember him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Tommy White is dealing with severe back pain. He will have a nerve block soon. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Justin Hendrix, Leslie Barnes, Alan Sheckell, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Frances Harrell, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, WL and Doris Sandlin, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Matthew Buckner, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.