

## 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 May 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study –  
Sun. AM Worship –  
Sun. PM Worship –  
Wed. Night (5/13) –

#### 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 FROM THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 17, 2020



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

### What Made Him Pray?

The scriptures show us clearly that Daniel was a man of prayer (Dan. 6:10), so it's no surprise to see him pouring his heart out to God in Daniel chapter 9. Several clues in this chapter teach us what motivated Daniel to pray on this occasion.

**Scripture made him pray (Dan. 9:2,11-13).** Realizing God's promises were real and close to fulfillment made him hit his knees. Daniel understood this from his study of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 29:10). Recognizing God's promises ought to drive us toward His throne, too. Christ's return and the coming judgment should lead us to pray as Paul (2 Thess. 1:3-12) and John (Rev. 22:20) did.

**Sin made him pray (Dan. 9:3-6).** Daniel mentions Israel was guilty of sin, iniquity, wickedness, and rebellion, as well as rejection of God's word as given through the prophets. Daniel is praying to beg God for forgiveness. As Christians, our own sin ought to cause us to seek God's forgiveness too (Matt. 6:12; 1 John 1:9).

**Shame made him pray (Dan. 9:7-8).** Daniel felt shame because of the blatant sins of the nation. Before the fall of Jerusalem, Jeremiah said the people were not ashamed when they committed abomination (Jer. 6:15). Does that sound familiar in our day? Shame for the sin and abomination around us ought to drive us to prayer for our nation and world (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

**Sonship made him pray (Dan. 9:16-19).** Daniel begged God to hear the prayer of his servant, on behalf of the city and people who are called by His name. His prayer was heard because he was “greatly beloved” (Dan. 9:23). As Christians, we have the privilege of prayer (Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15,26).

For much the same reasons as Daniel, we ought to be prayerful people. God's promises, our own sins, the shamefulness of rebellion against God, and our status as sons and daughters should lead us to pray!

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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 –  
Audio/Visual –  
Devotional –I

AM Service:

Usher –  
Announcements –  
Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
Lord’s Supper – (S)  
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Closing Prayer –  
Security –

PM Service:

Announcements –  
Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
Lord’s Supper –  
Closing Prayer –  
Security –

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer –  
Security –

Door Greeters for May

South –  
Center –  
North –

Communion for May

May Birthdays

- Sonny Arwood – 3
- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Walt Hunt – 7
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Linda Climer – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **July 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. This is the rescheduled date. It is unclear if this will happen or not.
- **July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.

**If you are in need of anything please call the church office, Justin, or one of the elders and let us know. We are here for one another. Also if you have updates on those who are sick or prayer requests, please get those to us.**

Congrats Graduates

- Ben Carden graduated from Southern College of Optometry on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.
- Kenneth Roark is home following his heart cath. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia’s grandson) began his chemo treatments on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Dorothy Dodson (grandmother of Steven) is 101 years old and is having to move to the nursing home. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Anita Mosier (Rita Hartman’s aunt) is back home now recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Pamela Tankersley (Mary Barnett’ niece) is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Casey Hendrix (Justin Hendrix’s wife) got her MRI results, and everything is good. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack remains in the nursing home for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton continues with treatments for cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ralph Smith is doing much better. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White is doing quite a bit better from the twisted knee. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josh McWilliams (Stella Young’s grandson) was stationed on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. He is now off the ship. Please keep the situation in your prayers.
- Phil Davis (Robert Taylor’s son-in-law) had surgery for colon cancer on Tuesday (4/7). Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Patricia Spiller (Steven Dodson’s grandmother) is doing better after open heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Linda Thurman (Sherry Scallions’ sister) has breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- June Roark continues to progress after knee replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is making slow progress. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Tommy and Linda Climer, Gloria Crook, Robert Taylor, David Jennings, 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, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

**“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”**  
**(James 5:16)**